



INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR YOUR OREGON STORY

No one knows Oregon—your county, your town, your tribe, your job and your family—as well as you and your neighbors do. A great way to start your Oregon story is with an interview with a friend, family member, neighbor or colleague. Here are a few questions to help start your Oregon story...

- What was your experience in Oregon during an important national or international event? For example, during a war, a flood, a cultural movement or a change in Oregon's industry?
- How did you and/or your family come to live in Oregon?
- What has been the happiest moment of your life? The saddest?
- What has life been like in your community?
- Tell me about an important event that happened to you, your family or in your community.
- If someone asked you to share why you love living in Oregon, what would you tell them?
- What activities, celebrations, people or things represent your community? Why is your community so important in your life?
- Have you traveled around the state? What stories seem to be told by the land, people or communities you have seen in your travels? How do these things make you feel like a part of the Oregon community?
- How has your community changed in your lifetime? What has stayed the same?
- Who is the most important person in your life? Can you tell me about him or her?
- Who has been the biggest influence on your life? What lessons did they teach you?
- What are the most important lessons you've learned in life? What are the most important lessons you've learned about being an Oregonian?
- What is your earliest memory of Oregon?
- What was your first Oregon school like?
- Tell me about your daily life. Where do you shop for groceries? What do you do for entertainment? What kind of work do you do?
- Are there any words of wisdom you'd like to pass along to other Oregonians?
- What are you proudest of as an Oregonian?
- What does being an Oregonian mean to you?
- How has your life been different than what you'd imagined?
- How would you like to be remembered?
- What does your future in Oregon hold?