

Oral History Activity Questions

Name _____

Per. ____ Date _____ Row ____

These are questions that you should be able to answer after or while reading each of the oral histories you've been assigned. Use your own words or quote the person you are reading. Use the back of the paper (or fill the space as you need to if you are typing this in Word) if you need more room.

1. What is the full name of the person? If it's a military person, in which branch of the military did he or she serve, and what is his or her rank or title? (Ex.: Army, Captain)
2. Where is the person from originally and where did the person live, work, or serve during the war? Give the name of a base, ship, island, or battle, if military; give the name of the city and company he or she worked for if a civilian. Describe a little of his or her background.
3. What was this person's specific job during the war? Describe with details given in the story or interview. If the person mentions why he or she joined that branch of the military or chose to do that particular job, discuss that here.
4. What sort of special equipment did the person use in their work/service (i.e., types of planes, vehicles, weapons, instruments, tools)? What special training did the person receive, if mentioned in the interview?
5. What daily experiences did the person have while serving or working? (What seemed routine; what seemed out of the ordinary; under what conditions did the person have to serve or work? [bad weather, bombardments, harassment, discrimination, etc.]). If this person experienced something very dramatic, be sure to describe that here.
6. What strikes you as most interesting or impressive about this person's experiences during the war? Explain.