Stock Interview Questions

Good interview questions make for good stories. Some interviews will be with people about other people or about events and happenings. Other interviews will be biographical, where you are interviewing the person about himself or herself.

You should spend time researching your story and writing questions before ever going out on an interview. If you really get stuck for a beginning, use the following ideas to help get you started. These questions are for biographical interviews.

- Who influenced you the most?
- When were you the happiest, saddest?
- If you could start over, how would you change things?
- How would others describe you?
- For what do you want to be remembered?
- What do you hope to be doing 10 years from now?
- How would you change things about this school?
- What would you like readers to know about you?
- What advice would you like to give?
- What has been the hardest obstacle you've had to overcome to get to where you are today?
- If you could thank one person right now for helping you out of some tough situation, who would it be?