



STORYCORPS INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Interviews are ways to approach conversation in more intentional, thoughtful, and undivided ways. For the interviewer, the person can ask questions that might not come up in every banter we are all comfortable with. The interview's subject benefits from having focused attention from their audience, and a reason to carefully choose her/his response to each question. While the best interviews are specific to the participants of the conversation, below are some questions that you can use in your interviews.

Before your year:

- What motivated you to do JVC?
- What things were you involved with on-campus that prepared you for JVC?
- Who influenced your decision to do JVC?
- What do you wish you had known before starting JVC?

During JVC:

- What has been the thing that's most surprised you about being a JV?
- What was the funniest moment so far?
- What is a moment that felt challenging, but you can laugh about now?
- What is a question that you wish your (family, community, friends) asked you this year?
- Who has most impacted your experience so far?
- What is the most tangible thing you've learned to this point?
- What is your favorite knick-knack in your JV house?
- What is your favorite community meal?
- Does your house's namesake bear any special significance in your JVC journey?
- What do you worry about as a JV?
- What has been the hardest moment of your experience so far?
- Which moment has been the most joy-filled?
- What is one moment or experience you don't often get to share with people that has been meaningful to you?

Topical Questions:

- How has being a JV impacted your racial justice lens?
- How has being a JV impacted your perception of poverty?
- What local issues have come up in the city you serve that have given you pause?
- How do you think being a JV now is different (or the same) compared to fifty years ago?

Please feel free to use these questions, or come up with your own as you conduct these interviews with your community mates and fellow JVs across the world. If you a question works particularly well for you, please let Kevin (kbreen@jesuitvolunteers.org) know (that goes doubly if you create the question).