



CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW

The Vietnam War ended in 1975, which means that many people from this era are still alive today. Despite the many books and films that have been made about this war, the best way to get a personal understanding of this period is by speaking with someone who remembers it.

To investigate more, think about someone who lived during the Vietnam era whose perspective you'd like to know more about. Research the perspective that interests you most. Here are a few links to get you started.

Antiwar protesters in the Vietnam era

 activists reflect



A pro-war perspective

 pro-war protest Murrmann



A Vietnam vet's story

 Vietnam veteran Richardson video



- **Identify someone who lived during the Vietnam era to interview.** If you can't find anyone to interview, try contacting the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Vietnam Veterans of America.
- **Prepare for the interview by writing a list of questions.** You may want to consider the following questions to get started.
 - How old were you during the war?
What were you doing at the time?
 - If you had to describe the Vietnam War era in three words, what words would you use?
What do you remember most about the war?
- **During the interview, remember to let the person you're interviewing talk freely.** Be ready to ask follow-up questions based on the information you're given. Also, remember that this can be a delicate topic, especially for those who fought in the war. Be respectful of your interviewee's opinions and experiences.
- **After the interview, write up the interview as an essay or newspaper article.** Consider your audience and decide what to include and what to leave out.