

On Grandparent Morning, Tuesday, November 21, SEM students are invited to bring their grandparent or person significant to them (for girls without grandparents here, a teacher? A friend?) to the gym, where the theater crew will have constructed a quiet interviewing booth for The Great Listen 2017.

I know I don't have to explain why telling our stories is important as humans - but I do want to say that participation is also important to SEM. I don't know of another in the area that does it - this is our 4th year. StoryCorps asked me if I had any stories to point them to (with a keyword search) after the last time - imagine our girls being associated nationally with this project. Here's [what three high school teachers wrote for the National Association of Independent Schools](#) about how and why they use it.

The Great Listen was originally developed for high school students studying American history, social studies, English, language arts, journalism, drama, ESL, media and technology. It has also been applied successfully as an extracurricular and community-building opportunity in classrooms, community centers, living rooms, and kitchens across the country.

StoryCorps makes participating really easy and we're going to set the students up for success. All of this will be on the portal for for **Advisory on Nov. 15:**

- **Please have your advisees download the free StoryCorps App and create a login so they can access their interviews later within the [StoryCorps Archive](#). I have checked with Dan Riemer - despite any protests they may have, there is no reason they can't download an App. They may have to go through the Barracuda or sign on to SEM Guest, but they know how to do that. Or students can use their cellular setting - it's not very much data.**



- **Please read and digest this overview of the project with the students: [Make History with StoryCorps handout](#).**
- **Please show them and read/scan [Great Questions list](#). There is also a Great Questions Generator in the App.**
- **Please show students the [Interview Planning Worksheet](#) if they want to do it by hand. The App has a function for this.**
- **[Watch this 2-minute video: Interview Tips with Steve Inskeep](#)**

There are lots of animated interviews and podcasts [here](#) and in [the online archive](#). Here's a pretty [funny animated interview](#) with a recalcitrant grandmother interviewee.

Want to do more or know more? Here's the [The Great Listen homepage](#) with a section for schools and educators. Here's a [direct link to a lesson plan](#).

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