

Activity 5, Teacher Notes 3: Designing Interview Questions

Student Name _____ Date _____

Students should use information from the preliminary interview and the research they conducted to personalize interview questions for their veteran.

You may want to review and provide a few of the following examples for the Four Cs of question development.

- Content:** subject material questions (who and what)
Chronology: questions relating to the relevant time period (when)
Causation: why did it happen and what happened because of it (how and why)?
Context: from what viewpoint is this event being studied?

Some examples of **Content** questions would include:

- a. Describe your first impression of Vietnam.
- b. Describe a typical day in Vietnam.
- c. What were your duties while you were in Vietnam?
- d. Did you make any friends while you were in Vietnam?

Some examples of **Chronology** questions would include:

- a. When did you first learn you were going to be deployed to Vietnam?
- b. What were you doing before you were drafted/enlisted?
- c. Where were you when you first landed in Vietnam? How long did you stay there? Did you end up going anywhere else while you were deployed?
- d. When did you come home?
- e. Describe your experience stepping off the plane in the U.S.

Some examples of **Causation** questions would include:

- a. How did you end up serving in the military during Vietnam?
- b. How did your parents feel about your serving in the military?
- c. What was the thing you missed the most about the U.S. while you were deployed?
- d. Did you ever have to make any difficult decisions while you were serving in Vietnam?
- e. Do you have any (funny) fond memories of your time in Vietnam?

Some examples of **Context** questions would include:

- a. How did you feel about the war in general before you left for Vietnam?
- b. Did your perspective on the war change while you were over there?
- c. Are you proud of your military service in Vietnam?
- d. Were you ever exposed to protestors when you returned home?
- e. What did you choose to do when you returned home, and did your experiences in Vietnam guide you in any particular direction?