

Storytelling: Oral History

Oral history is when someone speaks verbally about their past or traditions. Historians often interview people to learn from their oral histories, and you should too.

Learn about your own family history! Interview a parent or guardian, aunt or uncle, grandmother or grandfather, and find out where your family lived in past generations and how they got to Oklahoma.

Attached is a printable map of the United States and a world map. Trace a path along the map to show how your family has traveled to where you are today.

Below are a few guiding questions to help you get started and discover more about your family history. Ask these to your family!

1. How did our family get to Oklahoma?
2. Who are your parents? Who are your grandparents?
3. Did you ever hear your grandparents talk about their lives? What did they say?
4. Where have your parents lived? Where have your grandparents lived?
5. Why did our family move from where our ancestors once lived?
6. Describe our family's journey to Oklahoma.

