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:
  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?