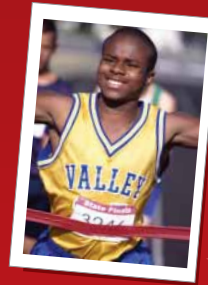


# Students,

Your dreams will always grow and shift over time. You will achieve old dreams and create new ones. The experiences of your parents, aunts, uncles, and older friends can provide valuable insight on the road to achieving **YOUR** dreams. Remember to listen to the dreams of the past as you begin to realize your own possibilities for the future.

To get started, think about your dreams and talk to your parents about their dreams when they were your age. Use the interviewing tips below. You can even log on to [www.campbellsdreams.com](http://www.campbellsdreams.com) to read a well-written sample essay to guide you in your own writing. Start now and see what possibilities are in store for you!



## INTERVIEWING TIPS:

1. Plan ahead of time. Schedule a time and a place that is convenient for you and your family to meet.
2. Make sure that you are in a quiet environment where you have privacy.
3. Write a list of questions: Prepare 5–10 open-ended questions that you would like to ask. Open-ended questions elicit more than a yes/no answer. (For example, *Why is your American dream important to you?*)
4. Listen carefully to the interviewee and keep notes of names, places, events, and dates.
5. Don't worry about pauses; give the interviewee time to think and speak.
6. Review your notes with the interviewee to make sure that you accurately transcribed what was said. You may want to use an audio recorder or video camera to record the interview so you don't miss any details.

## AFTER THE INTERVIEW:

Write an essay describing how your American dream compares to that of your parents.

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