

Workshop 8: Turning Points**Extended Project****Turning Points Collection**

Turning points can involve big changes, important decisions, and tough challenges.

Project: Interview your friends and family about turning points in their lives. Collect their stories and make a book.

Procedure

1. Choose who you will interview. Pick at least two people. Talk to family members, friends, or adults you know. Ask if they would be willing to share important moments in their lives.

2. Write interview questions. List questions you will ask. Here are examples:

- Have you ever had to make a decision that changed your life?
- Have you ever faced a tough challenge?
- How did you feel about the decision or challenge?
- Would you make the same decision today?

Think about other questions you might like to ask.

3. Conduct the interview. Write your questions on index cards. Conduct your interviews in person, over the phone, or through email.

- Be prepared to take notes.
- Remember to be a good listener. Try to restate the answers and ask follow-up questions. For example: “Your decision to move to a new state was difficult. Are you glad you did it?”

4. Present. Write your interviews in a question-and-answer format. For example:

Your name: Have you ever faced a tough challenge?

Subject’s name: Yes, when I moved.

Write your interviews or type them on the computer. Think of a title for your book, and make a cover. Staple the cover and all of the interviews together.