

From Storycorp and Vermont Public's One Small Step: A Listening and Learning Guide For Students Grades 6-12

One Small Step is a nationwide initiative to help bridge political divides and strengthen communities, one conversation at a time. In collaboration with StoryCorps and other community organizations throughout Vermont, we've connected residents with different views who might never talk otherwise for a simple, personal conversation. Vermont Public Radio is one of just six stations selected nationally to host One Small Step in 2021. With participant permission, these conversations will be preserved for future generations at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

Classroom Planning (1-2 hours)

Recorded interviews vary ranging from 3-6 minutes

Personal reflections and responses by students may vary

Materials

Online access to recorded interviews found at

<https://www.vermontpublic.org/vermonts-one-small-step>

Paper & pencil

Personal video or audio device (optional)

Directions adapted from Storycorp's Ground Rules

Go to <https://www.vermontpublic.org/vermonts-one-small-step>

- Listen actively
- Plant the seed for a valuable new relationship
- Seek a different perspective
- It is okay to disagree

Listen to one of the **One Small Step** interviews and think about your own experience using the prompts below. Some of the questions are the same as those used in the interviews.

Draw, write or use media, like video or audio, to record your personal reflection and response.

About you...

1. Who has been the most influential person in your life? What did they teach you?
2. Was there a moment or experience in your life that helped shape your beliefs?
3. Do you ever feel misunderstood by people with different beliefs than you? How so?

About the interview..

4. Is there anything you learned while listening to this interview that surprised you?
5. Was this experience of listening and reflecting what you thought it would be?

D2 Civics: Participation and Deliberation: Applying Civic Virtues and Democratic Principles

D2 History: Perspectives

D2 History: Causation and Argumentation

D4 Communicating and Critiquing Conclusions

To find out more go to <https://storycorps.org>

