

Très bonne idée : faire des interviews de proches ,



En France certains ont

réalisé des interviews de rescapés du génocide en video . On ne sait pas où sont ces témoignages . Peut-être au Musée du génocide en Arménie .

En attendant voilà une très bonne idée , réalisez des interviews; Plein. Ce seront des témoignages fromidables de votre famille, de votre époque des Arméniens aux USA . Bravo .

## From Institute Director, Salpi Ghazarian

You want to hear a question that hurts?

"Five generations after the genocide, why don't Armenians have stories?" I didn't know what to say. Because we don't ask? Because we think a story that's not extraordinary is not valuable? Or maybe, with each generation moving from one place to another, there has been continuous loss – loss of memory, of objects and even names? For example, do you know your grandmother's maiden name? Do your kids?

Now, you want to hear a question that will make you smile? "Why doesn't everyone do this? It made my mom feel good, and I loved hearing those stories." That's from a 32-year-old attorney living in Canada who interviewed her mother. By Zoom.

#MyArmenianStory is here to make you smile. The questions are there. The directions are there. How to send it to us? It's there. What language to use? Any language you want. How long should it be? However long you want. Who should you interview? Anyone with an interesting story. It's all part of the Armenian story, and everything you need to get started and to finish - it's all there.

This is just a part of what the USC Institute of Armenian Studies does. But it's soon going to become the most important part.

In March, the Institute's podcasts and videos were listened to and viewed 10,000 times. So, as you live your sequestered life, spend some time on the Institute's <u>YouTube channel</u> or <u>website</u>.

PS - On Thursday, May 7, at 12 noon PDT, you're invited to join a small group of us to talk about #MyArmenianStory. We'll answer all your questions. **To sign up, send a quick note to armenian@usc.edu**.

Next week, we'll have another, this time in Armenian. And then in French, and Russian and Spanish. #MyArmenianStory comes in many languages. We want them all.

-Salpi