


ACTIVITY 12

60-Second Interview

Purpose: Practice names and start to learn more about each other's stories in paired conversations, which can feel safer than large group discussions for many advisees. Create a positive group culture where advisees feel and are known. Discover common interests and experiences across the group.

APPROXIMATE TIME:
20 minutes

MATERIALS:
 **HANDOUT**
60-Second Interview

ADVISOR NOTES:

1. Modify the Concentric Circles Strategy

If you use the **Concentric Circles** strategy to pair advisees for their interviews, have them arrange their desks in two circles facing each other so they can sit during the interviews to facilitate note-taking on the handout. If your room has tables, you can arrange the tables in a circle and have pairs sit on either side of the table. Visit facinghistory.org/advisory-media to learn more about the Concentric Circles teaching strategy.

PROCEDURE:

1. Explain 60-Second Interviews

- Distribute the **60-Second Interview** handout and read aloud the directions.
- Have advisees pair up. You can count them off or move them into two concentric circles, facing one another.
- Remind everyone that the information they share with their partners could be shared with the whole group during the final debrief.

2. Conduct 60-Second Interviews

- If your advisees are not in concentric circles (in which case you can assign one circle as A and one circle as B, switching each round so different advisees go first), instruct advisees to choose who will be A and B.
- Have pairs choose which question from the **60-Second Interview** handout they would like to discuss in this first round.
- Set a timer for 60 seconds. Instruct Advisee A to begin. They should speak in response to the question they chose. When 60 seconds is up, Advisee B responds to the same prompt.
- Rotate to new partners two or more times, so advisees speak to at least three people total. Time allowing, you might add additional rounds and use the back of the handout for notes.

3. Debrief 60-Second Interviews

- Sit in a circle and debrief the activity using the **Wraparound** strategy (visit facinghistory.org/advisory-media to learn about this teaching strategy).
- Instruct advisees to complete this sentence frame for each of the peers they interviewed:
 - The first person I talked to was _____, and one interesting thing I learned was _____.
 - The second person I talked to was _____, and one interesting thing I learned was _____.
 - The third person I talked to was _____, and one interesting thing I learned was _____.
- Have each advisee read ONE sentence frame in the first Wraparound. Then wrap two more times so everyone has shared something about each one of their interviews.



60-Second Interview

Directions:

1. With your partner, find a question that interests both of you.
2. Choose who will be A and who will be B.
3. Advisee A talks for 60 seconds about their answer to the question. Advisee B writes down Advisee A's name and at least one interesting point from the interview.
4. When 60 seconds are up, switch, and Advisee B speaks for 60 seconds. Advisee A writes down Advisee B's name and at least one interesting point from the interview.
5. Switch to a new partner, pick a new question for both of you, and repeat the process.

Interview Questions to Choose From:

- ➔ What's one place you would like to visit in your lifetime? Why do you want to go there?
- ➔ What's one thing you would like to change about your neighborhood that would make it a better place to live?
- ➔ What worries you most about the world you live in today?
- ➔ Name one thing you could teach someone how to make or how to do.
- ➔ What's one thing that you would like to change about your school that would make it a better place for you?
- ➔ Describe your family. What is something weird, unusual, or special about one person in your family?

Advisee's name	Interesting thing you want to remember from your interview with this person