

Questions for Better Interviews

What do you enjoy doing the most?

What is your most memorable experience (in relation to topic interviewing about)?

If I were going to introduce you to a group, what three words/phrases would I use to describe you other than your job title?

What are your favorite books? Movies?

What makes you laugh? Cry?

Who has had the greatest influence on your life either professionally or personally? In what ways?

What is the best advice you have received?

If you could sit down and talk with ____, what advice would you give them?

What was the biggest mistake you ever made?

What were the turning points in your life?

Whom do you most admire? Why?

If you could live your life over again, what would you do differently?

If you weren't working in this profession, what would you like to be doing?

If you were 18 again, what advice would you give yourself?

What is the most significant thing that has happened to you?

Where do you envision yourself 10 years from now?

What would you like to have on your tombstone?

Last question: Is there anything else you want to add?

Resource

The Craft of Interviewing by John Brady (Vintage/Random House)