



Dear Participants to the Associazione I Nonni's Literary Competition: "A Journey back to origins"

Thank you for participation which will be challenging, but also very rewarding.

You may discover things about your nonni that you never knew! They will be so happy to relate family history, experience and wisdom.

Talk to your grandparents, ask them all the questions that come to your mind. We are sure you will find the way to get the most out of spending time and talking to them.

Below are suggestions on your conversation with them but please don't feel you need to strictly follow them. Be creative, fun, original. Try to express both your personality and that of your grandparent's. And if you try your very best you will not only win a fabulous prize, but you and your family history will be part of a beautiful book.

Buon lavoro and good luck

Questions to ask your nonno or nonna

- 1 date and place of birth/how many siblings, what their parents did for a living.
2. What was the way of life in their home town? Ask them about anecdotes, episodes (emotional, funny, sad, entertaining...) which can be relevant to the story.
3. What they remember about their childhood or the time before migrating.
4. Why they chose Australia.
5. How they have arrived in Australia (ship, plane) and where about they settled upon their arrival.
6. What they remember of their voyage and the first impression on the new land.
7. What they did in Australia, how they got adjusted to the new culture (language-food- customs-habits-way of life etc.).
8. What were their feelings towards the new homeland and towards Italy (nostalgia, anger, resentment, love....)
9. Where they feel they belong: do they feel more Italian or Australian?
10. How they live this time of their life: are they happy about their choice to migrate, about their achievements, about their life style.

Have fun and good luck