- **The following questions provide a starting point for students or any individual collecting oral histories from repatriates. They should only be used as a guide for the interviewer, <u>not</u> as a strict questionnaire that must be followed in any specific order. Note that the best type of questions to ask depend largely on the person(s) being interviewed and her/his personal experiences and oral accounts. For more tips, take a look at the Oral History Resources provided in the repatriados website.
- -When did you first hear of the repatriation campaigns?
- -Where were you at the time?
- -What were your living conditions like there?
- -What did you do for a living?
- -Describe any times when you or anyone you know was at risk for repatriation.
- -What was your/their experience like?
- -In what country or state are most of your relatives living now?
- -Looking back in time, what do think is/was the biggest effect of the repatriations?
- -How do you think the repatriation campaigns have affected the development of the Mexican and Mexican-American community in this area? In the U.S.? Why?
- -Did you know that repatriations have been an ongoing phenomenon in the US and continue to be an issue today? (*note: try to avoid leading yes/no questions as possible)
- -Besides recording oral histories from people like you, what can students and other community members do in order to educate people about the repatriations?
- -Who else do you know that could help us uncover the untold stories of the repatriations?
- -Is there anything else you would like to share about your personal story?
- -Do you have any pictures we may copy or any documents to be considered for archive?