



## Oral History Suggested Questions

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| <p>What is your full name?</p> <p>Where and when were you born?</p> <p>Who else was in your family?</p> <p>What were your parents' names?</p> <p>How did they meet?</p> <p>What did they do for a living?</p> <p>What types of activities would you do together?</p> <p>Tell me about your neighborhood.</p> <p>Where did your ancestors come from?</p> <p>When did they come to the United States?</p> <p>Where did they first settle?</p> <p>Did your family name change when your family immigrated to the United States?</p> <p>Are any of their traditions still carried on today?</p> <p>What language did your parents and grandparents speak?</p> <p>What games did you play when you were young?</p> <p>What toys did you have?</p> <p>Who did you play with?</p> <p>Where did you play?</p> <p>Did you collect anything? Baseball cards, dolls, etc.</p> <p>Tell me about your grammar and high school education?</p> <p>Describe your grammar school/high school.</p> <p>What subjects did you study?</p> <p>Tell me about your interests in your school days.</p> <p>Did you have any influential teachers?</p> <p>Any leadership roles in organizations/classes?</p> <p>Did you read much, if so, what topics?</p> <p>Did you belong to any influential clubs or organizations?</p> <p>What holidays did your family celebrate?</p> <p>How did you celebrate them?</p> <p>Tell me about your college years.</p> <p>What school? How did you decide to go there?</p> <p>What was your major?</p> | <p>Describe your major interests?</p> <p>How have historic events, such as 9/11, hurricanes, the Great Depression, world wars, natural disasters, strikes, and now Covid-19 etc., affected you?</p> <p>Did these events impact your community?</p> <p>What was your favorite part of the holidays?</p> <p>Tell me about the house you grew up in.</p> <p>How was it furnished?</p> <p>Did you have your own room?</p> <p>Where did you spend most of your time?</p> <p>Did you move to another home while you were growing up?</p> <p>Tell me about the new home.</p> <p>How did your community change?</p> <p>What were mealtimes like in your family?</p> <p>What foods did you eat?</p> <p>Who cooked the food?</p> <p>Who cleaned up after meals?</p> <p>What type of clothes did you wear?</p> <p>Where did you get them/who made them?</p> <p>When did you get new clothes?</p> <p>How did your family get around? Did you have a car? Did you use public transportation?</p> <p>If you had a car, when did you get it? Who drove it?</p> <p>Did you go on vacations in it?</p> <p>When did you learn to drive? Describe your first car.</p> <p>What kind of public transportation was available?</p> <p>Did you watch TV growing up? What did you watch?</p> <p>Do you remember any epidemics or diseases?</p> <p>What was your first job?</p> <p>Describe a typical work day.</p> <p>How much money did you earn?</p> <p>How long did you have that job?</p> <p>Additional jobs and details – trace career path, changes</p> |
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