

Childhood Years

- When and where were you born?
- Who were you named after?
- Where did you live? How did your family come to live there?
- Who did you grow up with? What was it like?
- What older relatives do you remember, and what do you remember about them?
- Did you have a hobby? Did you collect anything?
- Did you have a favorite movie?
- Did you have a favorite type of food? What was your least favorite food?

Teenage Years

- What did you and your friends do for fun? Did you have a favorite “hangout” spot?
- Did you ever get in trouble?
- Did you have any jobs?
- What goals did you have as a teenager?
- Who was your hero growing up?

School Years

- What do you remember about attending school?
- What schools did you attend, and which grades were you there for?
- What were your favorite subjects in school and why?
- Who were your favorite teachers and why?
- Did you go to college? Where did you go and what did you study?

Family Relations

- Do you know the origins of our family and where they lived?
- What family stories have you heard about your parents, grandparents, and distant relatives?
- Who was the earliest relative you remember? Can you share a story or a memory about them?
- How did you celebrate holidays and birthdays?
- Did you marry? How did you meet? Where did you propose? Where was your honeymoon?
- What traits do you think are common in our family?

Later in Life

- What was one of the happiest moments in your life?
- What challenges in your life have made you stronger?
- What accomplishments are you most proud of?
- Where is the most amazing place you visited? Where do you hope to visit someday?
- Did you enlist or get drafted into the military? Where did you serve?
- Do you remember any important events or eras in history? (JFK assassination, Civil Rights Movement, Moon landing, 9/11)