

Interviewing Family Members

1. Here are some questions to get you started:
2. When and where were you born?
3. What were your parents' names?
4. What is your happiest memory of your father? Your mother?
5. What is the most important lesson your parents taught you?
6. What are the names of your grandparents?
7. What is your happiest memory of your grandfather? Grandmother?
8. Where did you grow up? What is your best memory of where you grew up?
9. Who were your best friends when you were growing up?
10. What did you do for fun as a child?
11. What chores did you have to do around the house?
12. Did you spend time with your cousins? Siblings? What activities did you do together?
13. How did you like school? Who was your favorite teacher? What was your favorite subject?
14. What are your favorite foods? Are they ethnic foods or specialties of your ancestral homeland?
15. What did you want to be when you grew up?
16. Tell me about your first date.
17. How did you meet Grandma/Grandpa?
18. Tell me about the day my mom/dad was born.
19. What advice would you give to new parents?
20. What jobs have you had? What did you like about working?
21. What are your strongest memories from your time in the military?
22. What would be your recipe for happiness?
23. Do you have a hobby? How did you get interested in that?
24. Are you a collector? What do you collect? How did you get interested in collecting?
25. What significant historical events have happened during your lifetime? What's your most vivid memory of that time?
26. What famous movie star, musical group, sports figure, writers, poets or political figures made an impact on you?