

ORAL HISTORY QUESTIONS (2)

1. After introducing the participants, and their relationship with each other, the following questions may be appropriate to use.
2. When and where were you born? What do you know about your name and why it was chosen for you? What do you remember about your childhood and your family home and neighborhood?
3. Where did your ancestors come from? What information can you share about your ancestors, your family name and names in your family that you may have a special meaning to you or others?
4. What things do you remember about your early childhood? What kind of special celebrations and traditions did you have in your family?
5. What role did religion play in your early years? What role has played up to this point in your life? What religious activities have you participated in?
6. What training or education did you receive? What occupations have you held during your lifetime? Or, what type of homemaking and parenting skills have you developed?
7. What types of leisure activities have you pursued throughout your lifetime? What hobbies, skills, talents or interests have you developed?
8. What differences or contrasts do you see between the lives of your parents, yourself and your children or grandchildren? What effect has technology had throughout your life?
9. If you were able to go back in your life and do some things over, what kind of things would you do differently? Also, what are some of

the things you would choose to keep the same?

10. What words of advice would you like to leave for your children, grandchildren and other friends, relatives or descendants who may have the opportunity of viewing this video?

11. As we bring this visit to a close, are there any other ideas, thoughts or feelings that you would like to share?