



## Some Questions for Your Memory Book

Create a personal history of your life or someone else's. This list of oral history questions was originally compiled from a variety of sources by Joanne Todd Rabun in 1993. They included a 6th grade class project of her daughter and a college-level Women's Studies class project of her nephew. They have been used to create Memory Books for many family occasions.

### CURRENT INFORMATION

- What is your full name? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- How old are you now? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Who do you currently live with and what is their relationship to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY

- What name is on your birth certificate? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Why was your name chosen? Were you named after someone? Who were they? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Did you have a nickname as you were growing up? What was it and why did they call you that? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Have you had other nicknames as an adult? What were they? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What do family members call you now? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- When and where were you born? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Where did you live as a child? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Would you describe your family as poor, middle class, upper class, or very wealthy? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Who was your biological father? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- When and where was your father born? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What was your father's occupation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- How would you best describe your father? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- How many times was your father married? What were the names of his spouses? When and where were they married? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- If your father has died, when, where and how did he die and where is he buried? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Who was your biological mother? What was her maiden name? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- When and where was your mother born? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What was your mother's occupation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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