

# GREAT QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT FAMILY STORIES

- Tell me about your time growing up and what school was like.
- Where did you grow up? What was it like? What was your house like? How about your neighborhood?
- Where did you go to school? How did you get there? What were your favorite classes? Your least favorite? Is there a special teacher who stands out? Why?
- Are there any funny stories people tell about you from when you were growing up? Did you have a nickname? What was it and how did you get it? Does anyone still call you by that nickname?
- What did you do during the summer when you were off from school? What jobs did you have when you were a teenager? What did you do with the money you earned?
- Are there any classic family jokes, stories, or songs you can share with me?
- Tell me about some traditions that have been passed down through our family. When and how did they get started? Which are your favorites? What are your favorite family holidays, and why?
- What were the religious or spiritual practices when you were growing up? Do you have religious or spiritual beliefs now? Are they similar or different from when you were growing up? What lessons have your religious/spiritual beliefs taught you? Will you share them with me?
- Where were our ancestors born? If they were not born in the US, when did our family first come here? Why?
- What is the source of my name? What is the source of your name?
- How did you meet your spouse (mommy, daddy, grandma, Uncle Paul)? How did you or they propose? Where were you married? What did you do on your honeymoon? Do you have any advice on love?
- How did your parents meet?

# QUESTIONS CONTINUED

- What job do you currently hold, and what jobs have you held in the past? Is there one job that stands out as your favorite? What lessons has working taught you?
- Did you serve in the military? If so, did you serve in a war zone? When and where? What lessons did your service teach you that you still carry with you?
- What were the life events both historical and in your family that had the most impact on you?
- What have you accomplished so far—personally and professionally—that makes you proudest? Why?

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**WRITE YOUR STORIES DOWN. SAVE THEM.  
YOU'LL BE SURPRISED HOW MUCH IT MEANS  
— TO YOU THE WRITER AND TO THOSE WHO  
READ IT.**

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