



INTERVIEW PLANNING WORKSHEET (1 page)

GETTING STARTED

(Q) Who will you interview?

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(Q) How old is your interview partner?

(A)

(Q) Why did you choose this person?

(A)

QUESTION PREPARATION

In this section you will prepare 10–15 questions that you will ask your partner.

Using the app or the Great Questions List, write out the questions that you will ask your partner. If you are using the app, you can select and store your questions in the app, but also write them down below:

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GREAT QUESTIONS LIST (2 pages)

GREAT QUESTIONS FOR ANYONE

- Tell me about one of the most important people in your life.
- Tell me about the person who has had the greatest influence on your life. What lessons did they teach you?
- Who has been the kindest to you and why?
- Share some important lessons you've learned in life.
- Share some of your earliest childhood memories.
- Are there any funny stories people tell about you from when you were growing up?
- What have you accomplished so far—personally and professionally—that makes you proudest? Why?
- Tell me how you would like people to remember you.
- Would you be willing to share a happy or sad memory with me?
- Thinking about future generations, and knowing that they may hear this recording, is there wisdom or advice you would like to share with them?

FAMILY HERITAGE

- Tell me about some traditions that have been passed down through our family. When and how did they get started?
- Are there any classic family jokes, stories, or songs you can share with me?
- What do you see as our family's legacy?
- Where were our ancestors born? If they moved to the United States, when did they arrive?
- What are some of the jobs/careers held by past generations in our family?
- Of all the family members you have either known or heard stories about, who do you think lived the most interesting life? Why?
- What are your favorite family holidays, and why?

GRANDPARENTS

- Tell me about your parents.
- Tell me about your grandparents.
- Where did you grow up, and what was your childhood like?
- Share with me the story of how you and grandma/grandpa met.
- Tell me about when you found out you were going to be a mother/father.
- What was my mother/father like when she/he was growing up? Do you have any favorite stories about her/him?
- Do you remember any songs you sang to her/him when she/he was a baby? Can you sing any for me now?

GROWING UP & SCHOOL

- Tell me about where you grew up and what your childhood was like.
- Did you like going to school? Why/why not?
- What are your most vivid memories of school?
- Tell me about a teacher or other adult that impacted your life while you were growing up.
- 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?
- If you could go back and relive your teenage years, would you? Why/why not?
- Did you have a nickname? What was it and how did you get it? Does anyone still call you by that nickname?
- Has your life been different from what you imagined as a teenager?

LOVE & RELATIONSHIPS

- Tell me about the love of your life.
- How did you meet your wife/husband/partner?
- Describe your first date with your husband/wife/partner.
- Describe your marriage proposal.
- Tell me about your wedding day. Did it go as you imagined?
- Where did you spend your honeymoon?
- What have you learned from your wife/husband/partner?
- Tell me about your happiest moments together.

WORKING

- What job do you currently hold, and what jobs have you held in the past?
- How did you find your way to your current job/career?
- Thinking of the jobs you've held, is there one that stands out as your favorite?
- When you were younger, what did you imagine your job would be?
- What lessons has working taught you?
- If you could choose any career, what would you pick? Why?