

Gift of Age: Questions

Childhood Through Teen Years

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1. **Family Information/Background**

- When were you born?
- Where were you born?
- Where did you live?
- Name your immediate family members (mother, father, brother, sisters) including age difference / birth order.

2. **Schooling**

- What schools did you attend (elementary, middle, high)?
- Did you have any favorite teachers?
- What were your favorite subjects/classes/activities?
- Are there any memorable moments/events in school?
- Who were your school friends?
- How did you get to school?

3. **Neighborhood**

- What was the surrounding area/neighborhood like?
- Where did you hang out/spend time?
- Who were your neighborhood friends?
- What activities did you play?

4. **Family Interests**

- What games or activities did your family do together?
- Were there specific or special vacations you took?
- What holidays did you celebrate, and how?

5. **Other**

- Do you remember what you wanted to be when you grew up?
- What was your embarrassing/exciting/memorable moment?
- Did you/your family have any favorite tv/radio shows?
- What major inventions/innovations influenced the world?
- What major events (war, recession, world's fair) changed the world?

9. **Teen Stuff**

- What was your first driving experience (and kind of car)?
- What was your first job?
- Did you date? If so, describe.

Adulthood

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1. Tell about your job(s)?
2. How did you raise your children? Was it different from the way you were raised?
3. What activities do/did your family enjoy together?
4. What are you most proud of/biggest accomplishment?
5. What type of entertainment do you enjoy?
6. Who have been your adult friends? Do you still keep in touch with any childhood friends?
7. What are your hobbies?
8. Where have you lived as an adult?
9. Do you still celebrate the same holidays? Where/how do you celebrate?
10. What do you think about the world we live in today?
11. What major inventions/innovations influenced the world?
12. What major events changed the world?
13. What obstacles have you overcome in your life?
14. If you could share one piece of wisdom with me, what would it be?
15. Complete a family tree with me.