

Interview Questions



These are questions to ask an adult member of your family. **Be kind!** Some memories may be happy, but some memories may be painful. Don't push your interviewee to talk more about something that is upsetting. **Be polite!** Thank them for their time and for sharing their experiences.

Before Coming to the U.S.

- 1) In what city and country were you born? _____
- 2) What are your strongest childhood memories? _____

- 3) Why did you or your family decide to move to the U.S.? _____

- 4) How did you expect life in the U.S. to be different from life in your native country? _____
- 5) Who moved with you to the U.S.? _____
- 6) How did you travel to the U.S.? _____
- 7) What things did you bring with you to the U.S.? _____

- 8) How did you feel about moving to the U.S.? _____
- 9) What was your greatest hope? _____
- 10) What was your greatest fear? _____

Arriving in the U.S.

- 11) What was your first impression of the U.S.? _____
- 12) Did you know anyone in the U.S.? _____
- 13) Did you speak English? ____ If not, how did you learn English? _____

- 14) Where did you first live? _____
- 15) What was your first job? _____
- 16) Tell about one thing people in the U.S. did differently from the way people in your native country did it. _____
- 17) Tell about a time an American helped you. _____

- 18) Tell about a time an American was unfair or mean to you. _____

- 19) Tell about a mistake you made when you were new here. _____
