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Question Prompts

Grades K-2

- What games did you play when you were little?
- What was your favorite food growing up?
- Did you have any pets? What were their names?
- What did your house look like?
- Who was your best friend when you were my age?
- What did you want to be when you grew up?
- Did you have a favorite toy?
- What did you wear to school?
- Did you walk or ride something to school?



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Grades 3-5

- What was school like when you were a kid?
- Did you have chores? What were they?
- What were holidays like in your family?
- Can you tell me about your parents or grandparents?
- What’s a funny story from your childhood?
- What kind of music did you listen to?
- What did you do after school or on weekends?
- Did you go on any trips or vacations as a child?



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Question Prompts

Grades 6-8

- How is the world different now then when you were my age?
- What were the biggest events you remember from your childhood?
- Did you ever get in trouble? What happened?
- What traditions did your family have that we still do or don't do?
- What was your first job?
- Who influenced you most growing up?
- What advice would you give your younger self?



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Grades 9-12

- How did meet your parents or your best friend?
- What were the biggest challenges you faced growing up?
- What did your neighborhood/community look like?
- How did local or national events shape your life?
- What dreams did you have, and how did they change?
- What was your experience with school, college, or the military?
- How did you see the world change in your lifetime?
- What do you want future generations in our family to remember about you?



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BONUS QUESTIONS (1)

- What was a typical day like for you as a child?
- Did you have siblings? What did you do together?
- What subjects did you like or dislike in school?
- What meals did you family cook often?
- Did you eat dinner together every night?
- What was your career and how did you choose it?
- Have you ever lived through a war, pandemic, or natural disaster?
- What values or beliefs were most important in your home?



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BONUS QUESTIONS (2)

- Who were the most important people in your life?
- How did you meet your spouse or lifelong friend?
- What’s one piece of advice you’d like to pass down?
- What are you most proud of in your life?
- What lessons do you hope future generations will learn from your life?
- Are there any family heirlooms or traditions you hope we keep?



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BONUS QUESTIONS (3)

- What was your wedding like?
- What was it like becoming a parent?
- What family traditions have meant the most to you?
- What kinds of jobs have you had over your life?
- What job did you enjoy the most, and why?
- What was the biggest challenge you ever faced at work?
- What are you most proud of professionally?



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BONUS QUESTIONS (4)

- What major historical events do you remember?
- How did those events impact your life or your views?
- How has life changed the most since you were young?
- What lessons did your parents or grandparents teach you?
- What values are most important to you?
- What advice would you give to younger generations?
- How do you define a good life?
- What are you most proud of in your life?
- Are there any decisions you would make differently?
- What do you want people to remember most about you?
- What family stories do you hope are never forgotten?