

Oral History QUESTION CARDS



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**What is your
full name?**

**Where were
you born?**

**What brought you
to the place
you live now?**

Where else have you lived?

**What organizations
have you been part of?
What did they do?**

**What historic events
(marches, protests,
performances, etc.)
have you experienced?**

**Tell me about your parents.
Where are they from?
What did/do they do
for a living?**

**What schools
did you go to?**

**Who was your
favorite teacher?**

Which classes did you like?

**What was your first job?
How did your career or
job skills change over
the years?**

**Do you have siblings,
children, grandchildren, or
nieces and nephews?**

**Tell me about them.
What family traditions do
you have?**

**What has provided
you with the most
satisfaction in life?
What are you most
proud of?**

**Have you been
married or in a long-
term relationship?
Tell me about how
you met your partner.**

**How has the world
changed since you
were young?**

**How has your profession
or community changed?**

What are your memories of events such as segregation, the Civil Rights movement, or wars?

**What were you like
growing up?**

What were your interests?

Who were your friends?

**What would you say
are the greatest
challenges you've
faced in your life?**

**Who had the
greatest influence
on you as a child or
as an adult?**

**Who is the earliest
ancestor you
know about?**

**Where and when
did they live?**

**What stories have
been passed
down in your
family?**

**Did any of your family
serve in the military?**

**Who and what
conflicts?**

**Have you
experienced or observed
prejudice or racism
in your life?**

**Do you
have hobbies
or play sports?**

**How do/did you
or your family
celebrate holidays?
Any favorite memories?**

What music do you like?

How does music

impact your life?

Do you have a favorite song?

**Describe the
neighborhood or community
you grew up in.
What were the
'gathering places'
in your community?**

**Tell me about the
building(s) your
family lived in.**

**Did you move to another
home while you were
growing up?**

**What kinds of values
did your family or
community teach you?
Are there ways your views
have changed over time?**