



Launch Your

STORYCANOE

WITH THESE 18 LIFE QUESTIONS

Start with your oldest living or other significant family member.

Questions can be asked in person or on the phone.

Record the questions & answers any way you like - audio, video, written.

SAVE the stories in a safe place and SHARE them!

- What is your full given name on your birth certificate? What name did you go by?
- Where and when were you born?
- Who is the oldest relative you remember and what do you remember about them?
- What are your grandparents' names and what do you remember about them?
- Do you know any stories about how your family came to the United States and when?
- What is your earliest childhood memory?
- What heirlooms do you have from family? Why are they important?
(furniture, toys, dishes, art, tools, linens, etc)
- What did your grandparents do for a living? Parents?
- Tell about your childhood home.
- As a child, how did your family celebrate holidays?
- Describe your first job. Describe your favorite job.
- Describe your favorite meals growing up. Describe favorite treats or snacks.
- Who was your favorite teacher and why? Worst teacher and why?
- What is a favorite song from childhood or youth? Sing it.
- What is a favorite game from childhood? Describe how to play it.
- What were your chores growing up? Describe how the tasks were done.
- Tell about the happiest time or times in your life. Saddest times?
- What is the most valuable thing you learned from your parents or grandparents?