

Between You and Me Grandpa Questions

These questions were listed in a little blank book to be answered by a Grandpa to his grandchild. They stimulate the memory, get the grandparent to write his history, and build bonds to the grandchild.

1. When you were a kid
2. What are your favorite memories of your father?
3. What are some favorite memories of your mother?
4. What were your sisters and brothers like when you were growing up?
5. Did you ever get upset with your parents?
6. Do you remember your friends? What are your memories?
7. What kind of student were you as a kid? What were your favorite subjects?
8. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
9. Your youth
10. What are your memories of being a teenager?
11. So...what were your teenage dating experiences? Do you remember your first date?
12. Did you have any role models when you were a teen? Who were they and why did you look up to them?
13. What kind of music did you like as a teen? Any favorite artists or groups?
14. Did you have a dream or burning desire to have a particular experience or adventure as a young adult?
15. My Grandmother
16. Tell me about the first time you met my grandmother?
17. What are your memories of the day you and grandmother were married?
18. Which have been the most interesting time during your life with my grandmother?
19. You, then
20. What do you remember most about the day you discovered that grandma was pregnant with me?
21. What are your memories of the day my parent was born?
22. Do you have any favorite memories of my parent as a child?
23. What might I be surprised to learn about my parent as a younger person?
24. What stands out most in your mind about the times when you were a young man?
25. For you, what was the most rewarding aspect of your life as a young man?
26. Please tell me about the work you have done throughout your life?
27. So far, what event in history has been the most challenging for you to live through?
28. You, now
29. What are some of the things you would still like to accomplish?
30. Do you have any future plans that you would like to share with me?
31. Is there anything you miss about the way you lived years ago?
32. In what ways has life surprised you the most?
33. What do you think is your best quality?
34. What do you think is your not-so-best qualities?

35. As you think about your life so far, what are you most proud of?
36. Do you have any regrets that you'd care to share with me?
37. What have been your favorite travels? Any interesting stories?
38. Some final thoughts
39. Is there anything you think I should know about anything? Anything at all?
Anything?
40. If you felt the need to offer some advice to me, what would it be?
41. What more would you like to see me do or learn in this lifetime?

I added some appendices to my little journal for my grandchildren:

1. Appendix A: Things I have written or published
2. Appendix B: Things written about me
3. Appendix C: Some talks I have given over the years
4. Appendix D: Other miscellaneous writings
5. Appendix E: Things I thought worthwhile
6. Appendix F: Clean jokes

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