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Sociology

### **Family Folklore**

*Answer one or more of the following questions in paragraph form.*

What music, songs or musical instruments does your family or other group enjoy?

Do you own anything that is not worth much money, yet is a prized possession you plan to keep?

Where do you keep your personal treasures?

Think of a holiday, such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter or thanksgiving, and the foods your family prepares for it. What one food would your family be sure to include in the celebration?

Is there anything that has been passed down through the generations in your family? (this could be an object, a story, or a tradition: a hunting rifle, a piece of furniture, jewelry, a picture, a family Bible, etc.)

Did you have any beliefs or fears when you were very young that you no longer believe or fear?

Can you recall the funniest mistake or worst accident that has happened in your kitchen?

How does your family celebrate Christmas/Hanukkah/birthdays?

Have you ever bought or collected a souvenir?

What special privileges does the birthday person in your family have on his or her birthday?

Do you know the story of your name or nickname?

Have you been to a family reunion, wedding, or anniversary party? How did you celebrate?

Has your family saved any of your baby things such as toys, clothes, or identification bracelets?

Can you tell any of the stories you've heard your family tell again and again?

What is your favorite holiday and how does your family celebrate it?

Can you name all the places you have lived since you were born?

How do or did your grandparents earn a living?

Tell about a "first" for you-first time to sleep over with a friend, first pet, first trip alone, first food you cooked, etc.