

FAMILY BIOGRAPHY

I. Grandparents

- A. Start with the family you know least about, and when done with the first family, write about the other family.
- B. Tell How:
 - 1. Each pair met.
 - 2. When and how they were married.
 - 3. Where they lived and what they did (all vocations and jobs throughout their lives).
 - 4. When and how each child was born, etc. Use as many details as possible.
 - 5. Illnesses, accidents, bad times and good times.
 - 6. Good behaviors, bad behaviors, drinking, violence, successes, failures, etc. Paint a picture of your family.
 - 7. Write about each family separately until the time of your parents meeting/marriage. Then----

II. Parents

- A. Repeat all the steps above for your parents.
 - 1. Include all details and family stories.
 - 2. Include all other family members (grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, etc.) and their interactions with your parents, your siblings and---

III. YOU!!

- A. Include: (in addition to all the above)
 - 1. What it "Felt" like growing up in your family
 - 2. What was punishment, what was reward, where you lived, what you did, (with and without your parents and siblings),
 - a. This includes:
 - (1) School
 - (2) Church
 - (3) Town, City or Farm
 - b. Through the time you left home or began to support yourself. Then write about--

IV. Your family

- A. Your partner/spouse
- B. Your Kids, if any
- C. Your job, vocation, or career
- D. Your partner's job, vocation, or career.

V. Biography Goal

- A. Write a family History you can give to your kids so they will know where they come from, what you and their grandparents and great grandparents did, lived, talked about, valued, overcame, etc.

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