

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

Make sure to make a note the name of the person or persons you interviewed (try to do this for both sides of the family, both the mother's and father's sides) and their relationship to you:

1. Who were the first people in your family to come to America?
2. How old were they when they left?
3. From what country did they come?
4. Why did they leave?
5. When did they arrive in America?
6. What was their journey like?
7. What was their port of entry?
8. What kind of work did they do initially?
9. Did they find it hard adapting to their new home? Did they experience any kind of prejudice? Explain.

If the person you interview is an immigrant, ask these additional questions.

10. When you packed, what were the two most important items that you took with you?
11. What do you remember most about leaving your homeland?
12. What excited you most about coming to America?
13. What were your first impressions of America?
14. What one thing would you like Americans to know about your homeland?
 15. How have your expectations of America measured up to your experiences?