

Biography Interview Questions

Here are some good interview questions designed to spark forgotten memories and help you produce a memorable biography. Good questions lead to detail, which makes your biography interesting.

Directions: Choose the appropriate number of questions to ask in each section. Some sections are optional. You will write the ANSWERS to the question on the interview document as you are interviewing your hero. You may have to change your questions when talking to your friend/family member to get the best answers!

Early Childhood (Choose 2-3)

1. When and where were you born?
2. Do you recall any interesting stories regarding your birth?
3. What is your earliest memory?
4. Who was the most influential person to you as a child?
5. Did you have any pets as a child? What kind?
6. What did you do during the summertime?
7. What was your favourite game?
8. Did you have any nicknames?

9. What were you most afraid of as a child?

10. Do you recall any interesting stories related to you by any of your elder relatives that you have never forgotten and you think are worth telling to this audience?

High School (Choose 2-3)

11. Who was your best friend? Are you still in touch with them?

12. What was your favourite subject in school?

13. What was your favourite sport?

14. Is there a teacher that you remember for good/bad reasons?

15. What did you like most about school?

16. What did you like least about school?

17. What sort of after school/out of school clubs did you attend?

18. Was there someone you really looked up to when you were a teenager?

19. What was your favourite music/band in high school?

20. What would people you know find surprising about you as a teen?

Career (Choose 2)

41. What was your first job?
42. What was your best job?
43. What was your worst job?
45. Who was the biggest influence in your career?
46. What would be your ideal job?

Family (Choose 2-3)

47. Do you have children? If so, how many and what age and gender are they?
48. What is your goal as a parent?
50. How would your children describe you as a parent?
51. How do you describe yourself as a parent?
55. Do you have siblings? How many, are they older or younger?
56. Who are you closest to in your family?
57. Who do you admire most in your family and why?

Love (Optional)

63. Have you ever been married? To whom and for how long?
64. How did you and your husband/wife/partner first meet?

General (Choose 2-3)

75. What is your definition of "happiness"?
76. What is your most memorable travel experience?
77. What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
78. What is your happiest memory?
79. What accomplishment are you most proud of?
80. How do you think people will remember you?
81. Who is your biggest fan?
82. Whose biggest fan are you?
83. What do you like to do in your spare time?
84. What is your most embarrassing moment?
85. If you could possess one super-human power, what would it be?
86. What is your greatest fear?
87. What is your greatest hope?
88. What do you think happens after death?
89. What place does religion have in your life?
90. What are the main lessons you've learned in life?