

Thinking about Your Biography

Some prompts:

- With which ethnic cultural group(s) do you identify?
- Where were you born?
- If you know, where were your biological parents and/or significant care givers born?
- Do you strongly identify with your family? If not, with which groups do you have a sense of belonging?
- Would you say your family was poor, comfortable, or wealthy?
- What language(s) were spoken and/or written at home?
- Do you live in the city, suburbs or country?
- Anything particular about the geographical area?
- Describe your home.....
- Were the people around you at home when you grew up mostly from the same background as yourself? If yes, what was it like? If no, what were the differences you noticed?
- Are you female or male?
- How old are you?
- What political party does your family support and why? Do you support the same political party? Why is this so?
- What religious upbringing did you have, if any? Do you continue to share your family's religion? Why is this so?
- Do you have a physical disability?
- Are you a carnivore, omnivore, vegetarian, fruitarian, or something else?
- What is your sexual preference?
- If you went to school, what sort of school did you go to?
- For how many generations have your family been going to university? Your mother's family? Your father's family? Your extended family?
- How did your family (however you describe 'family') do these things: family gatherings? Funerals? What sort of foods? Music? Songs? Dancing? Family stories?
- Do you have things at home that have been passed down to you and your immediate family?
- What does your name mean?
- How did your family come to live in Australia? For how many generations?
- Where were your ancestors living 40, 000 years ago?