

LIFE WRITING

Chapter One; Beginnings

Think about the very first house you remember as a child. Where was it? What color was it? Where was your bedroom? How big was it? Was there a cellar?

Did you observe open signs of affection between your mom and dad; hugs or pecks on the cheek in front of the children? Were the children given hugs and kisses?

Were there any musical instruments in the home? Did anyone in the family play a musical instrument?

When you think of your mother, what is the one outstanding trait that comes to mind?

When you think of your father, what is one outstanding trait that comes to mind?

What is your earliest memory of your extended family? Did aunts, uncles, and cousins gather for holidays?

Do you remember your grandparents?

Did you have a pet as a child? Do you remember the pet's name?

What was your favorite plaything as a child? Did you get toys for birthdays or Christmas? Did you all share one toy?

Try to recall a childhood Thanksgiving. Where did you eat your meal? Who was there? What did you have?

What did you do on rainy days when you couldn't play outside?

What chores did you help with as a kid? What was your most hated chore?

What is your fondest (kitchen/ garage) memory?

Did your parents play games with the children? What kind?

Tell me about your childhood bedroom? How big? How many shared the room? Was it cozy or cold? Were you ever afraid?

Where did your family go on outings when you were a kid?