

### **Demography, neighborhood, & personal history**

1. **How long has your family been** in California?
2. Was this a **good place to grow up**?
3. What was your **neighborhood(s) like where you grew up**?
4. Have you lived **anywhere else** in California?
5. What kind of things did your **family do together** when you were growing up?
6. Does your family have any **traditions** that you loved as a kid?
7. **Who did you play with** when you were growing up?
8. Did you **get in trouble** a lot, like, did you do pranks? Did you ever get **caught**?
9. Do you have a lot of **family still living in the area** (siblings, cousins etc.)?
10. Do most of your **friends** still live in the area?

### **Education**

1. What **elementary** school did you go to? **Differences** among elem schools in your area.
2. **HS. Differences.**
3. **Rival** high school or schools?
4. Town or a high school in the area that you looked upon as **totally different**.
5. **main group** of friends in high school?
6. **How** were/are they **different from other groups of kids**?
7. Did/do most of your **friends go to your high school**?
8. **Hangouts**
9. Was/Is it **easy to find a boyfriend/girlfriend** who lives **in the area**,
10. **rules** about dating?.
11. What kind of stuff was/is there to **do for fun** here in your home town?
12. Did/Do you go to any other **places to hang out** or for concerts or anything?
13. Did/Do people **cruise**? Where?
14. Did you always/Do you **plan to stay** in California?

### **Local orientation**

1. **Where do you go most** in your home town these days?
2. Where do you do your **shopping**? Where do you do your errands? Do you have places where you **hang out**? How do you get around (do you mainly walk, take public transportation, drive)? Do you **travel outside of town often**? Where do you go for **complicated medical care**? Are there any **other towns** you go to for shopping or entertainment?
3. Are there **areas of your home town you wouldn't go to**? Why?
4. Do you watch **sports**?
5. What are the different **social groups in your home town**? Do they live in specific **areas**?
6. People talk about different regions of California as being different. **What region** do you see your home town as being part of? Are there **other regions** in California?
7. Which places in CA do you think are the **most different from your home town**? How about the **rest of the US**?

### **Diversity and potential conflict**

1. Is your home town more or less diverse than other cities near here, the surrounding areas?
2. Do certain racial groups tend to live in particular areas of your home town?
3. How well do different racial groups get along in your home town?
4. Do people seem to speak a different language when they're hanging out with people who are the same race instead of people of other races? Do you think that influences who hangs out with who?
5. Have you ever had problems with someone calling you (or your kids) a racist name?
6. Is race a big issue at the high school (among your friends or with your kids)?
7. Do you think your home town is a **safe city** to live in?
8. Is your home town **as safe as other cities in the area**? Compared to California in general?
9. Are **drugs** a problem in this community? What about **violent crimes**?
10. Do you think **gang violence** is a problem here? Do you know anyone in a gang?

### **Important events & change**

1. Have there been major changes in your home town that you've noticed during your time here?
2. Do you feel like the makeup of the people in your home town has changed throughout your lifetime? In what ways?

### **Language**

#### **If bilingual**

1. Do you **speak to your parents the same way** you speak to your friends or brothers and sisters?
2. Do you speak any **other languages** at home or with your friends?
3. What language do you consider to be your **mother tongue**? Why?
4. What are **other languages you might hear** around here?
5. Do you think that **in some situations only English should be used** (even if both people speak another different language?) Do you think that there are **situations where a language other than English should be used**?

#### **English questions**

1. Do you think **people in California talk differently** from people elsewhere in the country?
2. How about **different parts of California**?
3. Did/Do your **parents use words or expressions that you wouldn't be caught dead using**?
4. Do you use **words or expressions that your parents wouldn't know**?
5. Is there **anything unique about the way people talk around here**?
6. Do you think you could **tell someone was from your home town** just by hearing them talk? How about by the way they **dress**? Anything else? How about the **area around your home town**?
7. Are there any **particular words or phrases that set your home town apart** from other places in CA? Does everyone use these? If not, then who?
8. Do you think that **different groups of people in your home town talk differently**?
9. Do you have **terms that are used mainly within your family**?