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1. Where were you born?
2. Were you the only child, if not tell me of your siblings.
3. What type parents did you have and what were some of the values they instilled in you?
4. What were your parent's occupations?
5. Do you know of any slaves personally? Were they able to tell you of their harsh treatments?
6. With divorce rates increasing every day, do you have any idea what modern couples are leaving out of their marriages?
7. Were you ever married? Tell me about your children if have any.
8. Being in a marriage, what were some of the chores expected of you? Were these chores something you enjoyed?
9. What type organizations were you involved in?
10. Can you tell of different programs that you have made available for your community?
11. With a husband, were there problems with your involvement in the community? In what ways did he help or hinder you?
12. As for children today getting involved in drugs, gang violence and teen pregnancy, who do you think should be held accountable?
13. Do you think parents are sparing the rod and spoiling the child?
14. Even though prejudices aren't as obvious as they were when you were growing up, can you tell of personal experiences?
15. Have you participated in sit-ins or marches?
16. Were there any experiences or incidents which caused you to get involved in community work or civil rights?
17. With great people such as yourself, fighting so that me and my fellow friends could be free, do you think we are being appreciative?
18. Do you think the children are slowly sending us back to the past?

19. For someone such as myself, I'm very appreciative to what people like you have done, and I want to show my appreciation. In what ways would you like to be repaid?
 20. Is there any advice you can give me as a young black woman that would make my way easier to run?
 21. Who do you admire most?
 22. Can you tell me a little about local history?
 23. Are there any political or social events which have mocked your memory?
 24. Do you consider yourself an independent woman?
 25. What would you say an ideal woman consists of?
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