

THE FORENSIC HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

LIFE HISTORY PART 2: FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

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Please follow the same instructions as you did for part one of the Forensic History Questionnaire.

I. FAMILY HISTORY

1. My Name

2. The name of the adult within my immediate family with whom I felt the closest during my childhood was

3. The name of the adult outside of my immediate family with whom I felt the closest during my childhood was

4. My relationship with that person was:

5. The cause of death of each deceased member of my immediate family was:

6. The way(s) that my racial, ethnic, religious, or cultural heritage have been an important influence in my life are

7. My childhood home was financially

substantially short of money for essentials
somewhat short of money for essentials
enough money for essentials but no extra
some extra money for non-essentials
substantial extra money for non-essentials

8. If money was short, we usually went without
(please be specific)

9. If there was extra, it was usually spent on (please be specific)

10. My mother's beneficiary is:

11. My father's beneficiary is:

II. MOTHER / MOTHER FIGURE

Answer all questions in this section with regard to the person you primarily think of as having been your mother or mother figure as you were growing up.

1. The name of this person _____

2. My mother's primary occupation (including homemaker) while I was growing up was

3. When I was a child, she typically worked each week outside the home ____ hours

4. Her last school grade level completed was _____

5. Mark the terms that apply to your mother during the time that you were a child: (✓)

home very little, absent	usually home, present
under-educated	informed, educated
fragile, vulnerable	resilient, robust, strong
inconsistent, easily upset	stable, consistent
unstable, unreliable	reliable, stable, orderly
sad, pessimistic, worried	optimistic, hopeful
passive, timid, helpless	assertive, confident
victim, target, scape goat	capable, effective
thoughtless, superficial	substantial, thoughtful
closed, controlling	trusting, open
rigid rules, restrictive	permissive, flexible
spanked, hit, slapped	rare physical discipline
criticism, guilt, shame	rare emotional discipline
cold, distant, unavailable	available, warm, close
disrespectful, critical	considerate, accepting
esteem diminishing,	esteem building
self-centered, indulgent	generous, empathic
dishonest, unethical	especially honest, ethical
difficult to confide in	easy to confide in
difficult to respect	easy to respect
mis-used alcohol	drank none or very little
mis-used street drugs	used none or very little
mis-used medications	meds only as prescribed

6. My mother has experienced: (✓ and describe)

legal difficulties:

employment difficulties:

financial difficulties:

fidelity difficulties:

sexual difficulties:

marital difficulties:

other difficulties with personality or character:

other emotional difficulties:

other behavioral difficulties:

other physical or health difficulties:

7. My mother was physically, emotionally, or sexually mistreated by:

8. The person(s) my mother physically, emotionally, or sexually mistreated were:

9. As I was growing up, my mother and I got along

not at all
not particularly well
average
better than average
exceptionally well

III. FATHER / FATHER FIGURE

Answer all questions in this section with regard to the person you primarily think of as having been your father or father figure as you were growing up.

1. The name of this person _____
2. My father's primary occupation (including homemaker) while I was growing up was _____
3. When I was a child, he typically worked each week outside the home _____ hours
4. His last school grade level completed was _____
5. Mark the terms that apply to your father during the time that you were a child: (✓)

home very little, absent	usually home, present
under-educated,	informed, educated
fragile, vulnerable	resilient, robust, strong
inconsistent, easily upset	stable, consistent
unstable, unreliable	reliable, stable, orderly
sad, pessimistic, worried	optimistic, hopeful
passive, timid, helpless	assertive, confident
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mis-used alcohol	drank none or very little
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mis-used medications	meds only as prescribed

6. My father has experienced: (✓ and describe)

legal difficulties:

employment difficulties:

financial difficulties:

fidelity difficulties:

sexual difficulties:

marital difficulties:

other difficulties with personality or character:

other emotional difficulties:

other behavioral difficulties:

other physical or health difficulties:

7. My father was physically, emotionally, or sexually mistreated by:

8. The person(s) my father physically, emotionally, or sexually mistreated were:

9. As I was growing up, my father and I got along

not at all
not particularly well
average
better than average
exceptionally well

4. I had other frightening or humiliating experiences as a child:

5. When I was a child, the person(s) I emotionally, physically, or sexually mistreated were:

6. When I was a child, my satisfaction with myself in the following areas was:

substantially below average (circle " -2") below average (circle " -1") about average (circle " 0") above average (circle " +1") substantially above average (circle " +2")	
behavioral adjustment and self-control	-2 -1 0 +1 +2
physical appearance and physical attributes	-2 -1 0 +1 +2
popularity and peer relationships	-2 -1 0 +1 +2
relationship with and care for pets & other animals	-2 -1 0 +1 +2
enjoyment of my own time, solitary play, hobbies	-2 -1 0 +1 +2
confidence, joy, self-esteem, compassion, integrity	-2 -1 0 +1 +2
general happiness and satisfaction with life	-2 -1 0 +1 +2

7. I felt happy and special as a child when

8. I felt sad and alone as a child when

9. Other children's descriptions of me as a child would have been

VI. RESIDENTIAL HISTORY

1. Describe anything special or unusual about any of your residences

2. Indicate any special or unusual reason for leaving any of your residences

3. Indicate the reason for the presence of anyone other than your immediate family in any of your residences for longer than a brief social visit

4. Indicate the reason for the absence of any of your immediate family members from any of your residences

VII. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

1. Describe the care you received before you started kindergarten.

2. My elementary school teachers' descriptions of me would have been

3. The school grades you typically received were

4. The main extracurricular activities in which you were active were

5. Awards or special recognitions that you received were

6. The classes or grades you failed or repeated in school were

7. Identify each special education class or behavior problem class you attended

8. The behavior problems that you had at school were

9. The school or academic problems that continue to cause you difficulty are

10. The grades or classes that you were allowed to skip or to test out of were

11. The number of times that you were truant from school or absent without permission was ... ____

12. The number of times that you were involved in a physical fight or altercation at school was ... ____

The reasons for this were:

13. The number of times that you were suspended or expelled from school was ____

VIII. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1. Describe any work position at which you were promoted, given a merit raise, had your scope of responsibility increased, or had your contract renewed.

2. Describe any work position from which you were dismissed, terminated, fired, asked to resign, or not had your contract renewed.

3. I have experienced the following financial difficulties (✓) in the year:

Year

- () been defrauded, cheated _____
- () over-spent credit or credit cards _____
- () over-extended on loans or debts _____
- () been assessed late payment penalty .. _____
- () had a lowered credit rating _____
- () dealt with credit agency or service ... _____
- () not paid all my fees or debts _____
- () had a foreclosure or bankruptcy _____
- () received loans from family or friends . _____

4. I am not currently employed because (✓)

- laid off temporarily, plan return to same job
- looking for new work or position
- student and in school
- physically disabled and unable to work
- psychologically disabled and unable to work
- caring for my home or children is my work
- no longer desire to or choose to work
- I am retired
- I am employed
- Other:

IX. MILITARY SERVICE

1. If you did not serve in the armed forces, indicate why and then skip to the next section

2. The training school(s) that I completed in the service were

3. The job(s) that I had in the service were

4. I re-enlisted or re-enrolled _____ times

5. Conflict and combat zone(s) that I served in

6. I was disciplined or received an Article XV which involved

7. I was reduced in rate / rank at least once . y / n

8. I was promoted in rate / rank at least once y / n

9. I was AWOL, engaged in unauthorized fighting, or used drugs at least once while in the service .. y / n

10. I had difficulties of an emotional or physical nature while in the service y / n

11. My type of discharge and year (✓)

- honorable _____
- general--honorable _____
- general--other than honorable _____
- medical _____
- undesirable _____
- bad conduct _____
- dishonorable _____
- administrative separation _____
- other: _____

12. At least occasionally, I take pride in being a veteran y / n

XI. SEXUAL HISTORY

1. My reaction to questions about sex or sexuality is (reminder: feel free to write comments and to decline to answer any question, especially if the question is in no way related to your forensic matter.)

- no discomfort
- mild discomfort
- moderate discomfort
- severe discomfort
- decline to discuss

2. The parent with whom I talked about sex education, sexuality, or sex abuse was

at age(s) _____

3. The classes I had about sexuality or sex abuse education were

during grade(s) _____

4. At the time of what I consider to be my first sexual experience, I was age _____

I felt adequately prepared for the experience .. y / n

5. I have had at least one upsetting, disturbing, or traumatic sexual experience y / n

6. I have been pressured, humiliated, harassed, intimidated or coerced into sexual behavior .. y / n

7. I have had a sexual experience with a person of the opposite sex y / n

8. I have had a sexual experience with a person of the same sex y / n

9. I have had a sexual experience with a child or other person much younger than myself y / n

10. I have had a sexual experience with a person much older than myself y / n

11. I have had a sexual experience with a person within my family other than my spouse y / n

12. I feel that I am sexually well adjusted now y / n

13. My primary sexual orientation is

- gay or lesbian
- heterosexual
- bi-sexual
- asexual

14. Mark the terms that apply to you during any time in your life (✓)

- uncomfortable with loss of self-control
- uncomfortable with intimacy
- sex is not enjoyable
- decreased sex drive
- pain, injury, or bleeding from any sexual activity
- difficulty reaching orgasm
- difficulty getting erections
- rapid ejaculation
- excessive masturbation
- disturbing sexual fantasies
- paying money or giving something in return for sex
- being paid money in return for sex
- receiving drugs, alcohol, or gifts in return for sex
- pressuring someone to engage in sexual activity
- being pressured into sexual activity

Please discuss any of the above that you have experienced

XII. CHILDREN

1. My child(ren)... (✓)

are disobedient, won't mind me or another adult

..... child's name _____

has had friends that I think are a bad influence

..... child's name _____

sad, worried, tense, frightened, nervous, anxious

..... child's name _____

controlling, intense, angry, critical, selfish, over-confident

..... child's name _____

serious or frequent illness, learning problems, reading problems, brain or neurological problems

..... child's name _____

difficulties with eating or weight or difficulties with wetting or soiling

..... child's name _____

difficulties in school

..... child's name _____

problem with alcohol, drugs, medications

..... child's name _____

lying, dishonesty, delinquency, in trouble with authorities, superiors, or employers

..... child's name _____

sexual difficulties, marital problems, separation, divorce

..... child's name _____

began a pregnancy before marriage

..... child's name _____

had any other personality problems, emotional difficulties, behavioral difficulties

..... child's name _____

was ever the victim of any sexual behavior, abuse, or assault by anyone in any way

..... child's name _____

was ever abused, humiliated, discriminated against, intimidated, assaulted, or victimized by anyone in any other way

..... child's name _____

has had any other frightening, stressful, or traumatic experiences

..... child's name _____

2. My child(ren) has emotionally, sexually, or physically assaulted or mistreated someone

... my child's name _____

.. mistreated whom _____

3. The total number of waking hours per week I spend with my child(ren) is

4. I would describe my relationship with my child(ren) as

exceptionally good

better than average

average

not as good as I would like

we relate poorly or with great difficulty

5. I believe my children would describe their relationship with me as

6. What my children would like to change about me is

7. Other children would describe my child(ren) as being

8. Please add any information about your children that you think might be relevant to the evaluation

9. My beneficiary is:

XIII. ALCOHOL USE HISTORY

1. If you have never tasted nor ever tried any alcoholic beverages in your entire life, indicate your reason below skip to the next section

2. I first tasted or tried alcohol at age ____

3. I last had any alcohol on ____/____/____

4. I was last intoxicated ____/____/____

5. Each of the types of alcohol that I have consumed within the last 12 months, even occasionally, are

6. My favorite type of alcoholic beverage is

7. The alcoholic drink I have consumed the most is

8. At some time in my life, I have experienced missing school or work due to alcohol, delirium tremens (DT's), blackouts, or needing a drink in the morning . y / n

9. The difficulties I have ever had with alcohol consumption are (✓)

- no problem ever
- mild problem
- moderate problem
- serious problem
- disabling problem

10. The time in my life when I consumed the most alcohol was age ____ through age ____

11. The type of alcohol that has presented the most

serious problem for me ever is

12. At some time in my life, I switched from an alcohol drink to an "alcohol-free" or "virgin" beer, wine, or mixed drink? y / n

13. Another person has expressed concern about my use of alcohol y / n

XIV. DRUG USE HISTORY

1. If you have never taken, tried, experimented with, nor used any non-legal drugs, street drugs, recreational drugs or controlled substances, nor taken medication other than as prescribed by your physician in your entire life, indicate your reason and skip this section

2. I first tried a non-legal drug at age _____

3. I last used any non-legal drug ____ / ____ / ____.

4. The type of non-legal drug that I have consumed the most is

5. The type of non-legal drug that has presented the most serious problem for me ever is

6. The problems I have ever had with non-legal drug use are (✓)

- no problem ever
- mild problem
- moderate problem
- serious problem
- disabling problem

7. The time in my life when I used the most non-legal drugs was age ____ through age ____

8. Each of the types of non-legal drugs that I have consumed within the last 12 months, even occasionally, are

9. The typical number of days per week that I have used any type of non-legal drug within the last 12 months is

10. Another person has expressed concern about my use of any drugs or medications y / n

11. I have used alcohol and drugs at the same time y / n

XV. OVERVIEW

Based on what you remember, or on what you have been told, check the words below that you feel best describe or characterize each of these eight time periods in your life. Feel free to add your own descriptors in the space in each box.

birth to age 5: years: _____ to _____ (✓ each word that applies)	happy productive satisfying learning	romantic fulfilling exciting creative	optimistic hopeful lucky playful	peaceful uneventful meaningless boring	empty disillusioning challenging stressful	lonely ill sad confusing	chaotic troubling angry frightening	awful traumatic painful suicidal
age 6-10: years: _____ to _____ (✓ each word that applies)	happy productive satisfying learning	romantic fulfilling exciting creative	optimistic hopeful lucky playful	peaceful uneventful meaningless boring	empty disillusioning challenging stressful	lonely ill sad confusing	chaotic troubling angry frightening	awful traumatic painful suicidal
ages 11-13: years: _____ to _____ (✓ each word that applies)	happy productive satisfying learning	romantic fulfilling exciting creative	optimistic hopeful lucky playful	peaceful uneventful meaningless boring	empty disillusioning challenging stressful	lonely ill sad confusing	chaotic troubling angry frightening	awful traumatic painful suicidal
ages 14-17: years: _____ to _____ (✓ each word that applies)	happy productive satisfying learning	romantic fulfilling exciting creative	optimistic hopeful lucky playful	peaceful uneventful meaningless boring	empty disillusioning challenging stressful	lonely ill sad confusing	chaotic troubling angry frightening	awful traumatic painful suicidal
ages 18-21: years: _____ to _____ (✓ each word that applies)	happy productive satisfying learning	romantic fulfilling exciting creative	optimistic hopeful lucky playful	peaceful uneventful meaningless boring	empty disillusioning challenging stressful	lonely ill sad confusing	chaotic troubling angry frightening	awful traumatic painful suicidal
ages 22-29: years: _____ to _____ (✓ each word that applies)	happy productive satisfying learning	romantic fulfilling exciting creative	optimistic hopeful lucky playful	peaceful uneventful meaningless boring	empty disillusioning challenging stressful	lonely ill sad confusing	chaotic troubling angry frightening	awful traumatic painful suicidal
ages 30-39: years: _____ to _____ (✓ each word that applies)	happy productive satisfying learning	romantic fulfilling exciting creative	optimistic hopeful lucky playful	peaceful uneventful meaningless boring	empty disillusioning challenging stressful	lonely ill sad confusing	chaotic troubling angry frightening	awful traumatic painful suicidal
ages 40+: years: _____ to the present. (✓ each word that applies)	happy productive satisfying learning	romantic fulfilling exciting creative	optimistic hopeful lucky playful	peaceful uneventful meaningless boring	empty disillusioning challenging stressful	lonely ill sad confusing	chaotic troubling angry frightening	awful traumatic painful suicidal

I completed this part of the questionnaire on ____/____/____.

I spent about _____ hours completing it.

Thank you very much for your cooperation, time, and effort on this task.