Thank you so much for taking part in such an important task. This is our 10th year of publishing life stories. Your life provides a rich connection and a historical perspective that is priceless.

These are ideas for you to complete. You do not have to complete every statement. This outline was generated from several sources and offers suggestions. It is your story, and we just want to provide ideas. The information for your life story may be obtained from an interview, completed questions or any way you consider beneficial. I am providing a link to these questions and examples of the final product.

My Story

1. Early Years
   1. I was born at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. My weight when I was born was\_\_\_\_\_\_. My eye color was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. My hair color was\_\_\_\_\_.
   3. My parent’s full names and birthdates are
   4. Birth order in your family was
   5. My brothers/sisters were
2. Family/Childhood memories
   1. They had the following occupations
   2. The most memorable times we had together as a family
   3. Games & Playmates I remember
   4. Chores I was responsible for
   5. Parades I saw were
   6. What can you tell about your home life
   7. Narrow escapes I had were
   8. This is how we celebrated birthdays
   9. Special Holiday celebrations
   10. Your favorite toys
   11. Where did you live as a child
   12. This is how I would describe the house and neighborhood I lived in as I was growing up
   13. An interesting story about my brothers, sisters, and me
   14. My grandparents names, homes and birthplaces are-my mother’s side-my father’s side
   15. The pets I had as a child and their names were
   16. The one thing I remember most about my pet(s) is
   17. My favorite meal my mother made and what made it so special was
3. School Information
   1. This is where I went to school
   2. When I started school, I was years old
   3. My favorite subjects in school were
   4. One of my favorite teachers in elementary school-and why was
   5. This is how I got to school each day
   6. Extracurricular activities (band, choir etc)
   7. Favorite school memory
   8. Least favorite school Memory
   9. Graduation memories
4. Beyond Graduation (college, army, school)
5. Growing up years
   1. The similarities I see between my grandchildren and myself when I was young are
   2. Other comments I have about growing up
   3. Things that are different now than they were when I was growing up are
   4. This is how I would describe myself when I was a teenager
   5. This is what we would do/where we would go for fun and on dates
   6. I remember when a candy bar cost I could go to the movies for and gasoline cost per gallon
   7. When I was a child was President of the U.S.
6. Employment
   1. My first job was
   2. The work I did in that job involved
   3. The things I especially remember about my first job were
   4. Other employment I have had over the years included
   5. The jobs I liked the best and why I liked them were
   6. Some important things I have learned in choosing a career are
7. Marriage and Children
   1. This is how I met my spouse
   2. We were married on
   3. When we first married, we lived
   4. Our wedding colors were
   5. We spent our honeymoon in
   6. These are the homes and communities I have lived in since I was married and here is how they’ve changed over the years
   7. Some important things I have learned about marriage are
   8. Some important things I tried to pass down to my children are
   9. This is how I have enjoyed about being a grandparent
   10. I remember these humorous or memorable stories about our children as they were growing up
   11. My grandchildren remind me of my own children in these ways
   12. These are the traditions I hope my children and grandchildren will carry on with their children
   13. I best remember these trips which our family took as our children were growing up
   14. My spouse and I and our children celebrated Christmas, birthdays, and other holidays by
8. Other Areas of My Life
   1. We bought our first house in the year for about $
   2. Our first car was a
   3. And cost about $
   4. The rage in music, dance and clothes when we were first married
   5. This is what I remember about the church activities I was involved in over the years
   6. Friendships have enriched my life by
   7. As an adult I have enjoyed these hobbies or pastimes
   8. If I could teach a special hobby or skill to my grandchildren, I would choose
   9. My faith has influenced and contributed to my life in these ways
   10. Many historical events have occurred during my lifetime (The Depression, World War II, the Korean War, the war in Vietnam, the assassinations of important leaders, the space program and many more) some events that I particularly remember or that affected my life, and the reasons why, include
   11. As I look back over the events of my life, the things that made me the happiest and about which I feel especially proud are
   12. The great accomplishment in my life was
   13. What was the best day of your life
   14. What was the worst day of your life
   15. People would be surprised to know
9. Conclusion
   1. If you could, what would you change about your life and what would you keep the same?
   2. Is there any special song, verse, memory etc. that is special to you?