Interview Questions for Family Members

Conduct an interview with a family member, preferably a parent. You may choose also to interview a family friend or an older sibling if this person has children. In your final paper, explain how you know the person you are interviewing. Be sure to remind the person you are interviewing that the responses will be used only as part of a large class discussion. Summarize the interview responses and write a brief reflection on what new insights you gained from the conversation.

Use the following questions to begin the interview and add two to four of your own questions. You may even want to ask one of your questions after the initial interview has taken place.

- What does family mean to you?

- How has your understanding of family changed from when you were a child to being a parent?

- What would you describe as the challenges in families today?

- What does the Fourth Commandment, which asks us to honor our father and mother, mean to you?

- What values do you hope to instill in your children?

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