

Sample interview questions developed after review biographical information forma and talking briefly with the interviewee

1. Introduction
2. Can you tell us a little about yourself and about your parents?
3. You were 7 years old when your family went to the internment camp in Arizona. What are some of the things you remember? (Mention video with granddaughter; introduction to Christianity, etc.)
4. You said some people in the camp returned to Japan.
5. After the war ended your family went to Colorado and then came to California, right?
6. You graduated from Santa Maria High School. Did you go on to college?
7. Where did you meet your husband, Gilbert? You are Japanese and he is Chinese. Did that cause any problem for your families?
8. When did you come to Fremont?
9. What are some of the things you remember about Fremont in the 1960s and 1970s?
10. You were a full-time mom for many years. Can you tell us a little about your children and some of the school and community activities you were involved in?
11. You were an Avon lady, right?
12. You mentioned that your family took a Bicentennial trip in 1976. I think a lot of people did something special to celebrate our nations 200th birthday. What did you do?
13. Your husband was Teacher of the Year in California and your family has received recognition. Tell us about that.
14. You went to work when your youngest child was in 8th grade. Where did you work?
15. Your son, Garrett, is on the Ohlone College Board. Does that mean your family is involved in politics now?
16. You belong to some historical groups now, don't you?
17. How are you involved in Fremont's 50th birthday?
18. You said you just joined the Country Club of Washington Township. That group goes back a long way in local history. Can you tell us a little about it?
19. You have belonged to the Centerville Presbyterian Church for many years. Can you some memories of the people you've known there?
20. Your church really helps the homeless and hungry in town. Have you been involved with that?
21. As you look back on your forty years in Fremont, are there any memories that stand out?
22. Is there anything else you would like to add?
23. Closing comments