Past, Present, Future Timeline Project

Directions: Using the piece of paper provided, create a timeline of your life. Answer the following questions about your past, present, and future. Type up the questions and answers and find a picture, symbol, or clip art to illustrate each answer.

Past: Childhood-Tween Years

1. Describe your family members: (Parents, siblings, extended family that are involved in your life)
   a. Ex. Jack Smith (Dad): He is an incredible story teller, coal miner and loves spending time with his family.
2. What are three defining moments in your childhood that changed you, shaped you into who you are today, or helped you mature or grow.
   a. Ex. Age 6: My grandpa died and I for the first time cherished life and decided to be kind to my family because I learned life is short.

3. What event/person/thing made you feel loved for the first time as a child?
   a. Ex. When my cat that I adored died I cried and proclaimed that no one loved me for approximately a year. My parents were beside themselves that I would have these out bursts of crying so one day they bought me a poufy grey kitten with blue eyes and he was the cure.
4. What role did morality (right & wrong) and/or religion play in your childhood and family life?
   a. Ex. I grew up living and breathing church. My parents taught me right and wrong and disciplined me when necessary to create in me a strong conscience.

5. Describe a time when a family member greatly disappointed you and how you handled it and if you grew from the experience.
   a. Ex. My sister broke my confidence when I confided in her my secret crush. She ran up to him and blurted out that I liked him. I was so angry at her and vowed not to trust her. I walled in my heart and would not be so vulnerable with other people to protect myself from hurt.

6. How did your parents handle conflict?
   a. Ex. My mom would always be the pursuer and my dad would get overwhelmed with the conversation feeling like he couldn’t compete and check out or withdraw from the conversation.
7. How did your parents handle money? Did they save or spend? Did they budget? Did they argue over it?
   a. Ex. My mom was in charge of the money in my house because my dad was scared of it.

8. Describe your most memorable accomplishment:

9. What did happiness look like for you during your childhood?
   a. Ex. Happiness was making things and winning prizes in competitions.

10. If there was one thing I could change about my childhood it would have been:
Present: High School Years

1. What event/person/thing made you feel loved for the first time?
   Ex. When I cried in front of my best friend and he didn’t reject me but instead
   comforted me and cared enough to help me through several situations.

2. What did activities/clubs/sports contribute to your personality/behavior/attitude/world
   view?
   a. Ex. Track gave me an instant “family” that encouraged me and made me feel
      accepted at a time I felt rejected by my parents.

3. How do you handle conflict with your peers? How do you handle conflict with your
   parents? What do you do?
   b. Ex. I handle conflict with my parents by crying and screaming at them. They
      don’t listen anyway so crying always seems to work to get things my way.
4. Who has been the most influential person in your life during your high school career? Why? How?
   c. Ex. My friend’s parents have influenced me the most because they accept me and have conversations with me. They also seem to trust their daughter more than my parents and I have learned from them that I want to be close to my teenagers someday and really listen like they do.

5. What do you spend the most money on? Describe your spending habits. Are you a saver or a spender? How do you get/earn money?

6. Describe your most memorable accomplishment.
7. What does Happiness looks like for you in high school? Ex. Happiness was getting a lot done and talking to my boyfriend.

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Future: Life after high school- Retirement

1. What are your plans for after graduation?
   a. Ex. Go to college and get a degree in either Bio-medical research or teaching.

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2. Where do you want to live when you move out on your own? What is some criterion that you must have to make a place livable to you?
   a. Ex. I will live wherever I can that is close to my job. I plan to rent for a while and then purchase a home. The most important characteristics of a place to live for me are: safe neighborhood, laundry on site, clean place, large kitchen, and if possible a dishwasher.
3. Do you want to get married? What age do you want to get married? What criterion must your future spouse meet?
   a. Ex. I want to get married after I start a career. My future spouse must be smart, be a hard worker, and listen to me.

4. Did you learn anything from marriages around you that will/have influenced your ideas about marriage?
   a. Ex. I worked in an office with a man that got phone calls from his Ex-wife that always included screaming profanities as they tried to decide how to deal with custodial rights over their daughter. The hell I overheard in the office makes me never want to divorce so I will read as much as possible on the subject before getting hitched so I can be prepared and make a good, mature decision.

5. Do you want a family? Describe what you would like in a family some day.
   a. Ex. I want to get married and have four children. I want my extended family to live close enough so they can help raise and watch my children grow up.
6. If you have children what are the top five life lessons you would try to build into their characters? What things would you do with/for your children that your parents did for you? What would you do differently with your children than your parents did with you?
   a. Ex. The top lessons I want my children to learn are morality, how to give and receive love, hard work, persistence, practice, and diligence. I want to make sure my children have lots of friends and that friends are welcome at my house. I would be just as strict as my parents but I want to be more consistent right down to the last child.

7. What career goals do you have for mid-life? Where do you see yourself mid-life?
   a. Ex. I see myself finishing up childrearing and beginning a new career.

8. If nothing stood in my way my dream would be to ______________________ (what kind of car, house, business, family, organization, Non-Profit, would you like to have) List as much stuff as you can think of!
   a. Ex. Have a large family, beautiful mansion with an orchard and garden, nice cars, and lots of friends. Live somewhere warm, and start a family business.
9. Describe what happiness in midlife through retirement would look like for you.
   a. Ex. Happiness will be doing something I love and having a united family, and lots of friends supporting me.

10. How old do you want to live and why?
### Past, Present, and Future Grading Rubric

**Past:**
- 10 Questions & Answers    _____ 10pts
- 10 Pictures                _____ 10pts
- Thoroughness of Answers    _____ 10pts

**Present:**
- 7 Questions & Answers      _____ 7pts
- 7 Pictures                 _____ 7pts
- Thoroughness of Answers    _____ 7pts

**Future:**
- 10 Questions & Answers     _____ 10pts
- 10 Pictures                _____ 10pts
- Thoroughness of Answers    _____ 10pts

**Care:**
- Neatness: Typed, straight cutting, neat gluing  _____ 10pts
- Correct Spelling & Grammar _____ 5pts
- Time line title            _____ 4pts

**Total:** _____ / 100pts

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