



#52Stories

5 Mothers & Motherhood

HERE ARE A DOZEN QUESTIONS to inspire your personal history this month. Answer all twelve, or expound upon one question per week as part of the #52stories project from FamilySearch.

1. What are some of the ways you and your mother are alike—physical traits, temperament, personality, talents, interests?
2. What are some of the ways you and your mother are different in those same areas?
3. How would you describe your relationship with your mother—either now or in the past?
4. Which parts of your mother’s parenting style did you adopt (or would you like to adopt) in raising children of your own?
5. How old were you when you finally appreciated your mother as an individual with her own separate history—that pre-existed your birth—and desires and needs of her own?
6. What are some of the stories you loved hearing from your mother’s youth? Or from your grandmothers’ younger days?
7. What was the nature of your relationship with each of your grandmothers? Did they live nearby or far away? What are your memories of visits with them?
8. What lessons have you learned from your grandmothers’ life experiences?
9. How have challenges and hardship shaped the women in your family? In what ways have trials formed character?
10. Who are some other important mother figures who have been influential in your life?
11. How has society’s view of mothers and motherhood shifted throughout your life? What do you think of those changes?
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If you are a mother, how has it been different than you expected? Has it been more (or less) challenging, fulfilling, overwhelming, wonderful than you thought it would be?



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