

# My Elementary Years – Part I

What was life like for you as a child? To help you start remembering, look at school pictures, family snapshots, an old diary, and/or old scrapbooks. Write about your elementary years, from age five to age eleven.

## **Getting Started**

1. What do you remember with real pleasure from your childhood? Tell about a good time growing up.
2. What was upsetting during your childhood years? For example, did you experience a fire, a flood, a car accident, a death in the family? Did you have to change schools, move away from a close friend or go through the divorce of your parents? Tell about a bad time growing up.
3. Tell about a mischievous thing you did when you were younger.
4. What did you want to be when you grew up?
5. Were you ever really sick? Did you have any broken bones or operations? Tell about what happened and how you felt.
6. Did you have a favorite hiding place or secret place? How about an imaginary friend? Describe your “secrets” and how you felt about them.
7. What scared you when you were younger? Did you believe in ghosts or boogymen or monsters under the bed? Explain.
8. What were your favorites – favorite comics, clothes, television shows, books, movies, toys, etc.?
9. Is there anything you could swear happened – but your parents swear it didn’t happen?
10. What sorts of things did you believe when you were younger that you don’t believe now? For example, did you believe that little people lived inside your television, or that the wind was caused by trees flapping their branches?