**AP US History Video Project Rubric: Family History Interview**

| **Criteria** | **Excellent (20)** | **Good (18)** | **Satisfactory (14)** | **Needs Improvement (10)** |
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| **Content Quality** | Thorough and detailed family history; provides rich, clear insights into historical context; includes specific dates, events, and personal anecdotes. | Good coverage of family history with some insights; provides some context and personal details, but lacks depth in some areas. | Limited family history; provides minimal context or detail; lacks clear or personal anecdotes. | Very little family history; vague or incomplete information with minimal context or personal connection. |
| **Interview Skills** | Interviewer is well-prepared, asks thoughtful, open-ended questions; engages family member with excellent listening and follow-up questions. | Interviewer is prepared with some thoughtful questions; engages family member adequately with some follow-up questions. | Interviewer asks basic questions but does not engage family member deeply or follow up with additional questions. | Interviewer is unprepared or asks only yes/no questions; does not engage family member effectively. |
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| **Creativity & Presentation** | Creative video presentation; visually engaging with clear audio; excellent use of visuals, editing, and transitions to enhance the story. | Good video presentation; clear audio and visuals, minor lapses in creativity or editing. | Basic video presentation; audio/visual quality may be inconsistent; minimal creative effort. | Poor video presentation; audio or visual quality is difficult to understand or distracts from the project. |
| **Organization & Structure** | Well-organized video with clear introduction, body, and conclusion; smooth transitions between sections. | Organized video with clear structure but minor issues with transitions or flow. | Video lacks clear structure or transitions; jumps between topics or sections. | Disorganized video; lacks clear structure and makes it difficult to follow the story. |
| **Length & Timeliness** | Meets required time limit and submits on time. | Slightly under or over the time limit but within reasonable range. | Significantly under or over the time limit. | Does not meet the time requirement or submit on time. |
| **Reflection & Analysis** | Provides deep reflection on the family history and its impact; thoughtful analysis of the interview. | Provides some reflection and analysis but lacks depth or personal insight. | Minimal reflection or analysis; mainly retells the family history without much interpretation. | No reflection or analysis; simply retells the family story without deeper insight. |

**Total Points: /120**

Here are a series of questions that you can use when interviewing a family member.

**Basic Questions**

What is your full name and why were you named this?

What are the names of your parents and siblings?

What is the date and place of your birth?

What was your schooling like? (That is, how did you get to school, what classes did you take, and what was your favorite subject?)

Did you get married? If so, to whom? When and where?

What major illnesses or health problems do you remember having?

Do you have any health problems that are considered hereditary in nature? If so, what are they?

**Family History Questions**

Do you remember hearing your grandparents describe their lives? What did they say?

Do you remember your great-grandparents? What do you know about them?

Who is the oldest person you can remember in your family from when you were a child? What do you remember about that person?

**Lifetime Changes**

What would you consider to be the most important inventions during your lifetime?

How is the world different now from when you were a child?

As you see it, what are the biggest problems that face our nation and how do you think they could be solved?

**Family Life**

**NOTE:** *If your interviewee did not have children, then rephrase the next three questions to ask about nieces and nephews.*

Do you remember anything that your children did when they were small that really amazed you?

What is one of the most unusual things that one of your children did regularly when he or she was small?

What is the funniest thing that you can remember that one of your children said or did?

Where have you lived as an adult? List the places and years that you lived there.

Why are you living where you are today?

Do you wish you lived somewhere else? If so, where?

**Career**

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

What was your first job?

What kinds of jobs have you had?

How did you decide on your career?

If you served in the military, when and where did you serve and what were your duties? Were you ever injured in the line of duty?

If so, what were the circumstances and what were your injuries?

**Travel/Vacation**

What is the most beautiful place you have ever visited and what was it like?

What is the longest trip you have ever gone on? Where did you go?

What was your favorite vacation? Where did you go and why was it special?

What is the favorite place you ever visited and what was it like?

Personal

What person had the most positive influence on your life? What did he or she do to influence you?

Is there a person that really changed the course of your life by something that he or she did? How did it happen?

Do you remember someone saying something to you that had a big impact on how you lived your life?

Who said it, and what did that person say?