

Family Heirloom Interview

Name _____

Date _____

Ask a family member or another trusted adult to help you choose an heirloom: an object that has been passed down in your family. Interview them with the questions below and write their answers. Bring the object, or a photograph of it, and this sheet to class.

No heirloom? No problem. You may choose a photograph, a recipe, a song, a saying, the story of your name, or a new object you would like to pass down. Keep valuable or fragile items at home and bring a photo instead. Questions marked ★ are the most important.

Person I interviewed _____

Relationship to me _____

1 What is it? What is it made of? ★

2 Where and when was it made? (a place and an approximate year) ★

3 Who first owned it, and how did it come to our family? ★

4 How was it used then? How is it used now?

5 Has it traveled? List the places it has been.

6 Is it connected to a culture, faith, holiday, or tradition? How?

7 Is there a special story about it? ★

8 What was happening in that place, or in the world, when it was made or brought to our family?

9 Why has our family kept it and passed it on? ★
