

Literacy Volunteers of East Bay

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As part of our year-end assessment, we collect writing samples to go into your student portfolio. This **is a portfolio sample not a test.**

Many students are submitting this writing as their contribution to “LVEB’s Annual Collection of Student and Tutor Writing Booklet” which is presented at the annual meeting. Our theme this year will be **Remembering Our Past**. Students and tutors are being asked to retell a family story from their past or their family's past. In this year’s booklet we want to compile stories that cover several generations and represent the places from which we have come.

- **Do you think about the lives of your parents or grandparents? How would you describe their lives?**
- **What do you remember about your own life when you were growing up?**

Possible Sentence Starters:

1. When I was growing up, nothing was more important than...
2. I always wanted to be like my...
3. One person in my family who made a difference was/is...
4. I remember one story that my family always retold. It was...
5. Life used to be so different.
6. What I loved best about growing up was...
7. I've always been told I was just like my...
8. My grandmother/grandfather used to always say...
9. Those were hard times.
10. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for...

Story titles could be something like: "Back Home in Cape Verde," "My Family Background," "Being Polish," "Back in Those Days," "When We Were Young," "My Grandmother," "Hard Times."

The goal is to capture some oral history from the lives of the individuals in our agency.

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