

Topics to be kept in Mind in writing Life History.

Name; address; place born; tribal group; linguistic group.

- 1) Earliest impressions, treatment of you by your parents and other members of your family - sisters, brothers etc..
- 2) Elements in your early education - prohibitions, taboos, incitements, traditions and tribal lore imparted by parents.
- 3) Mother or Father fixation (crush or complex). Transfer of such fixation to other members of the family - play group or village personage.
- 4) Earliest consciousness of sex difference - Information on sex matters imparted by family or play group. Earliest attitudes on sex as fixed by observation of sex activities or relations. Earliest sex experience - erotic or natural - within or outside tribal taboos.
- 5) Earliest delinquency. Was it punished or undetected? Effect on your personality of the knowledge of guilt, shame of detection, or the satisfaction from escape.
- 6) Description of taboos, or prohibitions within which you had to live and which limited your freedom before the age of puberty.
- 7) The first trial or punishment of a villager for breaking tribal laws or taboos with which you were confronted, and the impression made upon you by the observation.
- 8) Religious practices which impinged upon you before the age of puberty - religious observances.
- 9) Description of initiation ceremonies in detail. What effect did anticipation of them have upon you. Restrictions on your behaviour after initiation - changes in your status with reference to Father and Brothers, Mother and Sisters.
- 10) Duties in the Kraal which devolved upon you; your daily tasks. What did you want most to do? What did you get most enjoyment from doing?

11) Conflicts and tensions in your family or in the community which came to your notice. How did you regard the authority of the head man, the chief, the white government and its officials?

12) Had you a totem? If so, the nature of the mark. Did it prevent your eating certain foods? After initiation did you take a new name? How chosen? Did your Father on his marriage come to live in the village of your Mother or did your Mother ~~xxxx~~ go to live in your Father's village? Whose authority in your family was ultimate? - Father's, Mother's. What restrictions were placed upon your marriage? Could you marry your Mother's sister, or her daughter, or your Father's sister or her daughter? If married, describe courtship, marriage rites and payments, ceremonies attending the birth of first child.

13) Describe the medicine man and his methods. In what connection did you first come into contact with him? How did you regard him? Incidents reported to you of his powers, Did you distrust him? If so, on what grounds?

14) Describe your first contact with white men and the impression made upon you by: trader, hunter, government official, missionary. Which of these white men did you find most approachable and sympathetic.

15) Traditions your group had with reference to the white man. Did your experience actually bear out these traditions? How did your group feel about the invasion by the white man's civilization?

16) Inducements which brought you into fuller contact with the white man: economic, educational ambition, interest in his ways, glamour of the new life, etc..

17) Points at which your education has been a disappointment to you. How far in your observation have the practices of the white man borne out his Christian teachings? By what incidents did you discover his weaknesses, faults, unfairness, impatience and lack of understanding? How far and in what direction have your sex concepts been changed by contact with the white man's civilization?

18) Describe changes in your ambitions as you passed through periods of childhood, adolescence, young manhood into maturity. How far could these ambitions have been fulfilled without working directly for the white man? Would native traditions and usages have thwarted such ambitions had you remained in the native Kraal? At what points do your relations with the white man inhibit your realization of a perfectly free and well rounded life?