

Family Interview Article ROUGH DRAFT



Directions:

*Now that you've created an outline for your article, it's time to begin putting your rough draft together. Please be sure to proofread your draft before submitting it. **Draft is due Wednesday** by the end of class.*

Title

I interviewed my grandma because she has traveled to a lot of places. The project we are doing is on migration. This interview is connected to migration because my grandma moved from place to place. Born in Buffalo, NY then moved to Ohio for college after that went to California for a year to be a nanny at a ski resort. Went to Florida for Flight Attendant training. Flew for Pan American Airlines and was the purser on the Around the World flight. She was in the video news release for the new 747 Boeing aircraft.

Brock: Hello. You are going to be interview about migration moving houses and stuff because you didn't move from Europe

So, I know you grew up in Buffalo

Grandma: Yes,

Q Brock:

A Grandma: I grew up in Buffalo and I left buffalo to go to college. During college I met Grandpa who came to visit my brother Bart in Buffalo

Q Brock: Why did he come to visit your brother?

A Grandma: Because he was a college friend of my brothers and we had a Post Party - a whole group of people came to stay the weekend with us.

Brock: That sounds like a lot of people, so

Grandma: 16 people stayed at the cabin in Canada and then we invited the local people. We had beach party and played games, bonfire.

Q Brock: So did Bart go to a different college then you?

A Grandma: Yes, he went to Hobart College in NY and I went to a college in Ohio. After I met Richard and finished college, I went to California. I went with my sister Patty

Q Brock: AFTER California, did you go to Washington?

A Grandma: Then I went and interviewed with Pan American Airlines so then I went to Florida to train.

Q Brock: And after Florida?

A Grandma: After Florida they sent me to Washington State, Seattle, for my first job.

Brock: Ok

A Grandma: I worked in Seattle, WA for Pan American and went all over the world. Then I went to New York. I went to NY city, not Buffalo

Q Brock: What was one of your craziest experiences while working?

A Grandma: My job as a flight attendant was very fun for me. I did things that were kind of crazy. One my favorite things I did, on Pan Am in first class, food was raw when it came on the plane and we had to cook steaks to order and so we used to cook steaks. So our passengers in first class new they could order steaks they way they wanted it. But the people in teh economy section they had chicken. I use to carry a rubber chicken in my bag and I would, half way through the flight, take my rubber chicken out and walk thru the front of the plane and say "can you believe they ran out of chicken in the back." The first class passengers thought "Gosh they have raw chicken in the back and they didn't have enough chicken and she's taking chicken to them."

Q Brock: What was the coolest place that you landed?

A Grandma: Most interesting place - One place that was interesting to me was going to Liberia. Which on the West Coast of Africa.

Q Brock: What did you see there?

A Grandma: I suddenly got use to cockroaches. I didn't eat them, I saw them in my hotel room. The people there were interesting. It was a different culture. I also went to India frequently, New Delhi. From there I went to a great big American car to see the Taj Mahal.

Q Brock: What's a Taj Mahal?

A Grandma: It's world famous and built for a princess or queen or royalty of some type.

Brock: That's cool

Grandma: An interesting part of seeing the Taj Mahal was going in the large american car. It broke down and when they opened the hood, the engine looked like a lawn mover!

Q Brock: So they used a lawn mower motor?

A Grandma: it looked like a small lawn mower motor in a great big american car.

Brock: wow

Grandma: The roads were not super and not very many cars on the road.

Q Brock: Last week we were studying Africa all the countries and land forms. And this week we are studying Asia, mountain ranges. Next week we are studying Europe.

A Grandma: When I worked in New York, the trip I did the most was I left NYC and land in England, London, then fly to Beruit Lebonon, which is on the Mediterranean Sea, then fly to New Delhi India or Karachit Pakistan

and then fly to Bangkok and Thailand and the last leg would be to Hong Kong. And we would turn around and take another week to go back the other direction back to NYC.

Q Brock: Did you spend a long time in Hong Kong?

A Grandma: We had a day ½ in Hong Kong, 2 days in Bangkok, we 2-3 days in New Dehli, 1 day in Beruit, 1 day in London, and come back home?

Q Brock: Did you ever see the Eiffel Tower?

A Grandma: Yes

Q Brock: Did you ever walk on the Eiffel Tower?

A Grandma: yes, I went to France before I went to Lake Erie College. When I was 16 I went to school in Switzerland. I went to boarding school in Switzerland. It's Chateau Brillantmonte. And that was in Lausanne, Switzerland which is on Lake Geneva.

Q Brock: Wow, that's a lot of places? Well, so, in this book there are spies that are in Switzerland and they go to this boarding school. And they go to Paris

A Grandma: There are a number of boarding schools in Switzerland. My sister Peggy went there before me and her roommates were from India. They were Indian Princessess.

Q Brock: Wow. So your sister met Indian Princess. Did you meet Indian princesses?

A Grandma: Yes, and when I was there, there were girls from all over the world. My best friend was from Austrailia. My roommate was from France.

Q Brock: So, was the boarding school as girls only boarding school?

A Grandma: Yes, and they had shutters that closed every night at 6pm.

Grandma: Were were allowed to go shopping in town if we were over 16 on Wednesday afternoons between 2pm and 5pm.

Q Brock: How do you remember all of this?

A Grandma: Because I lived there for two years.

Grandma: It was a great time.

Q Brock: What was Hong Kong like?

A Grandma: Hong Kong was very crowded. I saw a lot of things that you didn't see anywhere else. There were snakes fermented in jars and other things critters that were dissected on trays to eat. HTere was a lot of jade, commerce, boats in the harbor. I remember most was flying in on the airplane because the runway for the airplane went out into the harbor. We were flying really close to the houses, shanties.

Q Brock: Did you ever fall off the runway?

A Grandma: No, we never fell off the runway, but one time we had to make 3 approaches into Hong Kong and that was very scary because you know the landing strip isn't very good. We went to a different airport. We went to Taiwan because we had to re-fuel because the weather wasn't very good in Hong Kong?

Q Brock: How big were the planes you flew in? As big as the passenger planes now?

A Grandma: Actually, I flew mostly in a 707 aircraft. It had 15 passengers in the first section, 125 in the economy section.

Q Brock: Like Southwest where you can sit anywhere?

A Grandma: No, you had assigned seats. And you dressed up to go on the airplane. It was pretty formal. When I was first flying the 747 was introduced. It's the big aircraft that has 300 passengers. And it has an upper deck. The first class passengers went up a spiral staircase. When it was announced that Pan American was buying those aircrafts they had a new reel that they showed all over the country. I was in the news reel. Would you like me to send you that video?

Q Brock: Yes. Where did the pilots sleep during long flights?

A Grandma: We did not have any kind of sleeping accommodations. We had long flights and we were upright. Or sometimes we would sit in our crew seat and see if we could snooze a little bit. We did not have sleeping accommodations on the flight.

Q Brock: What was the worst turbulence you had?

A Grandma: It was a bit scary. The plane dropped a whole bunch. We had pop cans in a crate and it was a little crooked, and the flight attendant walked and she kind of went to the ceiling and went up high and went back to her seat and belted down.

Q Brock: Did you ever do something like that?

A Grandma: No

Q Brock: I remember one time when we were flying, like 5 years ago, there was turbulence and we were in the back because it's sometimes cooler back there... if we do get turbulence it's bouncier back there... All the parents were "ah" and the kids were "yeah" and this one baby started crying.

A Grandma: It's kind of more fun when you don't know what might happen. Another interesting thing – we were going through thunder and lightning, and were hit by lightning, it didn't hurt anybody but when we landed the pilots went out and looked there was a hole in the back of the airplane from the light strike. We always said they had duct tape to fix anything.

Q Brock: What was the worst storm you went through?

A Grandma: We didn't have many terrible storms that I remember. A lot of times you fly up higher so you're above it or else you don't go.

Q Brock: So, if I'm remembering my map right, did you fly near Mt. Everest or in that mountain range?

A Grandma: We flew near it but we couldn't see it because when we went to that part of the country it was night time. I did go see Mt Everest, from a distance, cause Grandpa and I went to Kathmandu Nepal.

Kahtmendu is the capital. We got a driver to see Mt. Everest and drove for a couple of hours and stopped on a hill someplace and we asked which peak is it and he said it's the one between the two there...Anyway, we saw a peak and it was pointed out to us. It wasn't very easy to identify.

Q Brock: So, you said you went to Liberia.

A Grandma: New York to Liberia. The airport there was basically built by Pan Am along with Firestone Tire company because Liberia is where they got a lot of the rubber, they had rubber plantations, in Liberia for Firestone Tires.

Q Brock: So after Liberia, did you go to Europe or Asia?

A Grandma: Yes. About every trip I did we went to London. I went to Germany, in Europe. I flew into Madrid, in Europe, I flew into Denmark.

Brock: Which you did recently

Grandma: When I went on the Around the World trip from New York to Hong Kong and back again, we go over the Pacific Ocean. I took my brother Bart to Japan.

Q Brock: But from Liberia did you go to Europe or Asia? Have you seen Mt Kilamajaro?

A Grandma: I have not seen Mt Kilimanjaro. We were supposed to go Kenya, and I was an airline employee and I got bumped off the plane so we didn't go. They had paying passengers so they wouldn't take me as a discounted passenger. So I did not see Kilamengaro. I did go to South Africa and that's where I bought some zebra drums and elephant foot?

Q Brock: Where did you get the old piano?

A Grandma: That was my great grandfather's. My father's mother's piano when she was growing up. The story on that, if you want some more history, the piano Steinway, very old piano company, made in New York in 1865 and my great-grandfather bought it and went from New York City to Buffalo in 1865.

Q Brock: And then..

A Grandma: And then it was in my grandmother's house when she was growing up and then I got it from her garage and came to Washington. It's a square grand, which they only made for 10 years, with ivory keys. It's painted and decorated inside. What I think is interesting is that it went from New York City to Buffalo in 1865 and they didn't have cars or trucks. It probably went by horse and buggy.

Brock: I'm surprised it didn't break.

Grandma: It takes 8 hours to drive from New York City to Buffalo. Longer than going from Durango to Breckenridge or Durango to Denver. I think they must have done it with a horse and buggy.

Q Brock: Kind of next topic. How much do you know on the family tree?

A Grandma: I know quite a bit on the family tree.

Q Brock: Who made the family tree

A Grandma: My father put it together and gave me the information. I know 9 generations on my father's side. On my mother's side the furthest back name we have is from 1100. This is 2020's. The name goes back to William the Conqueror. That's on my mother's mother side. On my Father's father's side, I can name...the first Marcy to come was John Marcy. Son name Moses, Jedidiah, Daniel, Daniel, Emory, William, George and I'm number 9.

Q Brock: All those had Marcy as the last name?

A Grandma: Yep.

Q Brock: Wow. And...so, did your father's side go on the Mayflower.

A Grandma: No they did not go on the Mayflower

Q Brock: They were already in North America?

A Grandma: There were some already in North America before than. I don't know anyone who went on the Mayflower. But ask your mom if she has the great big family tree

Brock: I think she does...

Grandma: I had to take it to a print place to have it printed on architecture paper because it's so big.

Brock: I think this wraps up the interview

Q Grandma: What did you learn?

A Brock: a lot of stuff

Q Grandma: what are you going to use?

A Brock: The family tree goes back to the 1100's.

Grandma: That's on my mother's side. On my father's side, it goes back to 1600 something. If you look at the family tree, you can see when the first Marcy comes.

Brock: Ok, thank you. It's getting late.

Conclusion (5 sentences)

We all have our own migration stories even if you are moving to a different house or if you move to another country.

this is an important story to preserve. One reason is because I did not know that our family tree went back to the 1100's.

An important takeaway from this experience is that history is not that boring.