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Period _____ Date _____

Grandparent Interview Assignment: The Fourth Commandment

The purpose of this assignment is to make you more aware of your family history through your grandparents' life stories. It is hoped that you will develop a greater appreciation for your family history and values while forming a deeper respect for your origins!

DIRECTIONS: Have a discussion with your grandparents interview-style. You need to ask questions so that you get more than simple answers. You will take notes on their answers and turn those notes into a well-written report with complete sentences and paragraphs.

1. Conduct an interview with your grandparent(s). If you have no grandparents you can reach, then you may call an aunt, uncle or another OLDER, extended family member.

Any other situations – see the teacher right away!

2. Final report is to be typed, 12-point Times New Roman or Calibri, double-spaced, 1-inch margins on all sides. It should be **One page or longer**.

3. The report should be in **two parts**:

A. A summary of your discussion. You may use the question and answer format.

B. A personal reaction to this interview of one-half page or more (see directions below).

The following questions are a guide to get you started. Please adapt them to your family situation and your grandparents. Ask as many additional questions as YOU need to have enough material for your report.

Please identify the person you interviewed.

As a child

1. How was life different when you were my age?
2. How did your parents raise you?
3. What were some of your responsibilities at home?

As a parent

4. How old were you when you got married? How old were you when you began to have children?
5. What were some of the special moments you remember about being a parent?
6. What challenges did you face as a parent?
7. What were some of the aspirations you had for your children?
8. Is there anything you wish you did differently as a parent?

As a grandparent

9. Do you think raising a family is easier or more difficult in today's world?
10. As you think about life a generation ago, what values do you want to make sure my generation does not forget?
11. Do you have any words of wisdom, important ideas or messages you want to make sure our family remembers and lives by?

REMEMBER: Your report MUST end with your own reactions in a separate paragraph and **should note what you learned about the *covenant of family* from this interview. What did you learn about your origins? What did your grandparents teach you about family life and parenthood?**