

REFLECTIONS ON YOUR GENEALOGY

THE EXPERIENCE OF RACISM IN YOUR FAMILY

1. Who were your ancestors?
2. Where did they come from? (Some of us have ancestors that came from many places.)
3. When and why did they come to the United States?
4. What was happening in the United States when they came?
Specifically, what do you know about racism in the United States at the time you ancestors immigrated?
5. How would you characterize their transition from Ethnic European to White American?
6. Are you familiar with the culture, language, worldview, and life ways your ancestors brought with them from Europe?
7. What of the culture, language, worldview, and way of life ways of your ancestors do you still have?
8. What of the culture and way of life of your ancestors has been lost to you?
9. What might be reclaimed?