

Section 1: Childhood, Adolescence, and Coming of Age

- 1) *Can you write your name, age, and pronouns?
- 1) *Can you tell me where you're from, where you grew up, and what your childhood was like?
- 2) What did you want to be when you grew up? Do you remember what inspired those dreams?
- 3) Where did you spend most of your time as a child?
- 4) Who was around you growing up? What did they do for a living?
- 5) *Tell me about your neighborhood growing up. What did it look like? Did you move a lot?
- 6) Did you like attending middle and highschool?
- 7) ***How did gendered ways of doing and being influence you growing up?**
- 8) ***When were you first aware of Queer identities in general? How did that happen?**
- 9) ***Who or what influenced you the most growing up? [this can include life events of any nature from fanfiction and tumblr, to 9/11 and Obamacare]**
- 10) *How did class influence your coming of age experience in a way that was different to media representation?
- 11) *How did gender affect your coming of age in a way that was different to media representation?
- 12) *How did race affect your coming of age in a way that was different to media representation?
- 13) *How did size affect your coming of age in a way that was different to media representation?
- 14) *How did being neurodivergent affect your coming of age in a way that was different to media representation?

Section 2: Burgeoning Queerness and Lesbianism

- 15) *When did you realize that your sexuality was different from what was around you?
- 16) What were your earliest interactions with Queer spaces?
- 17) If you had queer and/or Lesbian friends growing up, how did you all find each other? Clothing, body language, club, sport, or something else?
- 18) ***Do you remember what your first exposure to Lesbianism was?**
- 19) **Around what year did you know you were a Lesbian and how did you arrive there?**
- 20) Have clothing, jewelry, makeup, tattoos, piercings and any other body modifications or other forms of gendered expression assisted with affirming your identities or Lesbianism?
- 21) ***Do you believe in 'coming out'? Have you 'come out' multiple times before? Does the phrase 'coming-in' to your identity versus coming out resonate with you?**
- 22) **When and who was your first non-man crush? Real or fictional?**
- 23) ***Have you ever struggled with your identities?**
- 24) *Did 'Lesbian' or 'Dyke' as an identity ever feel scary to you? If so, why?
- 25) What were your first encounters with Lesbian sex both directly and indirectly? What attitudes did you have around it before and after the encounters?
- 26) How have your views on marriage changed from before and after you've identified as a Lesbian? Both as an institution but also as a means of romantic unity?
- 27) ***Has your Lesbianism been influenced by theory or academics in any way? And if so, how? (you can talk about going to a historically women's college here!)**
- 28) *How do you negotiate your Lesbian identity in different spaces? Like to yourself, to other Queer people, to straight people, to your family, at work, and/or at school?

Section 3: Influence of Marginal Identity on Lesbianism and Queerness

- 29)*How does class inform your interactions with the Lesbian community?
- 30) *How does race inform your interactions with the Lesbian community?
- 31) *How does being neurodivergent inform your interactions with the Lesbian community? Do you align yourself with the broader Disability community and/or movement? If so, why or why not?
- 32)*How does size inform your interactions with the Lesbian community?
- 33) *How does your gender identity inform your interactions with the Lesbian community? Can you talk a little about the complete lack of consideration of non-binary identities in the world and even within Lesbian community?
- 34) * How do you think race informs your gender identity
- 35)* How does your immigrant status, your former immigrant status, or the immigrant status affect your loved ones affect you in your abilities to develop or engage with Lesbian communities?

Section 4: Community-Based Questions

- 36) *What's it like making and meeting Lesbians in your city now?
- 37)*Have you experienced or felt any isolation or disconnection from the broader Queer community?
- 38) Where and how do you find other Lesbians? (bars, online, dating apps, meeting halls, music venues, halls in supportive churches, etc.)?
- 39) If you are in Lesbian spaces now, are you noticing any specific subcultures?
- 40) *What was your first visit to a Lesbian-related place or event like? What did you expect to find? Did the reality fit your expectations, or was it completely different?
- 41) **What has it been like building Lesbian community during the beginning of the pandemic in 2020? Has there been any struggle building physical, in-person Lesbian communities during COVID-19?
- 42) *What does Lesbian community mean to you?

- 43) * How do your marginal identities impact how you think about Lesbian community?
- 44) *How are you making space for people whose marginalities you don't hold within your Lesbian community? For example Trans lesbians, Lesbians of color etc
- 45) What Lesbian spaces or communities, if any, are you involved in now?
- 46) *What Lesbian spaces or communities do you wish existed?
- 47) *What does Lesbian joy mean to you?