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Local Community Trends Brainstorm (Examples)

Environment

- 1. Has the winter here always been this cold/warm and long/short?
- 2. How old do you think the trees are at your favorite park?
- 3. Have your rivers changed the landscape?

Social

- 1. What were social norms/trends fifteen years ago, and how does that compare to current trends?
- 2. Has the population always been this size?
- 3. What different types of people live here? Has this changed, and why?

What have you always wondered about where you live?

Culture

- 1. How far back does your area's/family's traditions go?
- 2. Have people always celebrated the same holidays?
- 3. What does your town rely on for money? Have they always had this as their economy?

Politics/Civics

- 1. What makes up your local government?
- 2. Have all the people in your community been able to vote in local elections?
- 3. Who participates the most in civic engagement, and has it always been that way?