

# Family

**Quotations** “The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works, is the family.”

- Lee Lacocca

“In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.”

- Alex Haley

## Questions

- Describe the typical family unit in your country. Is it common for an extended family, such as grandparents and cousins, to live together in one house?
- Does family play a major role or influence the decisions you make for your own life?
- Is marriage arranged in your country? Do your parents have to approve of your choice in a spouse? Are you pressure by your family to get married and start your own family?
- Is divorce looked down upon in your culture?
- Have you ever created a family tree? Were you surprised at your findings?
- How do you feel about DNA testing? Have you had your DNA tested? What would you expect to find?
- Has there been falling outs in your family? Are there family members you no longer talk to? How does it feel when family is broken?
- Who is the closest family member you have lost? How do you feel knowing they are no longer there? Do you dream of them?

**Presentation** Family can bring joy and family can bring pain. Compare and contrast your most joyful family memory to your most painful family member. If you feel comfortable, share your story and see if someone has a similar story.