**Family Project**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mate’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Please answer the following questions in GREAT detail and then allow your mate to read your answers.*

**What is your definition of love?**

**Read each of the following statements and explain your view on each topic:**

1. **You don’t just marry a person, you also marry their family.**
2. **Just being in love is not a good enough reason to get married.**
3. **Look for a spouse with your head, not your heart.**
4. **Happiness is what people bring to a marriage, not what the marriage brings to them.**
5. **One person could never be all things to another person**

**Often one might hear the saying that “opposites attract.” However, sociologists speak of endogamy (marrying within same socioeconomic status, religion, ethnicity, and political ideology). Do you think opposites attract?**

**Why do people date?**

**If you were unable to date and could only choose your mate by allowing them to interview with you, what would be the 5 most important questions you’d ask?**



***How do you feel about prenuptial agreements?***

***Why do you think the divorce rate has increased in the past decades?***

***Define family***

***If you had to list traits (physical, personality, etc.) of your perfect mate, what would they be? Try to be as specific as you can be.***

***Try to figure out what traits (physical, personality, etc.) would you think your parents would list if they were searching for the perfect mate for you? Be Specific.***

***Choose 1 television show or movie that deals with the family:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Answer the following questions about the family in this show/movie***

1. ***What does the marriage between the husband and wife seemed to be based on?***
2. ***Do the parents disagree with each other? The children?***
3. ***How are problems solved? Do family members compromise?***
4. ***Are the problems always solved?*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. ***Compare and contrast this family to your family.***

***Do you plan to get married?*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Describe your perfect wedding.***

***What do you expect from a marriage?***

***After reading your partner’s answers to the above questions, in what ways do you and your spouse differ in views?***

***Explain how you and your partner would solve these problems in your differing views.***

***Write your wedding vows to your partner.***