

Taking a Play History

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- 1. Recall times during your childhood that gave you real joy; that made you excited.
- 2. What comes to mind when you think of the following types of play at different ages (please detail experiences for each type of play during each time period).

AGE	MAKE- BELIEVE PLAY	ROUGH AND TUMBLE PLAY	GAME PLAY*	OBJECT PLAY	ARTISTIC PLAY
0-7 years					
8-12 years					
12-18 years					
college					
adulthood to present					

^{*}Anything that had preset rules and included group and solo games - from kickball to Monopoly.

- 3. What did your family do for fun?
- 4. How often did you see your parents having fun? What do you recall?
- 5. When have you felt free to do and be as you choose?
- 6. Do you have a sense of personal freedom in your life now? In the past? Please describe this sense of freedom now and in the past.
- What do you do in your life that engages you FULLY and EFFORTLESSLY?
- 8. What do you do regularly that creates and feeds your life force?
- 9. What describes you when you are you at your very best?
- 10. What have been the impediments to play in your life?
- 11. List activities that you do where you are fully present and can lose track of time.
- 12. Do you enjoy being a beginner at something and what are the new play activities you have engaged in recently?
- 13. How often do you sing, dance, or play with other people, or, if alone, where people could hear you or see you?
- 14. How often do you feel playful and uninhibited?