

# SURVEY *of* MEMORIES

## An ANTHROPOLOGY *of* RECALL

Memory is often understood as an informational processing system with explicit and implicit functioning that is made up of a sensory processor, short-term (or working) memory, and long-term memory. Memory is the faculty of the brain by which data or information is encoded, stored, and retrieved when needed. It is the retention of information over time for the purpose of influencing future action. If past events could not be remembered, it would be impossible for language, relationships, or personal identity to develop.

This survey is about you and the human race and your relationship to memory. By answering the questions below we are learning about you and your unique perspective but we are also learning about humans and human behavior. Use each survey below to dissect memories, and your systems of encoding and decoding information in your brain. These hints will connect with your personal narrative. This can help you identify important unique factors in your life and the idea of loose systems. You can use this research to help you with your body of work.

### \_\_\_ A. DEFINE.

- \_1. \_\_\_ Define the word memory.
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- \_2. \_\_\_ Define the word experience.
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- \_3. \_\_\_ Define the word emotion.
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- \_4. \_\_\_ Define the word sensation.
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### \_\_\_ B. CURIOUS QUESTIONS.

- \_1. \_\_\_ Are your dreams memories?
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- \_2. \_\_\_ Why is memory important?
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- \_3. \_\_\_ How is color associated with our psychological reactions to space?
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- \_4. \_\_\_ Does time passing changed what you remember?
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### \_\_\_ C. YOUR MEMORIES.

- \_1. \_\_\_ What is your earliest memory? \_\_\_ If you made a free association map connected to this memory what words would it start with?
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- \_2. \_\_\_ What are 20 significant memories and list them? \_\_\_ What visuals do you see in these memories?
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- \_3. \_\_\_ What is your most fond memory of all time? \_\_\_ What emotions are at play within this memory?  
\_\_\_ Is there a pattern or color attached to these feelings?
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- \_4. \_\_\_ Do you have memories with parents or loved ones that you cherish? \_\_\_ Do you collect things to remember these moments? \_\_\_ Do physical objects help reference these experiences?
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- \_5. \_\_\_ Do you have memories of someone who is no longer with us? \_\_\_ What do you remember about them?  
\_\_\_ Do parts of your memories have holes or gaps in your memories?
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