

## **Am I On? Tell Us Your Albany Story**

*Use the questions below to help inspire your Albany story!*

If you grew up in Albany:

Do you have any favorite stories about growing up in Albany?

What neighborhood did you live in?

What do you remember about the house or apartment in which you grew up?

What is your earliest memory of growing up in Albany?

What do you remember about that particular neighborhood?

Are there any funny or sad stories your family tells about living in that neighborhood that come to mind?

What businesses did you frequent when you were growing up in Albany?

Did you go to elementary, middle or high school in Albany?

Did you go to college in Albany?

Which school?

Did you walk to school or take the bus?

Do you remember the names of any of your teachers?

What was your favorite thing to do in school?

What was your worst memory of school in Albany?

What was your best memory of school in Albany?

What do you/did you do for a living?

Where do you/where did you work?

Do you work or did you work for New York State?

How did you you get into your line of work?

Do you/did you like your job?

What did you think you were going to be when you grew up?

Is there a place in the city of Albany that has been of particular significance to you?

Where is that place? Can you describe it to us?

Why was/is it important?

Do you have any buildings/neighborhoods/landmarks/parks in Albany that have a special meaning to you or where an important event in your life took place?

Did you meet the love of your life or were you married in Albany?

What do you remember about that day?

Do you have an Albany story that gave you anxiety when you were living it, but look back at and laugh about now?

Has there been a "game changer" experience for you in Albany?

Has there been someone who has influenced your life that you encountered in Albany?

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Can you tell us about your religious beliefs/spiritual beliefs?

What is your religion?

Do you worship in a community building in the city of Albany?

Do you drive or walk to your place of worship?

Is the building new or old?

Can you tell us about your ethnic background?

Where is your mom's family from?

Where is your dad's family from?

What traditions have been passed down in your family?

Does the city of Albany play a role in any of those traditions?

For your great grandchildren listening to this years from now:

Is there anything you would like to share with them about the city of Albany in the year 2015 that you'd want to pass on to them?

What would you want them to know?

If you could interview anyone living or dead who has been significant to Albany's history, who would it be and why?

What questions would you like to ask?

Have you met any "characters" in Albany that you have stories about that you would like to share with others?

How do you think living and/or working in the city of Albany has changed you?

Are there any particularly memorable moments when you have felt part of "history in the making?"

Have you ever been surprised by something you learned about Albany's history?

What was it? What surprised you about what you learned? Have you learned more about that topic/subject since that time? How have you gotten more information?

How would you spend a day in the city of Albany if you had the day off, perfect weather and an unlimited budget?

