

1. Where were you born?
 - a. I was born in a small rundown border town called Guerrero, in Mexico. Like an hour from the border of Texas.
2. Why did your family decide to come to the states?
 - a. Because they wanted to find a better opportunity for me and the rest of my brothers and sisters.
3. Where did you live before coming to ESSJ?
 - a. When we first came to the U.S we moved to Eagle Pass Texas which is where I spent my first few years growing up. Then we moved to Green River Wyoming, because my dad went to work on the railroads. My parents were just making things easier for us. When I met my husband, we decided to move to San Jose, because that is where everyone went basically to find jobs.
4. How were all 3 towns different from each other?
 - a. Well Eagle Pass was filled with Latinos, we felt at home there, but in Green River, it was a little different since we were the minority. I remember I had to walk to school 3miles in the snow because they didn't let us ride the bus. An in San Jose, there was a variety of people it was hard not to fit in. Although it was easy to find jobs in manual labor. There were fewer houses back then.
5. How was ESSJ back then?
 - a. It was very plain, not too much excitement in the town, it was growing fast though. I remember a lot more agricultural areas because we used to work in the fields for a few years.
6. How did the town change overtime?
 - a. Back when we first came here, we used to live around a peach? Farm but now it is not there any more. Its all houses and apartments. Im not even sure if the house is even there. Where I live now, I moved into the house 30 years ago. The community has changed a lot. All the houses are being well kept now, before it looked like a community out of east LA.
7. What aspects did your community change over the years?
 - a. The cultural aspects have changed. There are so many different kinds of cultures and races here now. Its probably one of the most diverse places in the States. Also the types of work, back when I was working people were working in the fields and doing a lot of manual labor. Now it seems that more people have office jobs and less manual work.
8. How has your lifestyle changed? Like technology wise?
 - a. We didn't have computers and barely TV's, nowadays everyone has a computer. It is a lifeline foe us now. It has made my life easier in a way since it is easier to get a hold of my family with cell phones and can keep in touch with relatives via email.
9. How did being Latino affect the way you lived?
 - a. Well, growing up, there was a lot of prejudice especially in Wyoming. But here on the east side, there wasn't too much since the Latino population was exponentially growing.
10. What do you like most of the ESSJ?

- a. I like how everybody is friendly and seems to somewhat know each other.