

GRINNELL-HAMPTON EXCHANGE QUESTIONS  
FOR THE ORAL HISTORY OF GRINNELL STUDY

1. Please answer the following questions about your family background:
  - a. parents' occupations and educational backgrounds?
  - b. description of home town environment (socioeconomic makeup, segregated, desegregated).
  - c. nature of your high school?
  - d. religious affiliation?
  - e. parents' political affiliations?
2. How did you choose to apply to the Grinnell-Hampton Exchange Program? What were your friends' reactions to your choice? your parents?
3. Were you actively recruited by a Grinnell teacher or administrator to participate in the exchange program?
4. Do you know who might have originated the Grinnell-Hampton Exchange program?
5. What were the goals of the exchange?
6. What personal goals did you set for yourself once arriving at Hampton?
7. What were your primary concerns as a Grinnell-Hampton Exchange student? (academic, social, political)
8. Were you lonely or homesick at Hampton?
9. How many other white students attended Hampton during the period of your enrollment there?
10. Please describe some of your more memorable experiences at Hampton?
11. Did you have any black roommates at Grinnell? at Hampton? If so, did you have a difficult adjustment period?
12. At Grinnell, did you perceive any particular college housing policy for black students? Were you encouraged/discouraged to/from living with black students?

13. Had you had prior experiences with black people before coming to Hampton? to Grinnell?
14. To what degree did you interact with black students at Grinnell?
15. Did Hampton's predominantly black environment cause problems with your own cultural identity?
16. What kind of social interaction took place between white students and black students at Grinnell? at Hampton?
17. What kind of extra-curricular activities were you involved in at Hampton, at Grinnell?
18. What class<sup>es</sup> did you take at Hampton?
19. Many alums have suggested that Grinnell insulated/isolated students from the "real world." Did you feel insulated/isolated at Grinnell? while at Hampton?
20. Can you assess the impact that the Hampton students might have had in arousing racial and social awareness amongst white and black students on campus?
21. As a student, did you participate in any civil rights activities at Grinnell? at Hampton? at home during vacations?
22. Were you involved in any bi-racial organizations at Grinnell?
23. What kind of reaction did white students have to civil rights activities? Were the issues discussed openly? Were students actively involved?
24. Were you involved in the Grinnell Chapter of the NAACP? Was the Chapter active at this time? What was the nature of your participation? How effective was the Chapter in carrying out its goals? Why did the Chapter dissolve by 1956? Did black townspeople attend NAACP meetings?
25. Were you involved in any international student clubs (Cosmopolitan Club?)
26. Name the most positive and the most negative personal experience at Grinnell? at Hampton?
27. Who had the most personal influence on your life as a student at Grinnell? a student? a professor? an author? Why?
28. Did you make any long lasting friendships at Grinnell? at Hampton? white students? black students?
29. Did you know any black families living in Grinnell? If so, what was the nature of your relationship with them?
30. Did you know the names of any black alums at the time? Who? What was the nature of this connection?

31. To what extent did your courses in various disciplines address the issue of race/the black experience?

32. Were you involved in churches at Grinnell? Were you a member of a particular church? If yes, describe the extent of your involvement? To what extent did the church address the issue of race or the condition of the Negro in America?

33. Were you happy at Grinnell?

34. Please elaborate on your activities once leaving Grinnell? Graduate work? Work experience? Special achievements? Occupations? Marriage? Children? Political or community involvement? Do you currently live in a predominantly white or an integrated neighborhood?

35. What kind of impact did Grinnell have on your life? Socially? Educationally? Emotionally?

c. nature of your high school?

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11. At Grinnell, did you experience any particular college courses which were particularly enlightening? How did these experiences impact on you? How did they affect you?