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Interview Assignment

Individual: Mother

1. How was your style like when you were a teenager?
  - “ I was always on the latest trends because I wanted to feel confident yet look modest at the same time. My statement piece was a long denim skirt.
2. How would you describe your style?
  - My style was very casual yet preppy. I liked dressing up for myself. However, when I went to school I was required to wear the school uniform”
3. Where did you live? Where did you purchase your clothing? Income?
  - “ I lived in a small town in Mexico, there was a lot of restrictions because it was isolated so in order to get to places I would have to travel by car. Most of my clothes were purchased in small boutiques or fairs, since we had a low income we only bought what we can afford.
4. Any activities that you participated in?
  - As a teenager, I participated in a church choir, there were no restrictions on what to wear.
5. Who was a major influencer?

- A major influencer was Selena Quintanilla. Her style was very out there. She was very confident and stylish all the time.

#### Individual: Father

1. How was your style like when you were a teenager?

- I liked to dress in a lot of formal wear, I wore leather boots and my hair was always long and curly.

2. How would you describe your style?

- I felt as if I dressed like a Vaquero, cowboy, but more stylish. There was a time when I dressed like a cholo but it was just a phase.

3. Where did you live? Where did you purchase your clothing? Income?

- I lived in a rancho, in the same town as your mom. I also got my clothes at a fair or my mom would buy them off other people. I would try to customize a lot of my clothing since I liked to put the pieces together.

4. Any activities that you participated in?

- I played a lot of sports, especially soccer, so I would wear shorts and a t-shirt.

5. Who was a major influencer?

- I wanted to look like Jean-Claude Van Damme. I watched him as a child and he influenced me to dress like him once in a while.

Summary: as the years go by everyone's style eventually changes. For instance my dad, now that he is older he dresses more casually and mature than when he did when he was a teenager. He

wore suits, which could have been determined as a zoot suit, because he wanted to be like his influencer. Zoot suits were popular during his times but not many wore it. He also customized a lot of his clothes which made his look a bit unique,.My mom was always on trends and wanted to feel confident and wanted to fit in. That identifies as a psychological factor of wanting to fit in, wanting to be socially acceptable.

Both of my parents lived in the same town in Mexico and their families profit was low, so they used their discretionary income when purchasing clothing. When they went to school the requirement was to wear the school uniform which goes back to sumptuary laws, being restricted on what to wear.