The Famous Proust Questionnaire: The young Marcel Proust was asked to fill out questionnaires at two social events: one when he was 13, another when he was 20. Proust did not invent this party game; he is simply the most extraordinary person to respond to them.

These Confession Questions were geared for the 13 year old:

- What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?
- Where would you like to live?
- What is your idea of earthly happiness?
- To what faults do you feel most indulgent?
- Who are your favorite heroes of fiction?
- Who are your favorite characters in history?
- Who are your favorite heroines in real life?
- Who are your favorite heroines of fiction?
- Your favorite painter?
- Your favorite musician?
- The quality you most admire in a man?
- The quality you most admire in a woman?
- Your favorite virtue?
- Your favorite occupation?
- Who would you have liked to be?



The Confidence Questions were geared for the 20 year old. Some of them were repeated but worded differently, and the following were added:

- Your most marked characteristic?
- What do you most value in your friends?
- What is your principle defect?
- What is your favorite occupation?
- What to your mind would be the greatest of misfortunes?
- What would you like to be?
- In what country would you like to live?
- What is your favorite color?
- What is your favorite flower?
- What is your favorite bird?
- Who are your favorite composers?
- Who are your favorite painters?
- Who are your heroes in real life?
- What are your favorite names?
- What is it you most dislike?
- What historical figures do you most despise?
- What event in military history do you most admire?
- What reform do you most admire?
- What natural gift would you most like to possess?
- How would you like to die?
- What is your present state of mind?
- To what faults do you feel most indulgent?
- What is your motto?

