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Congratulations on your engagement! Your wedding is a day you will remember your whole life and have possibly been thinking about for years, so you want it to be just right for you. This day is about the two of you, and the ceremony should reflect that. That's why I love to make it very personal and all about your lives together. In order to do that, I'm asking you to do some fun, brief projects that will allow me to know you better and share with the audience about you. Nobody comes to a wedding to be bored or hear a sermon, they want to hear about the couple--so help me share about you both. I don't mean this to feel like an assignment, but it should be fun to express your feelings to one another. Please complete these before our final meeting so we can discuss them together.

1. Write to your fiancé explaining the following.....
 - Why you are convinced they are the right person for you to marry
 - Why you believe this is the right time for you to marry.
 - Why you believe that you are the right person for them to marry

(Don't let the other see your letter as you will read them during the next counseling time)

2. Write a brief description of the circumstances that brought you together as a couple along with a short historical sketch of your relationship. (YOU CAN WRITE THIS TOGETHER)
3. Make a brief list of the character qualities that attract you to your fiancé.
4. Briefly describe a situation or experience you had together that somewhat epitomizes your relationship. Oftentimes funny situations work well---something that shows each person's characteristics and/or how your relationship really is.

5. **OPTIONAL**: Make a list of 10-20 expectations you have of your spouse and your marriage. Next to each one, write a “E” if it will be a easy, “W” if it will take some work, and write “N” if you say “no way”.
6. Look over the Topics for Discussion Sheet to see if there are any unresolved issues that you would like to discuss.
7. Look at the General Outline for the Wedding Ceremony and make any needed changes. We will discuss what to include in the ceremony at a future meeting.