Ceramic Folk Art:

1. What is your family’s ancestry (country of origin)?
2. What are some symbols or designs associated with your family’s country of origin (for example: flags, Celtic knots, Mexican Milagros…etc.)?
3. Is there a religion that is associated with your ancestry or one that your family practices?
4. Are there any symbols related to that religion?
5. Are there any specific celebrations or traditions, besides the typical holidays we celebrate in America, that your family practices?
6. What family stories have you heard about your parents, grandparents, or distant relatives?
7. What major life events have your family been involved in (wars, revolutions, etc.)?
8. What are some important values to your family and are there any symbols associated with those values?
9. Does your family have any traits or new traditions that may or may not be associated with your ancestry?
10. What kind of symbols can you use and incorporate into a ceramic piece about your ancestry? Sketch out ideas below. It could relate to your family, distant family, religions or traditions you celebrated, could have some association with where you are located/living now vs where your family originated, etc. Decide if you want this to be a shrine-like piece or more just a wall hanging or free standing sculpture.
* Can be a Wall Hanging Piece, Free Standing Sculpture, or Shadow Box Design
* **Must include pattern** in your design - possibly a decorative border. Could incorporate imprinted patterns, texture you make with a clay tool, or even castings repeated throughout your design
* **Must be 3-dimsenional** and have layers to your design.  This CANNOT be a single form or object or completely flat.
* Must be **at least 8 inches tall**
* **Must be decorative and aesthetically pleasing**- what kind of accents, details, textures, multiple symbols, etc. can you add?