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### Changes through the ages.

“It is, I believe, the greatest generation any society has ever produced.” This was said by Tom Brokaw. But has anyone ever considered, what is the best generation? From music, to how we treat people, each generation has its differences. As everything changes some things can manage to come back around, like fashion or hairdos. Does that mean that the generation it comes from is a better generation? Or does it mean that people are more reliant on what has come before them, than what they can create? As we go through our lives we learn from the people that have come before us. From working on a farm or how to take a girl out on a date. Nevertheless can we manage to bring back how individuals respected people, just like we bring back bell bottoms or updos? Looking at different generations' music, fashion, and respect we can learn what makes a great generation.

Particularly as I went through and interviewed people, they showed how the world was different. According to Lauren “fashion was very excessive, pants were super low rise. And people didn't know how to do their makeup.” Back then people could obviously express themselves. But she also said “ nowadays people are more natural and you can fit in and belong anywhere.” (dandridge) which shows how we have improved from back then. Things can go in and out and change all the time. Nothing is perfect so therefore you have to learn as you go. Overtime we can take steps forward, but also take a few back like with music.

Looking at the music of the past we can see a big change with the music of today. The music of today has taken a turn for the worse. From words you can't understand to things that shouldn't be sung about. Yet people choose to live their lives like their music. And they look up to the people who sing these songs. Kids want to become rappers because it's what their idols do so they want to be just like who they listen to. We took a turn from Tammy Wynette and AC/DC to Juice World and XXX and they sing about not great things. Things that kids shouldn't be around or hearing about. Yet society has made this the regular thing for kids to listen to nowadays. And society says people should look up to artists like these. Who in reality should be put somewhere where they can't write music. Music in the past used to be about break ups or something to pump you up before the big game. But now it's all sad and puts you down to somewhere you shouldn't go. The change in music has changed people's views on how we should do things. And has changed our morals on respect and relationships.

Throughout time we can see the change in how the world shifts. While interviewing my grandma Annette Nelson (nelson) she talked about how much respect has changed over the years. And how people nowadays don't have as much respect for people. If you look at how willing people were to do things back then versus now it's a very big change. People nowadays refuse to work and most employers are short staffed and can't find people to work. Our military numbers have dropped astronomically, people are not willing to defend what they stand for. And are not willing to protect those who need protection, it's kill or be killed in society nowadays. For example people in the 50's were drafted to go to war but even then they still had people who would willingly fight for people. Today people don't have to be drafted and so therefore we don't have enough people to defend the country that's supposed to stand for freedom. With how much respect has dropped from society we are about to not become a free country, or a country that

stands as one. In the 50s you could walk down the street and know your neighbors, but now people pay no attention to who is down the street from them. It's all about their social life on their phones and about how cool they are. And people are willing to take down others to get to the top and it's very sad. Society has dropped a lot. And the evidence seems to show that the 50s and earlier seemed to be superior. Because people didn't have to fight to be heard. They didn't have to be cool to fit in, people could be themselves. People would even get along with people they knew and didn't know.

Looking at all of it layed out, it shows that people nowadays and the generations to come need to learn from those who came before them. Not just clothes wise. We could learn how to make a friend without a phone, and we could learn how to get along with a person we don't know. It all comes down to how much respect we will have for a person no matter what. Or how we can learn to grow as a society so that we can learn to stand together. Even in the toughest times, just like the greater 50s generation.

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