

Notes on Generational Differences

Give an example of generational difference, why the difference exists, why it is significant

Group 1

Language; different environment (school, friends; pick up slang, lingo); makes it hard to communicate across generations

Group 2

Parents have different expectations for ages (procreate now); at our age, parents might have been having children; even for people whose families have been in the US for a while; "when I was your age, I was..."

Group 3

Language, different school environments, conversational English not necessarily taught in school; need for translation

Group 4

Parents having different values than children (what we eat, religion, curfew); hanging out with different people, different types of people; hard to communicate, it can cause conflict; children might be thought of as disrespectful

Group 5

Cultural difference; parents tied to tradition; children getting traditions from parents, but not as traditional; didn't encounter so many ethnicities; hard to have higher level of understanding

tradition/spontaneous; tradition/rebellious; tradition/modern

Group 6

Technology; our lifestyles easier (Internet; text people and hang out; information available through Internet); before, more conservative and traditional; not as important for younger generation

Group 7

Stories--books, movies, video games; music; not many people read the newspaper, watch the news; some from the older generation will not get a cell phone