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This essay is a short statement about the way I feel living right now compared to the way i lived in the past.



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How should someone react to the changes in their life when those changes are causing undesired results? My life right now is not a disaster but when I take the time to compare my life as a child to my life right now, I notice that there were times when living used to be easy and worry free for me. Maybe it was the type of childhood I had but if I could re-live my childhood, I would not hesitate to go back to the good old days.

As a child, I saw the world as a place that I could rely on, a place where no evils would harm me in any way. Most of my thoughts came from television, my parents, and my friends at pre-school. Through television, I saw good triumph over evil, a concept I believed applied everywhere; the good guys such as the teachers at school and the cops would help make the world a better place. The people that were important to me as a child included my family, friends, and teachers from elementary. The things I had valued most included our television, my books, and most of all, the plaza around the corner of my street. I would love to spend time just sitting and watching television; during these times, I would have no worries about school or house work and be entertained for hours. I also liked to read books as a child because I had a naïve mind filled with imagination; books seemed to let me escape reality and go to a world of excitement. Finally, the plaza around the corner was a place I valued because I would spend a great amount of time there when I would come out of school. That place had a store, laundry place, and movie renting place.

Adolescence has for the most part, changed the way I think and view the world around me. I know see that most of the things I used to look up to are no longer reliable; I can't expect to count on the people I used to look up to all the time. My point of view on teachers and cops is not as high as it used to be; I now value a person more than the position they have. Instead of seeing the teacher as the source of my knowledge, I now see them as an assistance to my education: instead of seeing the cops as the good guys, I see them as people with jobs: instead of seeing my parents as the people that know best, I see them as people who care for me but that can still make mistakes. My trust for some people has decreased and my awareness has increased which has made me more self-resourceful. My values have also changed as well, watching television in these days doesn't make me imagine other places, and instead, I feel that I am just watching someone else's life. I also feel that reading novels feels more like a chore given in school instead of luxury. I have also recently moved away from my old house so I no longer have the old corner I used to enjoy so much time at; I now spend most of time in school in programs or tutoring.

My life isn't horrible right now and I have even had some terrific moments recently and I also know I will have more great moments as time passes. Still, I believe that being in a place or time you enjoy is a lot better than feeling stuck in a time zone where you constantly feel glum and bored. I guess life doesn't have to be bad for one to realize that they miss the past; I would love for the opportunity to live life again during my younger years.

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