Postwar Years Interview Assignment

1. What types of music were around and which were most popular?

2. When and how often did you listen to music and watch movies?

3. What were movies like compared to today’s?

4. Explain the type of food you ate at school.

5. Explain the typical school day routine.

6. What time did you start school, how long were you there and explain the transportation you took to school?

7. Did the actors on television have as much influence as they do today on society (clothing, language, social activities, etc.)?

8. What were the most viewed programs on TV and what did you like about them?

9. When did you get your first television set and what did you think about it?

10. Did you have any leisure time with friends and family during the week/weekend? If so, what did you do in that time?

11. What were some of the courses you were offered in school, which ones did you enjoy? How rigorous were some of these courses?

12. Have you noticed over time which kinds of sports were most popular, and what were some of the sports and clubs that were offered to you? How large was the difference between sports played on a local level, compared to those played on a national level?

13. The normal American family today usually consists of children who go to school and relax when they get home, a mother who works during the day and takes care of the house at night, and a father who works and provides for the family. What were the roles of the people in your family during the 1950’s?

14. What were the activities that your whole family would do together as quality family time? How often did your family have quality time together?

15. How did kids divide their time between being either outside or inside? What activities did you do in both? If you had siblings, did you do these activities with them?

16. What was your family’s first car like and was there a variety of cars to choose from and can you remember the price of gas at that time?

17. What was the new technology that everyone wanted?

18. Were there any downfalls of the new technology that was being produced?