Postwar Years Interview Assignment Period 8

1. How does your relationship today with your children differ from the relationship you had with your parents in the ‘50s?

2. On an average week night what activities did you and your family do for fun? What traditions did your family engage in? As a family unit what did you typically do for fun/enjoyment?

3. How often did you and your family sit down and eat dinner and what sort of conversations took place?

4. Was The American Band Stand TV show popular in your area? If not – what other television shows and programs were popular?

5. What types of music were the most popular to dance to, and who were the most popular artists of the time?

6. How often did people of this time period go out to view a movie, and what was the most memorable movie of the postwar time period and why?

7. What kinds of programs were aired (comedies, horrors, etc.)? Were they family friendly (what type of audience did they reach out to)?

8. What times were shows aired? Was watching TV a priority? Did people try to work it into their schedule?

9. How many televisions were usually present in the common household?

10. Did you participate in any sports?

* If so, what sport?
* Explain your experiences within that sport
* Did you have any female managers or helpers along with the team?

11. What were the safety regulations for the sports?

* Have they changed today?
* How serious did people take it?

12. What leisurely activities did you do during your free time?

* Were there any professional sporting events to attend?
* What games did you play as a child?

13. Did your family have a car, and if so, how many and what brand?

14. What was your phone like and did it have any limitations? (like distance)

15. Was their public transportation? Did you use this for school?

16. How many kids were in your graduation class? How was the relationship between the people of your graduating class?

17. How did the teachers interact with the students? How big was the faculty?

18. How much of an emphasis was placed on attending school events (sporting, etc.)? What were they typical sports that people were involved in?