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Life in the 1970s was simpler - or worse?

Contexte

L'an prochain, ton école projette de monter une exposition sur les années 70 et la façon de vivre des jeunes à cette époque. Chaque classe a été chargée d'une partie de la préparation de cet événement. Tu as reçu la tâche de récolter des informations sur **l'école, l'écologie, la sécurité et la santé**.

Tu découvres un forum qui te parait intéressant.

Tâche

Lis les interventions du forum, et relèves-y **pour chacune des catégories** tous les éléments qui pourront contribuer à ton travail. Rédige ta réponse en français.

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Angela, four days ago

"I need to do a project about the life of young people in the 70's. What did they do for fun and what did they do every day? What changed since then? What was their style like? What were some of the problems teens were faced with? HELP PLEEEASE ! "

Gardener, three days ago

"Streets were safer then. We could go out and not worry about a gang chasing us down the streets just for fun or because we had a certain colour on.

We actually survived WITHOUT cell phones, can you imagine not texting! We had typing class, no computer labs at school. Internet, what is the Internet?"

Grace, two days ago

"We sometimes had to live in the dark for hours on end, because of power cuts. Fortunately then, as we did not have all the electric appliances that we have now, we did not have to reset the incorporated clocks and timers as we have to do now. It was never that complicated in the 1970s: the lights went out, and the lights came back, as long as you kept up your supply of candles, you could pretty much get on with it. Life was simpler… but it was also worse. There was no central heating – winter nights were often quite chilly as you may guess. Life was much freer, there weren't so many rules. Motorcyclists and bikers didn't have to wear a helmet, but in case of an accident, there were no mobile phones to call the emergency services. You had to walk to the nearest telephone booth and hope that it would work, and if it did, that you had the right coins to make your call."

Margarita, two days ago

"I was born in 1950, I was in college in the early 70's. Kids in the 70's partied a lot more, and things were a lot less regulated in general. No seat belt laws, drinking and driving penalties were not that severe, schools were unlocked even at night, even in the summer… and life was simpler in a lot of ways"

Tee-Mee, *two days ago*

"Let's see… besides the obvious lack of modern technology, there was also more of a generation gap between parents and kids. Parents spent 500% less on their kids back then than they do nowadays. So 70's kids were actually expected to get a job and earn what they wanted… and so they had a lot less. If you had a bully problem at school, you had to solve it yourself, and keep it to yourself. Teachers did not want to be bothered with you either, they didn't talk to you much."

Jay, *yesterday*

"I became a teen in the late seventies. It was easier to buy beer back then. The drinking age was 18 where I live and just about all teenagers smoked marijuana. Most schools were smaller than now and more people lived in small towns so you knew everyone in your neighbourhood. I think it was a non-stressful time, nobody suffered from stress or burn out syndromes.

The fashion was wonderful and crazy: girls wore platform shoes, mini or maxi skirts, or bell-bottomed jeans. Boys and girls had long hair. There was no "right way" to dance. Everyone danced how they felt. It was a fun era. Hope this helps."

Louise, *8 hours ago*

"Well, we didn't have videos, dvds, home computers, mobile phones, or games consoles. In the UK, there were only three television channels, and they weren't even on all the time, they shut down overnight and there were portions of the day when there wasn't any TV on at all.

There was no AIDS and nobody worried about sexually transmitted diseases.

There was low unemployment, and nobody worried much about getting a job when they left school.

I didn't know anyone who cared about the environment. Recycling hadn't become an obsession then, neither had global warming.

On the whole, I think we worried less about things then, but maybe that's just because I was young then."

Andrew, *8 hours ago*

"Teenagers weren't tested at school as much as they are now and actually learned meaningful lessons in schools. And there was not such a thing as Google so they had to do their homework on their own!"

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