



As someone who grew up with technology, I still can say I am very fortunate my childhood was still spent mostly outside. I was not an "IPad kid". The only thing I used technology for as a child was to play computer games with CDs, when that

was still a thing, and using such CDs or an MP3 to listen to music. I liked computer games a lot, but tended to prefer toys. However games and music provided me a lot of entertainment at night or when I was sick.



My next exposure to technology was in school, where Chromebooks started to be more used than the old projectors. We would use these computers to type our



essays instead of hand writing them. We would play games on them. Some work and tests would be done on them.



What used to be a means of entertainment for me was starting to become the key to my education. The Internet made it easy to

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find resources and new information to make a topic less confusing. It made studying easier. If a teacher did not explain something in a way that made sense, the Internet could provide some clarity. It would become what I spent all of my

school time using; paper was becoming less and less. After high school, I saw very little paper in classes. Upon



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observing, they mainly use iPads or computers now to do things.

I started to not even realize the routine of pulling out my computer at the start of class. The lack of having to buy a cart full of school supplies.

Another role technology has played in my life has been to keep me staying in touch with the people important



to me as well as acquaintances. Social media has

been very present in my teenage years and continues to be. I still maintain my

face-to-face contact, but a lot can now be done with a phone. My first phone was an iPhone 4 and now I have an iPhone 12



mini.

Since having such easy access to the Internet, I have also seen



technology as playing a major role in the way I get my news. If I wanna read a fast article about a current event, all I have to do is look it up or scroll through social media and I am sure to find something. Since the world is so connected now, there comes the question of if we are being exposed to too much. Yet, the world



will only go forward with technology.



What has changed most since my childhood would be the fact that work is now mostly done online in an educational setting. I also can listen to any song I want with Spotify instead of having CDs, although I do own a record player. I am able to take a picture at any second, although I did own a



Polaroid and Canon at some point. Technology has made these things a lot easier. It sucks to have such a heavy reliance on something, but with the way we were raised,



this generation would find living without technology to be a challenge.