

Tough Teen Times

Sitting around on the living room couch, talking about our long days, trying to find comfort in the evening when my mother said that ~~now~~ being a teen: NOW is easier than ~~than~~ the past. To my shock, the conversation uproared into a debate — adults vs teens. How did this ~~thought~~ occur? The room became a battleground as we each argued our opinion.

Imagine the peer pressure of drugs, abuse for petty mistakes and teachers' pounding information in our brains for a life changing exam: this is the era teens live in now. A tough time we live in, dear reader, I'm here to tell you why teens now are facing more challenges than ever before!

Peer Pressure or Peer Pleasure?

I want to first tell you why teenagers now face more ~~social~~ difficulties like anxiety, self harm and depression. It all starts from things like alcohol, drugs and vapes — when teens ~~are~~ are introduced to these items, it's ~~not~~ a death wish, addiction is started and other vulnerable bystanders get pressured into the

Situation. Do you think this is what happened in the past? Would you want your child to experience this? Obviously not! It's a terrible choice to make. You will understand more when you hear the shocking tale of a classmate in my year.

He was new to the school ~~AAAA~~ (innocent if you ask me) until he had made friends with a group of boys and his life had turned around. After that day he would come to school with blood red eyes and ~~high head~~ a vape in his pocket. Who else would befriend him? It's not like anyone else talked to him before. The situation got worse when he came to school ~~drunk~~ slightly drunk and he was sent to rehab. He ruined his life! His future down the drain! ~~Terrible~~ Terrible, horrid and childish — how else to describe this generation. I'm sure we can all agree this would not happen in the past and times now are ~~abysmal~~ abysmal.

Economic crisis? More like a cry of help.

I'm sure everyone hears on the news about prices going up for everything

Causing commotion in the UK
(~~that~~ however much we wish
for it, ~~it~~ it won't disappear).
The blood, sweat and tears
parents put in to make this
money get ~~the~~ ~~some~~ 3/5 ^{teens} ~~children~~
are struggling to get basic
necessities like toiletries and
clothing. Some can't even for
education necessities like
stationery and books. This, dear
reader, is why I still stand by
my point that teens now
are facing difficult times.

Following research from the local
~~government~~ council, after looking over
over all the homes in Bolton, they
have found that over ~~27%~~ ~~28%~~ 32% of
children are ~~in~~ struggling to afford
their needs due to this economic
crisis. Tragic, no? Its something
which I personally think ~~that~~ is one
of the hardest part of being a teen
now. If they can't fulfill this
requisites, if due to this they feel
no hope, if because of this their
lives are at risk, then ^{again if you still} ~~go ahead and~~
think that they live a better life now
, then valued reader, this thought is
erroneous. If you are like me
you will be able to see the pain they
go through day after day.

I can acknowledge you think that the education system has improved drastically, however the information having to be crammed into our minds for a so called life changing exam is beyond their control. The times when our parents and grandparents had to take an exam were easy than what teens do now. Memorising quotes for books they'll never read again, Maths equations by heart when they can be searched in the click of a finger and pages of scientific questions which may never be asked again. Is this the life a young teen would want?

Education is a part of life, School, Teachers and revision but do we have the same as the past? I would think not, if this hasn't changed your mind, what will?

Dear reader, I have opened my heart out and expressed ~~my~~ my opinion on the atrocious statement ~~that~~ ~~that~~ ~~teens~~ ~~now~~ ~~have~~ ~~an~~ ~~easier~~ ~~life~~ ~~to~~ ~~which~~ ~~a~~ ~~rather~~ ~~serious~~ ~~debate~~ ~~occured~~. I know you'll make the right choice (as teens always do, don't we?), my final thing I would like to ask for is you look over my points and make a choice... but not the wrong one!