

the ARTICLE

Read the article.

Generation gap is a term popularized in the West during the 1960s, a time when a great gulf opened up between young people and their parents. These differences extended to music, fashion, and politics. At this time, the young people disagreed with and rebelled against what society called "normal."

The generations of today have been neatly classified, complete with stereotyped personalities, interests, and viewpoints. Generation Y was born between 1978 and 1994, and have been called selfish and self-centered. Generation X represents children born between the early 1960s and the late 1970s. The people here are often called cynical. There are also the Baby Boomers, who grew up after World War II. Digital Natives comprise the newest generation, and have grown up side-by-side with the Internet and instant communication.

WARM UP

Discuss the question with your partner for five minutes.

1: What are older people like in your country? How about younger people?

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Answer the questions before/after your read the article.

1: Generation gap initially referred to young people who rebelled. T / F

2: Generation X and Generation Y are both considered selfish. T / F

SUMMARIZATION

Summarize the article with a partner. Try to do so with only two or three sentences.

DISCUSS

Discuss these questions with a partner. Remember to support your answers.

1: What generation do you belong to? Can you describe the people of your generation?

2: What are some memorable moments in the world during your childhood? Please explain.

3: What do you think future generations will be like? Consider interests, personality, etc.