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1. How are the issues that children face today different from the issues experienced by children in previous generations?

In the past, the issues faced by children were more ‘adult issues’ so to speak. Children were expected to be more mature and were considered adults at younger ages. In earlier centuries, children sometimes had to provide for their families by themselves because the parents had died or disappeared for some reason. One of the biggest challenges that children in the past had to face was maturity and becoming adults. In the past, children were considered adults and had more responsibilities at earlier ages. Nowadays, however, children aren’t expected to be as mature or responsible until they are much older (approaching 20). In fact, in some cases they are actually expected to be *immature* while in their teen years. I would venture a guess that teenagers supposed immaturity and general unpleasantness stems not only from hormonal changes, but also from low standards and expectations for them in general.