

Defining Moments

PART.1

Let's start first off that this year has been terrible for mostly everyone. For me personally, I was not able to work, since my internship was cancelled and many jobs, I applied for were no longer available. My parents fortunately were able to keep their work going, since my father owns a small business in the medical world, which I have been helping with for the summer. Covid-19 has affected many people, including my aunt and grandmother, in which my aunt sadly passed away on August 5th. My aunt did have brain cancer, but it was the Corona virus that made her conditions worse enough to where she was no longer able to fight. My grandmother on the other hand recovered after having severe conditions for over a month, and I was able to see her again this past week. This year has also been a year of political differences and tension between the two parties. I sadly lost a friendship this year due to clashing political beliefs, which is something I never wanted. I had been friends with this person for 5+ years and she told me one day that if I did not have the same political beliefs as her, that she would no longer want to be my friend, and I told her that politics should not impact a long-term friendship, but I knew that our friendship was sadly lost. Politics and Corona virus for me this year have impacted my life and my families negatively and I cannot imagine what the families that have lost their jobs or lives because of this pandemic are going through. I hope after this year we can start to see improvement in the health of this country and that more people can learn to not place politics before what really matters in life, family, and friendship.

PART.2

Now time to discuss a family member who has had many defining moments throughout his life. I am talking about my grandfather Ralph Teauber. He was one of the head engineers for NASA from 1964-1994 and oversaw building one of the engines on the Saturn V rocket on the Apollo 11 launch in 1969. My grandfather has told me many stories about working for NASA but being chosen to oversee such an important moment for this country was his most defining moment. He told me that he was very honored to be chosen for such an important task but was ready for the challenge. He had over 600 employees to be in charge of, which was a bit intimidating for him at first, since he was not used to the leadership role, but eventually got used to it and was able to successfully take charge. Every time My grandfather has told me these stories, I have become more motivated to succeed in my own life. Creating machines to fly into outer space is an amazing feat. It has taught me that anything is possible and that as human beings we can do things that seem impossible to attain. This can be said for what is going on this year. I know that this country and many others are suffering right now, but with the advanced technology of today and just knowing how amazing and creative the human mind can be, I know that we will be able to fix and thrive from what has happened this year from coming out with a vaccine to hopefully creating a permanent cure for this virus and many other diseases.