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Defining Moment

The year of 2020 has been a crucial part of defining my life in many different ways. Not only was there political, economic, and health turmoil, I believe I grew as a person in the time the whole world was forced to stay indoors. The first major defining moment was the coronavirus pandemic, which caused the entire population to cease going outside. As a senior in high school, there was nothing more I wanted than to spend every last day with my friends: who would soon leave to different cities and countries pursuing their own dreams. When I first heard news of the extended spring break, I jumped for joy thinking it would be perfect to spend some well deserved time with friends and family, as well as go prom dress shopping. After all, I had worked hard for four years and I was ready to rest easy for the remainder of high school. As news of the outbreak had gotten worse and people started to raid grocery stores for supplies, I grew weary very quickly. Where were all the events I had looked forward to for the past four years, what is happening, it will all end soon were the only thoughts running through my head as the number of cases rose each day. During the quarantine that followed, I was miserable being stuck indoors. However, through the months which followed, I learned the importance of my family, friends, mental health, as well as made new hobbies and discovered topics I was passionate about. Furthermore as a political science student, the amount of political events which are going to be written in future textbooks was very educational and further motivated me to do well in my major and future career choice.

One defining moment of my Grandfather's life was his living conditions. He was born in India a year before they had gained independence, and although he was unable to witness that in an age he could remember, his childhood still showcased many of the effects from the independence movement. As a newly independent country, there were many things lacking including a powerful government. My grandfather was able to witness the changes of India from its beginning stages to the entity it is today as well as the social, economic, political, and technological changes that have gone through. Furthermore, since coming to America, he has seen the changes between India and America as well. From someone who lived in a lower middle class family in the newly independent India to living in present day America (with a large change in how the world functions) with his kids is something that he says is a large part of his life. The way he lives to this day and the way he has raised his kids all come from the aspect of his childhood back in India and the way society has changed as a whole therefore making it my grandfather's defining moment.



