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How the Past Affects the Present Assignment

We are all a consequence of those people and events that have gone before. For example, your physical traits, personality, passions, hobbies, likes and dislikes are mainly a result of those who have gone before. In preparation for your homework assignment, complete the following chart:

Three <u>physical</u> traits from parents or grand-parents:	Five <u>personality</u> traits from parents or grand-parents:	Explain how these affect you (must explain at least four of the five):	Two events from grand-parents lives:	Explain how these affected you (must have both events):	Two events from parents lives:	Explain how these affected you (must have both events):
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
	2.	2.				
2.	3.	3.				
	4.	4.	2.	2.	2.	2.
	5.	5.				
3.						

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Instructions: Write a 1 ½ - 2 page, singled spaced essay describing events that have happened in your life, your parent's lives, and your grandparent's lives that have affected who you are now. The essays should be written in a five paragraph format and is no larger than a 12 point type:

- Paragraph 1 (Introduction to your essay): Describe who and what events you will cover in your essay.
- Paragraph 2-4 (Body of the essay): Here, you will detail the people and events you are writing about and their significance in your life and why these events have changed who you are now.
- Paragraph 5 (Conclusion): A summary of the main points and why it's important to know the past of your parents and grandparents.

You can follow this outline:

Paragraph 1: *In this essay, I am going to write (talk, discuss, cover, etc.)....and how they have affected my life.*

Paragraph 2: Stories about Grandparents

Paragraph 3: Stories about Parents

Paragraph 4: How these stories have affected your life and who you are.

Paragraph 5: *In conclusion,....*