BACK THEN

Interview someone from a previous generation, preferably your grandparents or someone in that age range. Use the following questions to find out if thoughts about money and relationships were different back then. Write a report on your interview.

General questions:

› Where did you go to school and what was it like?
› What was your first job and how much did you make?
› What did you buy with your money?
› How much money did you need if you were going out with friends or having fun?
› How did you learn about money?
› Where did you shop for food and clothes?
› What did you do if you wanted something you couldn’t afford?
› Did you have credit cards?
› How are views about money different today than when you were young?
› How are views about relationships different today than when you were young?

Questions for married people:

› How did you meet your spouse?
› How long did you know each other before you got married?
› Did you discuss money before you got married?
› Did you have money fights?
› Describe your first car, how much it cost, and how you paid for it.
› Describe your first house, how much it cost, and how you paid for it.
› What were the first few years of marriage like?
› Did you worry about money? If so, what did you do about it?
› What were your views on debt?
› How did your children learn about money?

Questions for people who have not been married:

› Describe your first car, how much it cost, and how you paid for it.
› Describe your first house, how much it cost, and how you paid for it.
› Did you have an accountability partner or someone you could confide in about money and ask for advice?
› Did you worry about money? If so, what did you do about it?