



<p>Born: 1996-2015 86M people Pluralists</p>	<p>Born: 1981 to 1996 83M people Echo Boomers: Generation Me</p>	<p>Born: 1965 to 1980 49M people Forgotten Generation</p>	<p>Born: 1946 to 1964 74M people Me Generation</p>	<p>Born: Prior to 1945 29M people The Silent Generation</p>
<p>Technology: First Digital Natives</p> <p>Communication: Smart phones, Video, Emjois, FaceTime on Handheld Devices, Social Media, Instant,</p> <p>Expectations: Collaborative, 1:1</p> <p>Both parents work Constantly exposed to media</p> <p>Shaped by: Covid, Economic Downturn, Global Warning, Environmental Issues, School & Mass Shootings, Mass First Black President, Gay Marriage</p> <p>Most Multi-Cultural</p>	<p>Technology: First Digital Generation</p> <p>Communication: Text, Social Media, Email, video games, Curated, On-Demand</p> <p>Expectations: Flexible & Fun, Self-Employed</p> <p>Shaped by: Helicopter parents, school shootings, My Space to Instagram evolution, Sept. 11, Great Recession, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, 1st Black President, Global Warming, Gay Marriage</p> <p>First generation to be less financially stable than parents</p>	<p>Technology: Digital Flexers</p> <p>Communication: Text, Email, Social Media, video games</p> <p>Expectations: Independence, resiliency</p> <p>Shaped by: Living in a Baby Boomers world, Challenger Explosion, Black Monday, Clinton Impeachment, Desert Storm,</p> <p>Known as latch key kids; slackers; difficult to label</p> <p>Highest debt; Sandwich generation</p>	<p>Technology: Adapting</p> <p>Communication:F2F, Phone, Email, Facebook</p> <p>Expectations: Winning, value of experience</p> <p>Shaped by: Civil Rights, Vietnam War, Fall of Berlin Wall, Black Monday,</p> <p>Do not like to be seen as old—have defined style and trends and want to continue to do so</p> <p>Control 75% of US Wealth; Believe in the American Dream</p>	<p>Technology: Seeking ease</p> <p>Communication: Television, Phone Calls, Letters, Emails, Tablets</p> <p>Expectations: Authority, Tradition</p> <p>Shaped by: World War II, Korean War, Bay of Pigs, Civil Rights</p> <p>Military minded; believe in God/organized religion</p> <p>Living longer and aging</p>

Writing Across Generations Worksheet

Exercise 1:

Choose a character in your novel NOT in your own generation:

How can you deepen your characterization based on their generation?

- What major historical events shaped them?
- What technology are they accustomed to?
- How does their generation shape their values?

Exercise 2:

Choose two or more characters in your novel that cross generations

How can you deepen the conflict between these characters by leaning into their generational differences?

What fundamental value clashes between them?

How does the history they live through impact them?

How do their peer groups influence them?