

What I Learned From My Grandma

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Even though my grandma lives with me, I never realized just how much she taught me until I actually sat down while doing this assignment and gave it some real thought. My grandma grew up in Elmira, New York. She lived in a big, two story house with a river behind it. She says she can remember it snowing all the time and I was always so fun, but very cold. My grandma said she lived nearby her aunts, uncles as well as her grandparents. She remembered the stairs that her father used to work on a lot. As a kid, she used to wear feather bands, hip huggers, and dittos.

One of the lessons she taught me was to respect mom and dad by never lying and being responsible. Her parents were really strict, so she didn't have a lot to do. She loved and respected them by keeping her room clean and doing the dishes, even though she didn't like it. She didn't get allowance for doing chores and other things around the house like we do today.

The second lesson my grandma taught me was to do well in school. This meant doing all of your homework, paying attention to the teacher, following the rules and directions, and completing all of my assignments. My grandma's school was fun and exciting! Her favorite subject was math. Her least favorite subject in school was English. My grandma attended West Riverside Elementary School, Mission Middle School, and Rubidoux High School; which are all in Southern California. During my grandma's school years she was very active in baseball and track.

The third lesson my grandma taught me was to work hard. She said to always try, never give up, give it my all, and stay motivated. My grandma had to work hard for her kids to get good grades and rewards. My grandma worked hard to go back to school and get her GED. Because of the life my grandma lived and the person that she was people will always remember her by her kindness and family values. My grandma was a hard worker in and out of school.

The fourth thing my grandma taught me was to treat others the way I would like to be treated. Respect, honesty, kindness, being helpful, and taking responsibility for my own actions are the things in life my grandma said are most important. My grandma helped many people in need, and she says that the kindness came back to her in different ways, good ways.

Having good manners would be her last thing she taught me. My grandma said she did that by saying please and thanks, never interrupt an adult when they are talking, and saying excuse me and may I. My grandma always says please, thank you, yes, and no thank you. She never interrupted her parents or grandparents when they were talking. At the table she never talked until she was done eating. She always asked before using family members or anyone else's things.

As you can see my grandma taught me many more important life lessons. I am glad I got to sit down with the best grandma and talk about her life as a child. She has so many interesting stories to share with me and I cannot wait to hear them. I am very thankful for my grandma, I love her and I know she loves me with all her heart.