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This field research paper is about my high school years. A little background: I went to Jasper High School, which had approximately 900 students. Jasper High School was the only high school in the town of Jasper. Jasper has the population of approximately of 18,000. Now that you have some background information, I can proceed. I will be talking about "groups" and what I did in each year of high school (activities).

"Groups:"

Jasper High School has many "groups." Here are the list of all the "groups" that were and still are in J.H.S.:

- snots and jocks
- prisses and preppies
- rednecks
- wannabe's
- nerds
- deadheads
- sluts and nuts

This is the order from the highest to the lowest "group." Here is a brief overview of each group:

snots and jocks:

The snots and jocks are the richest in the town. They drive the Lexus', the BMW's, the Mercedes Benz's. They wear only the finest of finest clothes. You can tell when a snot or a jock when you walk down the hall. They point their noses up, at others. Snots and jocks "hang" with their own kind most of the time.

prisses and preppies:

The prisses and preppies maybe some of the richest in town, but they don't act like it. They drive good cars, but not like the ones above. They dress nice, but that is all. They don't have to wear designer clothes. Prisses and preppies are generally nice and "hang" with everyone. The prisses and preppies are liked by everyone. They are the people that most look up to. Everyone hopes to get invited to one of their parties. Prisses and preppies "hang" with rednecks. The two "groups" are mainly one. The prisses and preppies are the gossipers at J.H.S. They know everything about everyone. Prisses and preppies listen to all kinds of music.

rednecks:

Rednecks are what you would call cowboys or cowgirls, they are country folk. They drive trucks, the older cars, like the nova's. They wear the country attire. You will never see them without a flannel shirt. You were not a redneck without a flannel shirt and you were especially not a redneck if you didnot listen to Country music. They are some of the nicest people. Everyone hopes to be invited to one of their parties too. Rednecks mainly "hang" with the prisses and preppies. But they also hang with everyone.

wannabe's:

The wannabe's are in a class all by itself. This is because, they do all the up above, but they are not socially accepted by any of the "groups" up above. They act like someone they aren't. They could also be labeled "generic." You know a wannabe when you see one because you talk about these people. Wannabe's "hang" within themselves. These people get on your nerves, the whole class generally dislikes them. They get picked on constantly.

nerds:

Nerds are the study freaks. A nerd is a nerd. You know one obviously when you walk down the hall. They don't go "hang" with anyone. The nerds are basically the type of you always think of but without the funny glasses and the pocket protectors. They are liked by everyone. But they prefer to stay within their "own."

deadheads:

The deadheads are the druggies. J.H.S. has quite a few of these people. They deal and do the drugs. They are pretty well strung out on drugs. They look pretty spaced when you see them. They wear alot of "baggy and loose" clothes. The deadheads interact with everyone. These people tend to listen to Jimmy Hendrix, Van Morrison, Grateful Dead and etc. You know the deadheads because you talk about these people too.

sluts and nuts:

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Sluts and nuts are the lowest you can go. They are the whores and the psychotics. The only reason you know these people are because these are the people that are most talked about at school. They try to "hang" with everyone [the "groups"], but they are not socially accepted.

In high school, I was in two "groups"; prisses and preppies, and rednecks. But I accepted everyone. I was a very out-going individual. I was accepted with everyone.

"Activities:"

These activities are what I did in high school, freshman year through senior year. Some of these activities that I did are not acceptable and some are illegal too. But this is what generally the two "groups" that I was in did. During my freshman year, of course, I didn't have my license. But I did go out either a Friday or Saturday night, my curfew was 12:00. I "hung" out with the Seniors, so therefore they took me to all the "cool" parties. The parties that I went to where sophisticated this was because they were Seniors and they knew how to party. They sat around listened to music, mainly country music, and played cards. During my freshman year I had my first alcohol drink. Most Freshman experience their first alcoholic experience. When you "hang" with the Seniors your Freshman year, you were considered "cool." During my Freshman year though I mainly "cruised" town.

During my Sophomore year, I was given a little bit of lenancy. I had a curfew of 12:30, and I got to go out every Friday and Saturday.

I started my job, working at the theater, my Freshman year, but I wasn't sixteen, so therefore, I couldn't work nights, only days. But during my Sophomore year I turned sixteen, and got to work Friday and Saturday nights. I went on my first date when I was a Sophomore too. I did not have a car when I until I was a Senior, but it was my mom and dad's car. During my Sophomore year, I went to parties still, and was drunk alot more than my Freshman year. The Sophomore parties were more of sitting around getting drunk by drinking games. The drinking games consisted of; quarters, up and down the river, chandlers, and more. We listened to music, mainly country still. The spring semester of my Sophomore year is when I got really brave and started to have parties at our cabin at Beave Lake. This is where most of the "cool" parties were held. At my parties, there was alot of card playing, such as spades, tonk, and euchre and lots of drinking. I held a party at least once every other week. I was known in Dubois County for throwing some of the wildest parties. People from surrounding counties and other schools within Dubois County came to my party. I always had at least 100 people there, if not more. I had my very first boyfriend my Sophomore year. He wasn't from J.H.S., he was from Huntingburg. Nobody really seemed to care that I was dating someone from another school. It was quite common. When I went out on my date, we went out to eat and to a movie, then after the movie we usually cruised town.

My Junior year, I was granted a little bit more lenancy; my curfew was extended until 1:00. And sometimes, if I asked I didn't have a curfew. You were considered "cool" if you didn't have a curfew. My junior year I didn't throw anymore parties. I still went to parties

in my Junior year. These parties were what you call the "real" kind of parties. You could drink, dance, sing, and play cards. These parties were alot of fun. We listened to all kinds of music. I had my first steady boyfriend (a different one from above). We went out for about four months. I spent most of my time with him, until we broke up. After that I went to a party every Friday and Saturday. I didn't care if I had any alochol then. In the spring semster of my Junior year, I met another guy, and started going out with him. Not only was he from a different school and town, but he was from a differnet town. Now, this was not accepted. They believed Kentucky men were jerks. The guys that I "hung" with were protective of me. When I started seeing him, I would sometimes alternate nights of seeing him and going out.

My Senior year at J.H.S. was the best ever. I was granted even more lenancy than before; I had no curfew, and was aloud to go out any night I wanted, so be that I had all my studies done. I partied every Thursday, Friday or Saturday, and Sunday nights. The parties I went to my Senior year were even more serious than my Junior. If you went to more than one party, you were considered part of the "in" group. We listened to music, did some serious drinking, and just had a bunch of fun. I still had my steady boyfriend. My friends and I were considered the most sociably out-going people in our Senior class. This was because we knew how to party. I didn't care if I had alchol or not, as long as I had fun. My motto was that this is my Senior year of high school, and I am going to live it up. And that is exactly what I did. I "hung" with all "groups." I was a very friendly person.

My high school years at J.H.S. were quite fulfilling. At J.H.S., you had to attend parties or you were just not "cool." If you ever hear of Dubois County having a party, that was the place to be. I would never change a thing except for a couple things. But I had quite a high school life. My high school life was not like most. But this is what I did.