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**Read the following passage and answer questions 11 and 12.**

**Generation Get Along**

Have you ever heard of the “generation gap”? Hardworking Baby Boomers can’t understand those lazy Generation Xers. And those independent Generation Xers can’t understand those needy Millenials. Which generation will come along that those Millenials won’t understand? With luck, Millenials won’t have this problem. By trying to understand why generations are the way they are, perhaps we can bridge the “generation gap” once and for all.

Every generation is said to have certain qualities. Often, some of those qualities are the opposite of those from the previous generation. This happens for a lot of different reasons. For example, Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964) were raised shortly after World War II. That was a time of great growth in the United States and in other parts of the world. Because of this, Boomers learned that, to get ahead, they had to work hard. Baby Boomers were the first generation to have large numbers of both men and women working outside of the home.

Soon enough, those Boomers had children: The Generation Xers (born 1964-1979). Because Generation Xers had parents who worked hard, Generation Xers spent a lot of time at home alone. They learned how to be independent. Some of them reacted to their parents working hard by deciding that work wasn’t as important to them.

Finally, around 1980, the Millenials arrived on the scene. Many parents of Millenials have close relationships with their children and are involved in their schooling. Because of this, Millenials aren’t considered as independent as Generation Xers. But they are seen as having a positive worldview. They believe in people working together to make great things happen. Oddly enough, Millenials do identify with one generation: Traditionals! This was the generation that came right before the Baby Boomers.

So the next time you see a Boomer being strict, a Generation Xer taking the day off to watch a *Survivor* marathon, or a Millenial checking in with a parent every day, remember that generations are the way they are for understandable reasons.

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4. The author supports her viewpoint by describing her experience as someone from a certain generation.
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