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Our lives have changed massively over the last 1000 years, some areas and aspects that changed over time and how they changed I will talk about in this paper.

Obviously one of the biggest changes is technology, the advancements we made over the last years in technology are massive and change the lives of everyone. Those changes in our everyday lives had a massive impact on how we see the world nowadays and how we value certain things. People today see a lot of things as obvious, for example having a house with electricity, water, and other things. This isn't the case for everyone nowadays obviously because unfortunately we still have too many people who live in bad environments or don't have anything. When we compare that now to 1000 years ago we don't even realize how good we have it. In the past people maybe had some self build little huts where they lived. To think of things like electricity or running water was definitely not the case. To have light in their homes or some heat during the winter, they had to collect wood from the nature to make a fire and to get water most of the people had to find a river or lake where they can get buckets of water. This difference has changed the views of people on the things they have and value. Today people just buy something new when they want to basically and don't try to fix what they have or keep what they have. Nowadays everyone wants to have the newest and best thing, they always want to have something better than the person next to them and this competitive view changed our views. 1000 years ago people tried and fix what they had if something broke they couldn't just go and get a new one or a better one; they had to fix what they had and look after it. So I think this is one of the biggest changes and differences we have compared to people 1000 years ago.

Another aspect which changed the way people see the world and value things is transportation and traveling. Today we have cars, trains, planes and all these different types of transportation, which give us the chance to go big distances in a short amount of time. We have the chance to take a plane and fly across the world, to different countries and continents. This aspect has changed a lot because the world is a lot more connected to each other and people and things are everywhere now. This means we can get things from other continents which we would have never gotten or meet people from the other side of the world. With that we don't value certain things anymore the way we should because we have the possibility to get basically everything we want and it just gets shipped right to our front door. When we compare this to 1000 years ago, things like that were unthinkable. They used horses to get to places or walk themselves which made it impossible to travel big distances. This is the reason why those people had to live from what was close to them, they had to eat what they were able to get around them and use the materials the nature gave them. They valued certain materials or foods a lot more because they couldn't just order something they had to search and farm what they needed, which meant they had to be lucky to find something new. In my opinion this is another main aspect which changed our view of the world nowadays.

In conclusion we can say that there have been unthinkable changes over the last 1000 years which changed our views and values we have nowadays. This is something we have to think about more, because we shouldn't take everything for granted, instead be grateful for the things we have and how good our lives are today. I think it would be good if people nowadays think about live 1000 years ago and compare them because then a lot more people would value certain things differently and change their view of the world.

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