

### Chapter 1 : Life Before And After The Entry Of Social Media !!! - Infornicle

*Let's see what life was like before social media took over. Can you remember liking things without giving the virtual thumbs up? Let's see what life was like before social media took over.*

Who would never recognize Facebook or Twitter? Many for sure have browsed over and over again their favorite videos via content communities like that of YouTube or perhaps consulted the Wikipedia for some undefined words or phrases. Social Media this day has become more and more natural. With all these technologies and more of it to come in the coming years, has anyone ever thought how life was when all these stuffs that we now usually do, did not exist? What is Life Before Social Media Before, students and professionals would buy magazines, encyclopedias or newspapers to get the latest news or have the freshest digest for a research project. Today, there are e-magazines that are free to browse and read, the latest news is way fresher than on print and encyclopedias are now turned to Wikipedia. Before, being connected to someone distant from you would mean mailing letters and handling it to Mr. Postman or a telegram for a faster delivery of message. Before, stardom means auditioning or being scouted from unlikely places. Today, the road to becoming a star is easier with just a minute or an hour upload of recorded singing, acting or dancing videos. Before, sharing pictures would mean sending it via mail to let other see it, today, picture sharing is just a single click away. Before, expressing thoughts and feelings are sometimes hindered and are forever silenced. Today, anyone can put a shout-out in their status in Facebook, Twitter or any social networking sites. Before, playing would mean getting outside your house and actually play. Today, playing may be done virtually like that in the World of Warcraft. It has made almost everything accessible as it is free to use for the public. Social media may change, revise or even remove any contents that may be deemed inappropriate or outdated. Social media is an open arena where people get to freely express emotions, ideas, products, buy and sell goods and services. While it is undeniably true that social media has brought distance closer, more convenience for our daily lives, more edgy and sophisticated. But if you were to choose, which way of living would you prefer? The simpler or the much convenient but complicated?

Chapter 2 : Life before and after Facebook | Life and style | The Guardian

*We all had something we did before email, texting and social media. Some of us cooked, some drank, some read, some of us made quilts, some of us played soccer. I read books and went dancing in my 20s.*

Sarah Lee for the Guardian There was a time when sending a misbehaving youngster off to their bedroom was viewed as a punishment. It was supposed to make them feel isolated and excluded; an admonishment to sit alone and reflect on their wrongdoing. In fact, judging by my own household, for many teenagers their default position is to stay alone in their room staring at screens; playing games, messaging late into the night, sharing YouTube clips and multiple other diversions. But how fast all this has changed. My three children are spread over eight years. The older daughter is in her late 20s and her teenage years now feel like a simpler time. Navigating these issues with her brother, who is 19, was much more complicated. Between them they have spanned the advent of social media and online communication. The eldest was only given her own phone at 14, which in was pretty average. And the phone itself was a basic Nokia pay-as-you-go. Like other parents, we gave her the phone rationalising that she was going by herself to school and elsewhere so it would be useful if she needed to be in touch. She soon realised that communication was a two-way thing. We could now also contact her, asking where she was and reminding her to return on time – so all too often when she was out late and we tried reaching her the phone trailed on to voicemail. By the time my youngest, Ben, left primary school having a phone at age 11 for the start of solo school journeys was standard. Most children without a mobile by this stage would be insisting to their parents that they were missing out. I struggled with him to get my head round the ever-changing social media sites – the pervasive pornography, the advent of Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp and the prospect of continual online interaction – sometimes even, weirdly, as a substitute for real life. By then it was too late to question what he was even doing on Facebook, which was supposedly restricted to older teens? Even so, he still did not have his own laptop in the early teenage years – and often left windows open on the family desktop. If I was using it later I might have sight of what he had been looking at and his conversations. But, of course, once he had a laptop in his room that no longer happened because how would we ever know? Remember the time when you arrived back from school? The only prospect of connection to your peers, unless you had arranged to meet up with someone, was speaking to them on the single family phone handset. In many homes, and certainly in my case, it sat in a draughty hallway, where everyone could overhear the conversation. Worse still, parents would interrupt to complain about the mounting bill or to insist that they needed access to the phone for their own call. It might have been boring for a teenager, fed up with her family and desperate to be in touch with her friends, but it was also a kind of sanctuary. The intensity of continually interacting – the adolescent obsession of measuring who is up and who is down – had to take an overnight break. Now the multiple conversations never stop.

*Before social media, we used to just call, text, or email to get in touch with people. We can still do this but people opt to use social media even if they have your number.*

Have you ever wondered how life would be without the social media? Who will be interested in your life events with all those comments meant only for public display of care and affection? Will life be easier or tougher without those social apps and websites? If the distance was too much for our cards to travel, then of course the invention of Alexander Graham Bell was always there as a solution to send them wishes. Birthday card made with crayons and love During those days the only telecom service provider in India was BSNL and MTNL in few parts of the country who used to provide cheaper call rates for calls only landlines made during late nights or early in the morning. So it was a win-win situation for both the sender as well as the receiver. The birthday boy or the girl or the couple celebrating the anniversary used to be flooded with well wishes early in the morning and it used to be a one of its kind experience being a celebrity for a day. Mostly on these special occasions it used to be mandatory and still is in a Bengali household to have mom-made or wife-made rice pudding popularly known as Payesh or Kheer without which the celebration is incomplete. With the onset of mobile phones and well-crafted machine-made greeting cards, phone calls were replaced by SMSes and hand-made greeting cards were replaced by eloquently worded wishes from Archies or Hallmark. This modern way of wishing slightly increased the gap between relatives by few inches, as the cost of buying a beautiful card or of sending an SMS per SMS used to be Rs. Though the personal touch of the hand-made cards or the emotions in the voice during the phone calls were missing, people embraced the new time-saving method of wishing each other on any occasion. It was a phase of transition from simple to complex, from some time for family to no time at all, from closely knitted to widely distanced, from being physically present to virtually social. Introducing Social Media With the advent of social media there started a whole new revolution with respect to social life and the way of socialising changed drastically. Mark Zuckerberg with his revolutionary social media platform “ Facebook, has changed the whole social set up of the society. Wishing birthdays today The app and website ensures that people using Facebook do not fall short of making the maximum impact in terms of their social life, be it travelling, reading, eating, drinking and their feelings as well Thankfully few activities are still private. You can set your imagination free. Amusing Ways How Our Definition of Love Changes With Age Advanced Social Media The newest trend which is catching up off late is creating a post with a picture or few pictures there are apps to make collages as well for their loved ones on their special days and sharing it, on these social media platforms. Along with the picture, the good wishes are updated on the status or on the photo description section with some meaningless or meaningful hash tags. The best part is, when mothers of 1 to 10 years old kids kids are very smart these days and can handle these social media well wish them on these social media. The kids are yet to have an account as they do not qualify to have one, owing to the age criteria. But I guess these new generation mummies got inspired from Tina in Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, where she leaves 8 letters for her daughter, as her birthday gifts for every year. They also want time and social media to bear the testimony of their love towards their kids. With all these social activities around the only question which crosses my mind, and I am sure many of you will agree with my thought as well is “ did the distance get wider all the more sometimes beyond repair between families and friends as everything is app driven and there is no personal touch to it? Views are personal and are not intended to hurt the sentiment of anyone.

**Chapter 4 : What College Was Like Before Social Media: An Explainer - MTV**

*Social Media Week is a leading news platform and worldwide conference that curates and shares the best ideas and insights into social media and technology's impact on business, society, and culture. Remember the days before the Internet?*

Lexi Sturdy, election war room lead, sits at her desk during a demonstration in the war room, where Facebook monitors election related content on the platform, in Menlo Park, Calif. Sign up for our twice-weekly newsletter. When Twitter was young and tweets a mere characters long, I used to mock the platform for consisting largely of posts that merely used tiny URLs to direct readers to in-depth articles on real new sites. Now I long to return to those days. Within seconds, I learned from Twitter that the second of what would be 13 pipe bombs was found in the CNN mailroom a mile away. And literally seconds after that, I saw the first of the what would become legion conspiracy theory Tweets, charging leftists or Democrats with creating this faux bomb scare to derail Republican momentum. The modus operandi is simple: Post an outrageous fabrication, get some friends and some bots to retweet it, then delete it when the inconvenient truth becomes a bit too evident. The truth assassins — whether they be anonymous and paranoid conspiracy theorists like RoseHanna or members of the U. Congress like Kevin McCarthy, who retweets anti-Semitic intrigues more slickly disguised as political rhetoric — shoot their targets, plant their IEDs, toss their grenades, then join and run off with the panicked crowd. We are, in short, actively trying to educate ourselves through research, discussion and debate; to engage with the democratic process as it was envisioned. At times like this, I wish social media would just shut the hell up. According to scientists at MIT, falsehoods on Twitter were 70 percent more likely to be retweeted than accurate news. Alt-Right sites look similar to U. Kate Starbird, University of Washington They found this: However, others especially mainstream media were cited for factual accounts of the events, and then used as evidence by conspiracy theorists as they built these theories. And a few were referenced for their denials of these theories. Maybe they saw someone cutting food with a spoon. I am not arguing for the abolition of social media, which can spread important and factual news at lightning speed, and bring serendipitous and at least fleeting joy. But we need to stop letting social media companies off the hook for their failure to adequately enforce the codes of conduct to which they pay lip service. Facebook is already taking some good steps in that direction, though its stepchild, Instagram, is becoming the new refuge of hate-mongers. Twitter, perpetually slow to respond to complaints of harassment and threats, still has a long, long way to go. We might rediscover the joy of inquiry versus consumption, of consideration rather than reaction. Follow Cognoscenti on Facebook and Twitter, and sign up for our twice-weekly newsletter.

### Chapter 5 : Comparison of Life Before Social Media and Today | getasocialbuzz

*Before social media, or the world wide web, people had to be more calendrierdelascience.com seems like a contradiction, but with the various social media outlets available at the push of an icon on a touchscreen, why bother with personal interaction.*

Yet the roots of social media go even deeper. Decades before the rise of the Internet, we can see evidence of the drive to shape both private communications and mass media into platforms for social connection. Why You Get Nothing Newspapers were the great mass medium throughout much of the 19th and the first half of the 20th centuries. Like current social media messages, these notes “ while often targeted to a specific individual “ were public and available to anyone who perused the paper although identities were often concealed by aliases. During the period of the Second World War, comic books became the nexus of youthful entertainment. For many young people, reading comics was a lonely experience with little opportunity to connect with like-minded fans. He included the full name and address of the readers whose letters were published. This seemingly minor change opened the floodgates of fandom. I remember scouring each issue for any listings in my hometown. After eventually spotting someone from my hometown, I looked up the name in the phone book and called him. Which titles did he read? Did he have anything to sell or trade? Through this technique “ and after convincing my mother to drive me all the way across town to close the deal “ I managed to score a copy of The Amazing Spider-Man 4 featuring the first appearance of the Sandman. Very quickly, however, the technology evolved from telegraphy to voice transmission and was pressed into service for broadcasting news and entertainment. And thus radio was born. Listeners could call their local station, request a song and give a dedication to that special someone for the disc jockey to announce on the air. Curt uses the airwaves to connect with the mysterious blonde in the T-Bird whom he has only seen in glimpses while cruising the streets of Modesto, Calif. Like much social media today, a message delivered over the airwaves by the local DJ may be targeted to a particular individual, yet would be broadcast to a much larger audience. That was a part of the thrill “ to share your personal sentiments with this larger group. While much of their activity revolved around making free long-distance calls, they also discovered ways for multiple callers to talk simultaneously, creating conference-call like chat rooms for real-time group interaction through the telephone system. While it was the web that made this vision fully realizable, the urge to connect virtually preceded the arrival of networked, digital technology by decades and continues to fuel the expansion of social media today. Republished with permission from Knowledge Wharton , the online research and business analysis journal of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Subscribe Popular Among Subscribers.

**Chapter 6 : Remember Life Before Social Media? Maybe It's Time For A Reminder | Cognoscenti**

*Okay, so before the internet, I may have been embarrassingly behind on the latest eyebrow trends, and my life was devoid of Kermit-sipping-tea memes, but I can't help but miss the old, pre-social-media me.*

And for this generation, speed is everything. What have we lost? Closeness, voice contact, the intimate communication of actually knowing what a person is feeling, and that can only come from presence. My first summer in California was the summer of I had just started graduate school, and I had a long reading list that included Clarissa by Samuel Richardson. That is what I did that summer. I taught dance and aerobics and did odd jobs to keep my rent paid, but mostly I read. We all had something we did before email, texting and social media. Some of us cooked, some drank, some read, some of us made quilts, some of us played soccer. I read books and went dancing in my 20s. I read books and raised kids in my early 30s, but that was before email really had me by the short hairs, before it was coming at me day and night. Until we all had iPhones, you could still walk away from your email. You could check it in the evening, and during the day you could leave it alone. Not having email streaming at you all the time gave you time to think. We can barely complete a task without checking our email. Anything we do is interrupted by email. We check email while we drive, when we wake, before we sleep. Email and social media interrupt the life of the imagination, to say nothing of our love life. We check it while we eat and while we wait for people to join us to eat. Everywhere you go, you see people staring at small screens. In restaurants you see couples or mothers with their children, families and lovers all staring at their screens. On airplanes as soon as the plane hits the tarmac, out come the screens and now on planes you can log in and work on your email. There is no rest from it. And what do we accomplish with all this emailing? Are we getting more work done? Are we more effective? Individually perhaps yes, but collectively I would argue that America has hardly experienced a rise in the GNP as a result of all this emailing. What do we accomplish individually by email and social media? In the 19th century, family members used to write letters to each other. Those letters were read, re-read, cherished. I remember writing long letters to my grandparents when I was in college in which I told them all the good things about my life at Arizona State University strategically leaving out the bad parts. They loved my letters. Email causes more misunderstandings than almost any kind of communication. Social media is just as bad partly because people engage in social media in very different ways. People become hurt and angry for being un-friended, but what does that mean? Real relationships with family and friends involve presence. Being present with someone. Even talking on the phone creates more connective tissue than the impersonal nature of either email or social media. A voice has something that email and Facebook do not have: Tone that tells you something about what the other person is feeling, and feelings are what make up our emotional life. What have we gained? My close friends are close because we spend time together. That commercial for the phone company used to say, "Reach out and touch someone. Sometimes there are problems. Because we are human, sometimes there are misunderstandings but you keep reaching out, you keep talking, you keep visiting and above all you keep listening.

### Chapter 7 : Life Before Email and Social Media | HuffPost

*What is Life Before Social Media Before, students and professionals would buy magazines, encyclopedias or newspapers to get the latest news or have the freshest digest for a research project. Today, there are e-magazines that are free to browse and read, the latest news is way fresher than on print and encyclopedias are now turned to Wikipedia.*

When I was in college just a decade ago, we had crappy landline phones , clunky laptops and no way to share our lives on social media. Back then, being "social" meant leaving your tiny dorm room and interacting with other humans face to face. Not Facebook to Facebook. It was harder to meet people You might not realize it, but a " facebook " used to actually be an actual book. That you could, like, hold in your hands and thumb through the pages of. Yes, when I arrived at Syracuse University in , each of us was issued a book that included the faces and names of every other freshman in our incoming class. It was incredibly tedious to use, yet the only way to visually learn who your classmates were. So of course we all meticulously went through this facebook, page by page, pointing out the good-looking people. Unfortunately, the face-to-face meetings rarely met our expectations. On the other hand, maybe college was better before social media, because It was friendlier Nowadays, at your fingertips, you have hundreds if not thousands of instantly accessible photos of anyone whose name you know. Sit next to a cute boy or girl on the first day of class, and once roll has been called, you can surreptitiously get on your phone and see countless photos of them hopefully some beach vacation shots! Back in my day, we actually had to "get to know" a person. It was kind of awful. Who wants to ask so many damn questions? It was less embarrassing Because we were all able to kind of control our personas. The only thing you could know about us is what we told you about us. Nowadays, those egregious lies can be disproven with a few quick loops of several social media sites. Newspapers are a history lesson for another day. Because, thinking about how I would have lived I mean, ruined my life if social media had existed back when I was in college, I can completely imagine Tweeting embarrassingly lame things out about an ex-girlfriend. Losing out on future job opportunities due to a snarky LinkedIn profile. Posting terrible shots of me on Facebook that I thought looked cool. Perhaps even sending out a dirty selfie to someone. And, of course, writing plenty of dumb things on the internet that would haunt me forever.

### Chapter 8 : Sun Sentinel - We are currently unavailable in your region

*Whether or not life was "better" or "worse" before social media is a pretty subjective thing. As social media is really just terminology developed to describe the current state of the internet, what's really being asked here is whether or not life was better pre-internet.*

### Chapter 9 : The Internet Before Social Media | Life Unsweetened

*Social media has changed the way we live our lives. It can be hard to imagine a world without Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, but it did exist. Click through the gallery and tell us if you can.*