Instant Messaging – Newspaper Article by Linda Matcham

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This article was published over 20 years ago when “Instant Messaging” was first introduced to the world. Teenagers of the 1990’s were quickly attracted to this “new” form of communication.

Today, instant messaging is commonly found within “Social Media apps” which allow users to communicate digitally and just like 20 years ago – teens know more about it than many their parents and it’s popularity has become part of many people’s daily communication routine.

It is important to note that these original Instant Messaging services were computer dependent often running slowly over phone lines as modern Smart Phones were still in the future!

**Modern Connection to the Past with “Instant Messaging”**

1. Name 3 Modern Apps that can Instant Message and then read to find 3 Instant Messaging (Programs) Apps from the early days.

3 Modern Apps 3 Original Apps

1. There are many similarities and differences when comparing Modern Apps with these Original IM Apps. Try to identify 5 similarities and 5 Differences.

Similarities 5 Differences

1. a. List 5 **Network Rules and Etiquette** that emerged according to this article. Put a check mark beside the rules that are still in place today.

b. What are some new rules that have emerged today.

4. **“Parents seem to love it or hate it”** - according to this article.

Do you think parents attitudes regarding Instant Messaging has changed in current times. Explain to support your view.

1. Instant Messaging or Social Media remains a controversial topic still today.

Identify the Pros and Cons that remain issues for today.

Pros (Good) Cons (Bad)