Introduction

For my project, I decided to interview my grandmother Anita Romero. The interview took place on a Friday after school in Brooklyn. I chose my grandmother because I felt she could provide me with some insight into her perspective. Also I wanted some insight into her life without seeming too nosy. So this project provided me with a platform to ask a million questions and not seem nosy. I also wanted to gain a sense of the time. So she provided me with just that an insight.

Jesse Jackson was a prominent Civil Rights activist who would later try to run for the presidency. I simply asked my grandma “Tell me anything you know about Jesse Jackson.” She replied, “I know he worked with Martin Luther King and that he was a senator in the nineties.” Jesse Jackson in his early years worked with Martin Luther King Jr in the Southern Christian Leadership. On November 4, 1983 Jackson had declared his candidacy. He began appealing to what he called the rainbow coalition. He didn’t win the nomination but would try again in 1986 but lost to George H.W Bush. Jesse Jackson is still influential today.

I asked my Grandma, “Do you know who Oprah is?” She looked at me like I was crazy and replied, “Of course I know who Oprah is. I’ve been watching her show for years.” Oprah Winfrey is a famous talk show host, actress, philanthropist and producer. She is best known for her award-winning talk show The Oprah Winfrey Show. She grew up in poverty and was raped as a child. But through those hardships became one of the most successful African Americans.

Lyndon B Johnson was a former U.S. vice president and then president after the assassination of Kennedy. I broadly posed the question “who was Lyndon B. Johnson?” She replied, “I know he was a president the one after Kennedy right?” I replied yes and she began ranting, “I think maybe he plotted for the assassination of Kennedy so he could be president.” The great society was Lyndon B. Johnson’s way of trying to end “the war on poverty.” But even though Johnson made many strides towards the Great Society, Vietnam destroyed it. Johnson had escalated the war in Vietnam and Americans weren’t buying it. Ultimately, Johnson got destroyed by Vietnam.