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Thread: [What do you Guys Think about "Gap Year"](#)

zPowers - August 1, 2017, 1:56 pm

wassup hf , i recently graduated Highschool & im now taking a year off or as said a "Gap Year" from college and i decided to do this so i could prepare myself & train for the next football season .

My parents weren't really cool wit the fact of me taking a year off cuz they said i will become lazy .

So im asking this question to see wat your guys experience was if you ever took a year off and how did it benefit you ? goor or bad ? and your input on it . ?

W?lf - August 1, 2017, 2:01 pm

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SLY - August 1, 2017, 2:02 pm

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Mr.Peanut - August 1, 2017, 2:14 pm

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Breakbot - August 1, 2017, 2:14 pm

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What did you study bro?

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Headspace - August 1, 2017, 4:03 pm

Get a job, learn a skill, or get a degree - you damn hippie.

kiahnna - August 1, 2017, 5:35 pm

Unless your doing something life changing with your gap year it just seems like a waste of time to

me

_wind - August 1, 2017, 5:43 pm

Your parents are right: unless you are super motivated and self-driven, you will get lazy. Being in school surrounds you with the environment, and, consequently, the pressure that you need to stay productive. If you're taking a gap year, consider travelling around the world or immersing yourself in new experiences instead of staying in your usual environment.

swavy - August 1, 2017, 5:45 pm

Your entire life should be a gap year, putting yourself into college limits your entire future and unless you truly know what you want then you're not going to be happy.

The best way to live is day by day.

reBELLYus - August 1, 2017, 5:46 pm

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Rotca - August 1, 2017, 5:52 pm

I took a gap year. Only thing that was strange was going to school every year for 13 year straight, then not going for a year, then going back to school for another two years.

cash.py - August 1, 2017, 7:26 pm

I wish I had taken a gap year, to figure out what I really wanted to do instead of going into something I don't fully enjoy. I feel like that has been a problem for me, how do I figure out what I like? If anyone has felt like this, how did you find your passion/what you like doing?

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I'd say rushing a career route and living a miserable/unhappy life is ironically enough, more of "waste of life" compared to 1 year of OP finding his/her passion. At the same time, getting stronger and training for school. As well as taking an internship and take a few community college classes. lol

zPowers - August 7, 2017, 5:29 pm

(bump) some interesting answers would like to hear more

test - August 7, 2017, 5:30 pm

I don't think taking a gap year and doing absolutely nothing is a good idea but if you do want to take a year after school to relax for awhile then you should at least get a part-time job so you have some money to play with during the year and to keep yourself busy.

ISPY - August 7, 2017, 5:32 pm

I think gap years are great. Take some time off get a job somewhere and think about what you want to do with your life in college etc.

grady - August 7, 2017, 5:32 pm

If you want to take a gap year to get away from school, then you're not motivated enough for yourself to afford taking one.

Poseidon - August 7, 2017, 5:46 pm

I took a gap year. It was the best as well as the worst year of my life. Best because I got kicked out of the house and learned so much that I couldn't have learned if I was still living with my parents. Worst because I was on the brink of homelessness and had turned to stealing food and as just to

survive the Canadian winter.

SwiperNoSwipin - August 7, 2017, 6:56 pm

I'm planning on taking a gap year after I finish college so I can get a job and make money before grad-school.

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Because the rules about college funding were a bit unclear here at that moment, and it was better to directly apply instead of waiting a year. I'm currently finished, with just a presentation left to graduate.