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Reflection Essay
Douglas Hallgren

We interviewed Douglas Hallgren, an employee of the Dudley Observatory. It was interesting to hear from a scientist who had worked with so many different companies and was older. Mr. Hallgren is in his 70s, which lead to many questions about what life was like when he was younger, since he had lived through many times that most of us have only heard about. It turns out that he had quite a few siblings, all spaced far apart. His children have children, and he even has a great grandchild.

Mr. Hallgren told us many interesting stories about space, because for a time, he worked with the space program. He even brought a device that had been sent up to space many times, being the first of its kind. It collected data from different surfaces. Although this may not seem like a big deal now, at the time, it was quite an innovation.

Mr. Hallgren explained to us about the time that he worked with GE, and also talked about developments through time that can be marked as important events on the timeline. He explained what it was like during the world war, and how it was for him to be in a family of immigrants, that his parents were not educated, and that traditions were highly valued and regarded. His outlook on things is a very interesting topic, because he mentioned that it is very important not to look too far ahead, but know that everything that one does in the present will later become important and useful in their life.