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Dawn Booker grew up in Detroit and is a freshman at Wayne State University. Hermione Malone is a senior at Southfield High School. In spite of their zip codes, they're good friends. s Jay Tharpe, 21 of Detroit, approached Krystal Jackson, 17 of Southfield, he immediately asked, "Are you from Southfield?"

When she replied yes, he said, "I knew it. The voice is different . . . proper talking."

He also commented on the fact that her shirt was tucked in. "Mostly all of the Southfield girls tuck their shirts in. They're always neat," said Tharpe.

For several years, a boundary other than 8 Mile Road has separated Southfield and Detroit teenagers. Perceptions of the differences between each city's teenagers have produced friction and, in some cases, fear and disrespect.

What keeps these two groups from coming together has always been a matter of myths. The myths range from believing that all Detroit youths carry guns, to thinking that all Southfield teens are uppity and spoiled.

The initial feeling among young people from both cities seems to be that there really is a difference. However, once they think about their many similarities, they often come to the conclusion that there really is little, if any, difference.

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Source: Detroit Free Press, January 13, 1995, page 141 https://www.newspapers.com/image/100125102 Above: Detroit Cass Technical High School students drape a Cass Tech stairwell, from left: Darryl Lewis, 17 and a senior; Kortney Stringer, 16 and a junior; Megan Andersen, 16 and a junior; Elizabeth Phillips, 16 and a junior; Melissa Johnson, 16 and a junior; Joseph Ivy, 16 and a junior.

At right: Southfield High School students hang together, from left: Krystal Jackson, 17 and a senior; Markara Williams, 17 and a senior; Andreas Woods, 16 and a junior; Hermione Malone, 17 and a senior; and DeAngelia Wiley, 18 and a senior.



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