

West Philly to Bel-Air



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This month's theme is nostalgic, and I recently got into the new show *Bel-Air*, a remake of the original *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* that came out in 1990.

It gives me that nostalgic feeling especially when the "new" characters come in. I am like, "Oh I remember them". In the new characters I can see the characteristics and personality of the old characters. The main character Will Smith was played by Will Smith in the original version, and Smith is now played by Jabari Banks.

I would say it is hard to live up to the Will Smith acting level, but I like the new Will more. The new Will has more of a West Philadelphia accent and carries himself in a less corny way and is a smoother person.

In all, I like *Bel-Air* more than *Fresh Prince of Bel Air*. It gives you around the same great show with a modern spin and

relates it more to real life now.

The main reason I prefer the remake "*Bel-Air*" is because everyone is younger, especially Aunt Vivian and Uncle Phillip, because it relates more and seems closer and more personal to Will because the age gap isn't so wide.

I love the feeling

be. The one and only bad thing about *Bel-Air* is that they did Carlton wrong.

In *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*, I feel Carlton wasn't that hostile to Will and Carlton was the funny one and always made me laugh.

In *Bel-Air*, Carlton is extremely hostile and represented as the crazy one, into

only resemblance is they're both short.

Another thing I love about *Bel-Air*, is we got to see West Philadelphia and what Will did before he moved. You got to see why Will's life got flipped-turned upside down

It was on *Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, but it was not explained as well

situation. In *Bel-Air* there is something happening all the time like conflict or comedy that keeps me engaged 100% of the time.

The main person to deal with Will's Philadelphia situation was Geoffrey (Jimmy Akingbola), the Banks' family butler, he has more of a role in the remake and he is more dangerous and powerful. He has a fair-minded personality also and is extremely helpful to the Banks family.

I love the changes in scenery and theme, I know around the 1990s technology wasn't the same, but the scenery for *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* was bland and colorless.

I appreciate how the new *Bel-Air* has many sceneries and everything is more vibrant. It screams at you and doesn't let you fall asleep watching the show.

I just enjoy this series so much; it gives the nostalgic feeling with adding the new modern realistic theme.

Bel-Air Family

Then



Now



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of remembering how characters are going to act and how similar it is going to

drugs, and easily influenced. I don't remember Carlton being like that, the

as *Bel-Air* on why Will went to *Bel Air* and all the conflict that come with the