

Clark

***Before I Was Alive* – 6th Grade**

They were strong and brave. I always wished I was one of them. I always wished that I was underwater or on land, Ready to shoot or give commands. I always wished that I was running then fell down because I was shot. I always wished that I was in a jet plane telling them how much I love my job. I always wished that I can help the world by doing one simple thing.

All the history happened before I was alive.

***A New Chapter* – 7th Grade**

As I turn the page and find I'm on a new chapter called

“A New Me,” I read on and find more about this new chapter in my life. I find a new character named Relief,

Who follows and comforts me when reading this chapter. As I'm reading along with my perfectly polished index fingernail, I focus my eye on a miraculously stated word, “Jealousy. Now you might think I'm crazy for calling this a “miraculous” word, But that word also follows me for the remaining part of this chapter. It tempts me to get upset when someone gets anything;

I want attending, materialistic things, or anything else. But I refuse to let it take over me, and let “Relief” take over me instead. I read on and find myself almost always happy and joyful;

Relief has helped me a lot. This chapter of my life is finally over, on to a new chapter.

Cunningham

***Untitled* – 8th Grade**

Have you ever thought about yourself in 15 years, by yourself or with your significant other? You start, or remind yourself, how old you're getting and how much you miss your early years.

When your mom made you drink a full cup of milk before you went to school and you always had no time for it. But if you didn't drink it, she didn't let you go to school until you did.

Over time, my mom made me and my brother drink water instead of milk because she pimples popping up on our foreheads. Of course, parents will have their remedies for a clear face.

But I noticed on some days, she'd forget to give us a glass of water and, I guess,

that prepared both of us.

Suddenly, she stopped making us drink liquids every morning, and in a way she told me, "You're free to go."

My Dream – Anonymous

Do you know my dream when I get older?
I hope I succeed and change the world because this world is getting colder.
My dream is to become a basketball player.
A lot of people are going to hate, that's why they call them haters,
You don't have to wait sooner than later.

People open up and close on you like a folder.
A lot of people don't care so they shrug their shoulders.
This world has a lot of hatred
Don't try to fight it, just face it.
Don't trip on your shoe strings, lace it.

Achieving a goal is easy if you believe in yourself,
It will feel like you're going around the world like a belt.
They say, "Hard work is paid off"
And it's true, it felt like you made a lot of success.
Don't try to be all in the Kool-Aid, you don't want to be in the mess.

Basketball is an aggressive sport,
All you have to do is put the ball in the court.
And your team's going to give you support.
Sometimes, the press conference tells lies
Your first game can have your stomach feeling like butterflies.

Making the last second buzzer beater can feel good inside
Always play with confidence and stay on your feet
You can always be hot like the Miami Heat.
People going to always hate
But, don't care about them, give it your all and when you win say, "check mate."

My Dream – 8th Grade

“Cherish your dreams, as they are the children of your soul, the blueprints of your ultimate achievements.”

- Napoleon Hill

This statement is uplifting, ambitious, and encouraging. I believe this writer is trying to clarify the importance of your self-goals and ambitions. When you believe in yourself, you can achieve anything you set your mind to. Within your soul, every human has a goal, but only few put in the hard work to actually achieve it.

“Cherish your dreams”, meaning pursue whatever it is that you dream or wish to do. No matter the judgments, put aside the ridicules and do what you have to do.

“As they are the children of your soul”, not literally meaning off springs, but emphasizing the fact that you have deep wishes within yourself whether they’re reality or not.

And lastly, “the blueprints of your ultimate achievements” basically stating that what you do will always follow you. Actions are permanent and achievements are memorable. Chase your dream.

The Changes I Would Like In My Community – Anonymous

Even though the world is currently a mess, there are many ways you can help change life, and improve communities. To begin, you can stop littering because most people nowadays litter and it causes pollution, especially when people smoke. The chemicals in the cigarettes dissolve in the air, which goes to the atmosphere and could get into other people’s system. Next, I would change the population of smoking in my community because everywhere you look you see cigarette butts on the ground. My community also has a lot of kids that play around so they can consume second-hand smoke while playing on the block. The smokers need to stop because their lives are at risk and risking other people’s lives. Another thing I would change in my community is the violence. Violence also cost people their lives. Violence is often around this community and someone can get shot any minute of any day. I’ve heard gunshots in the early morning as well as late into the night. It doesn’t seem to matter to the gun men, they only care about destruction of the neighborhood not uplifting it. In conclusion, this is what I would like to change in my community to save lives and help the community to be a better and safer place.