

## An essay on Appreciation

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I am very thankful that I am blessed with certain desirable qualities although I am still young and there is a lot for me to learn. I am humbled that my family, who is very supportive of me, is great role models and continuously provides guidance so that I can be a better person. There are many things that my family has taught me which have made me more appreciative of myself. Through all of the great values that have been taught to me I have learned to be respectful of those around me, be kind to people, care about the environment by not littering and recycling as much as possible. I am able to balance my school activities, my hobbies and my responsibilities at home including my religious obligations.

My family has been a great support in making sure I am a complete person. They have instilled in me values that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Many of the personal qualities listed above would not have been possible without their tireless efforts. I owe a debt of gratitude to my mother for bringing me up with affection, always caring for me, and making sure I have a happy childhood. My father helps me with my school work. My elder brother and sister are especially close to me and entertain and protect me even though they could be enjoying themselves with their friends.

Sunnyvale is a great community to grow up in. I enjoy the fresh air, the parks and my friendly neighbors. Shopping is very convenient. I find the libraries very useful and the services are available for free. I like the fact that the community is very tolerant of race and religion. I respect the firefighters and police for their courage and devotion to the safety of their community. They have made Sunnyvale one of the safest cities in America. Sunnyvale has excellent schools and I am especially proud of ~~Sunny Valley Academy~~ for their amazing record of achievement.

The world would be a better place with a lot more peace. It is very heartbreaking to see this world in complete chaos. If I had the power to change one thing in my life it would definitely be to increase the level of peace all around the world. I would not want to see anymore violence in the world and no more wars. Instead I would prefer to see all the leaders around the world to come together and resolve all their issues and agree on peace.

Bringing more peace around the world will have a significant impact. We would have fewer wars and would not have to waste a lot of money in fighting countries. Instead we could use the money to save the environment, help poor countries develop, build more orphanages, build better schools with affordable computers for all. It should also be a priority for the government to make private schools such as ~~SA~~ more affordable to more families.