



People view me as a mean, rude, ugly person.

If only they knew I was so nice, respectful and Beautiful.

I try to ignore people.

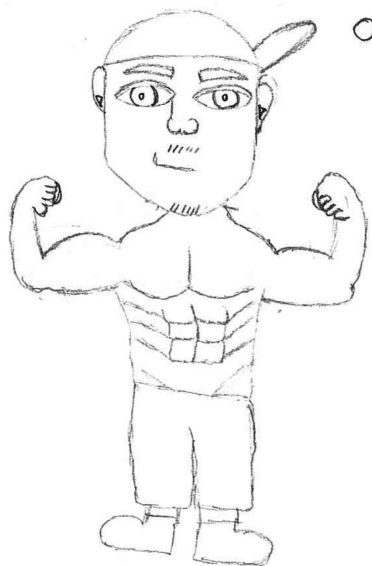
I wish people knew me for me and where I came from and why I am how I am.

In my future I hope people will not look at me as that but more like strong, loving and smart.

I feel I do have control over my future because my actions.

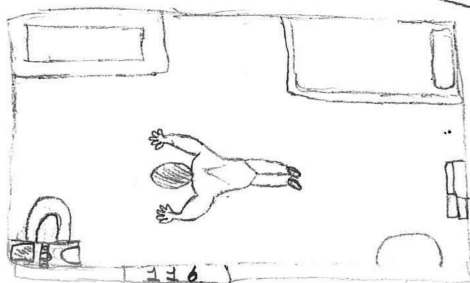
Stay in my lane, push hard and keep my mind on track, future always coming up as a reminder.

Age: 13



The assistant principal  
telling me I can't when  
I really could: "You ain't going  
nowhere in life Mexicans  
are not good in this country."  
How could she say something like  
that when she's also Latina?

Two white girls (Trump supporters) saying  
something that we really ain't "Mexicans  
are Gangbangers, Killers and ugly".



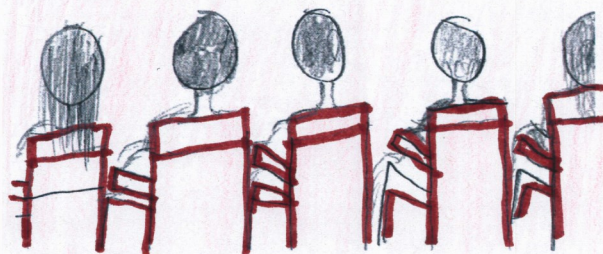
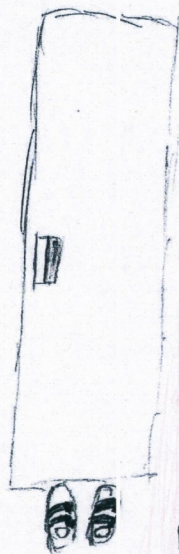
You respect me and I'll respect you I'm a loyal and  
honest person: I'll never talk behind your back.

If my friends get picked on or bullied, I'll stand  
up for them because I've been through it before.

I work out to deal with anger and control my actions  
my anger comes from my past of feeling helpless that  
my mother is going through pain as I see tears  
come down her face and I'm trying to make the  
pain go away.

-A.R. age 14





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People judge on the image they see people as,  
they don't judge on people that are successful,  
They only judge on people that are different  
they don't like different<sup>people</sup>. They prefer  
people to be normal people not different. What  
is wrong being different I change. I am not that  
person. I am the person I am today not  
the past. I am successful I will make it  
I will not lose I will win. I am not going  
to give up. I am different but that ain't  
me NO MORE!

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I want people to see me as a good person, to see the good in me not just the bad things that brought me in here. Because I know that the things I did that got me incarcerated are not good at all and I recognize it. And there not one day I dont think about what I did, I always feel really bad about it I regret it alot. I dont want that to define me as who I am. I want people to see me as someone who is a positive person. Also I have lots of goals in life I want to go to College study to be a mechanic work for a big company and live well.

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I AM A SINNER, WHO'S PROBABLY GOING TO SIN AGAIN.. LORD FORGIVE ME FOR THE THINGS I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

- Kendrick Lamar

JUST BECAUSE WE DO BAD THINGS DOESN'T MAKE US BAD PEOPLE...

"LOOK THE PREACHER ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW CUZ CUZ I'M DANCING WITH THE DEVIL WHILE HE REACHING FOR MY SOUL."

- Elijah Ifopo

"LOYALTY IS EVERYTHING, I'M TRYING NOT TO RUIN THAT."

- Mo'Nasty

RESPECT: AS LONG AS I CONTINUE TO RESPECT MYSELF, OTHERS WILL CONTINUE TO RESPECT ME.

"I TOOK A COUPLE L'S IN THE PAST, HAD TO GO TO JAIL BOUNCED BACK."

- Mo'Nasty

I WILL MAKE UP WASTED TIME & BE A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY..

DON'T LET YOUR PAST DETERMINE YOUR FUTURE..

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