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If I could choose any time period in history in which to live, I would choose the Renaissance, I chose this time period because this was the period in which Europe reached its golden age. Exciting discoveries were being made, and classical learning was revived.

The Renaissance was a period of great achievements in the arts and sciences. During this time period, scientists, artists and humanists reached beyond boundaries to discover the individual within. Leonardo da Vinci exemplified the idea of the Renaissance man as inventor, painter and scientist. He created famous masterpieces such as the Last Supper, and the Mona Lisa. He also contributed greatly to science with his anatomical drawings, which helped many learn more about the human body. For inventions, he drew up many, including a flying machine, believed to be a plan for an airplane.

This is why the Renaissance was such a perfect time period in which to live, there were so many exciting things going on in the arts. There was freedom for artists to explore new styles, and concepts which led to the creation of countless masterpieces. Many of these creations have been unsurpassed to this day. The Renaissance turned Europe into an artistic community in which art was appreciated, and artists strove to perfection in their respective fields.

This is the one reason I choose the Renaissance, for me it was one of the most important times in art history, and history in general. Individualism and creativity was encouraged and supported, making the Renaissance the ideal time period for anyone to visit who enjoys art, learning, and exploring.

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The first year I played competitive basketball, lay ups were my greatest weakness. I would practice them daily, but still I could not make them in a game. I went to basketball camp the summer before entering ninth grade, and learned many new skills which were necessary to improve my game. When try outs arrived, I was extremely nervous about making the team, but I gave my best and I made the Junior Varsity team. I worked very hard in every practice, but when the first game arrived, I played on the "B" team, which obviously was not the starting team. This was somewhat of a disappointment, however, I did not let my emotions interfere with my focus on the game. I spent the entire season on the "B" team. But I did not sit and wonder why I was not starting, instead I just set my mind to playing more basketball in the off season, and practicing harder and more often. I knew, with time, that I would become a better player. That summer I went to parks and schools everyday and played basketball. I would spend hours just practicing only my lay ups. I would play with boys and girls of all ages, for up to ten hours a day. My father would even come to the parks where I was playing and bring me dinner, because I refused to come home solely for that purpose.

I went to another basketball camp that summer, one with a higher level of competition. I finally became confident that I would start on the Junior Varsity team during the upcoming season. When try outs arrived my

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sophomore year, I was pleasantly surprised that I made the Varsity team. The Varsity coach even pulled me aside and congratulated me on my improvement. Unfortunately, I did not start on the Varsity level, and naturally found I played less on Varsity than J.V. At first, I was a little discouraged, but I eventually put it into perspective as another obstacle for me to overcome.

The following summer, I went to another basketball camp and played on a summer league. My improvement was evident as I found myself making more jump shots and missing less lay ups. My junior year, I started and played most of each game on the Varsity level, but that summer is when my basketball career really took off. I tried out for an "AAU" team, which is a highly competitive travel basketball league, and made the team. I also went to a CO-ED, and an all girls basketball camp, and played for a Catholic league. I led my Catholic team in assists, scoring and steals, and served as a team leader on and off the court. For the upcoming season, both my Varsity coach and I have great expectations for my performance on the court. I have now decided to play basketball on the collegiate level, and plan on never missing a lay up again!

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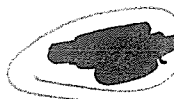
Application Essay

I feel that I am a versatile person. I do well in school, and I excel in band, swimming, and other extracurricular activities. I lead an active social life, and have many friends both inside and outside of school. Basically, I believe in trying to do well in all my endeavors, be they academic, musical, athletic, or social.

Moreover, I set high goals for myself and then try to achieve these goals. I believe in working to my fullest capacity in order to achieve a goal. I also believe in trying many different activities. I always learn something new and meet interesting people from the pursuits, and feel that as a result I become a more fully developed person.

Furthermore, I am a very conscientious person. I always prepare for any activity, whether it is a test or music competition, or anything else. In this way, I have no regrets if I do not do well, and feel very pleased if I succeed.

Finally, I have learned to organize my time wisely so that I have leisure time to date, listen to music, read for enjoyment, and jog and sail with friends. Recently, I was introduced to water skiing, and found it exhilarating fun. I also like simply to talk and laugh with friends, for my relationships with other people are an important part of my life.

 PERSONAL STATEMENT

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This paper deals with what kind of person I am and how I'm going to prepare for the future. This paper also talks about my family and friends and my senior year in High School.

There are many ways and reasons I have grown into the person I am today. I am a person who is very quiet and shy, but I am not afraid to voice my opinion. I get this trait from my mom because she is exactly the same way. I got most of my traits from my mom and I just got some physical traits from my dad. My parents have turned me into the person I am today. I used to get all Ds and Fs in school all the way up to fifth grade. That year, my parents sat down with me and talked to me and put me straight. They told me that if I want to go anywhere in life, I have to bring up my grades and I have to get a better attitude towards school. They also told me that if I have faith in myself and tell myself that I will do good, then I can accomplish anything that I put my mind to. I always played football and baseball with them and I had a really good time with them. Today, I am really into football and baseball. I think that by playing baseball and football with my old friends, it helped influence my opinion on football and baseball. I love football and baseball and these two sports take up about 65% of my time. 20% of my time goes to homework and 15% of my time goes to my family and friends. My sisters have also played a big part in how I am today. _____ is my 18 year old sister and _____ is my 28 year old sister. I get along really with _____. But I rarely get along with _____. _____ thinks she is too good for everyone and that gets me so mad. I have a really bad temper and I think she is the reason why I have that temper. I feel that she is going to ruin her future if she keeps this attitude that she has. My friends in High school have also shaped me into the person I am today. My friends always help me keep a positive attitude in everything I do. Whenever I am down because of a loss or a bad score, my friends are always around to help me get cheered up and help me forget about the incident that happened.

Senior year is a time to review my life and get ready to step out into the future. As I look back, I can't believe how fast things have gone by. It seems just like yesterday that I was in grade school preparing to enter into High School. Senior year is a good time to look back because after this year I'll be too busy with school and I'll be concerned with what the future will hold for me. As I look back to Freshman year, I remember meeting all my friends, winning the state championship in football, parties, and sports. Sophomore year was my worst year in High School because of basically one reason: the seniors were mean to the underclassmen and made our year a bad one because they pick on us. The only good thing about Sophomore year was that I found out who my best friends were: _____ and _____. _____ and _____ I'm still best friends with them today and we get along really well with each other. My junior year was a great year. That year was the best year I had in High School because of many reasons. I had a good year in football and made All-State. My grades were the best I have ever received. I was getting along with all of my friends and giving more things with them. I received the MVP award for the football and baseball team, and my baseball team made it to the regionals. I could probably say that my junior year in High School was one of the best years in my life so far. Now it's senior year and it's time to start looking ahead into the future and start making plans for the years to come. I have to consider a lot of decisions my senior year. I have to decide on what type of college I want to go to: hopefully I can go to Harvard University. I have to decide what I want to major in and what I want to do in the future. These are only some of the decision I have to make this year and all these decisions are going to be tough to decide on. I have received a lot of college letters for football and baseball. I have to decide whether I want to play football or baseball in college. I already know that I want to major in pre-medicine or Sports medicine. My senior year has been busy so far because I've been filling out ACT/SAT registrations, filling out college applications and scholarships applications, and doing my homework every night. Senior year it a time to be with your friends because most of them I won't see for a while after this year. My friends at High School are an important part of my life and I'm going to try to be with them as much as possible.