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### Thankfulness!

Autumn is the season for thankfulness and reflection. With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, it is a great time to reflect on our lives and feel gratitude for things in our lives. This year, I am grateful for my supportive family, my amazing friends, and my sense of optimism.

The thing I am most thankful for this year is my amazingly supportive family. My parents and brother are always there for me to lift me up when I feel down and push me to succeed in everything I do. My two younger cousins have become two of my closest friends recently, and I know they are always there to confide in. My four amazing grandparents support everything I do and I appreciate them for showing up to every play, musical, concert, art show, awards ceremony, and event they can, no matter how minor my role in it is. Overall, I would be nowhere without my family and I am so grateful to them for just showing up and being there whenever I need it.

Next, I am thankful for my incredible friends who keep me smiling and striving for success. My school friends push me to succeed in school, and I push them. We study together, laugh together, and sing together. We also all participate in the musical together and share a bond that grows stronger everyday. I am also so incredibly grateful for three best friends. We have known each other since we were toddlers and although we are separated by different ages and different schools, we always manage to make time to spend together. I love them as if they were

my own siblings and I would feel lost without them. I am so grateful they are in my life and I could not be happier with the family I chose in them.

Lastly, I am grateful for my sense of optimism. I love looking at the bright side of every situation and pride myself on doing so. I like to think that I am great at brightening up a room, improving a situation, or diffusing an argument. My innate sense of optimism is something that I have had since I was very little and it has gotten me through the darkest, scariest moments of my life. I am so thankful that I was created with this sense and I would be a very different person without it.

Overall, I am grateful for so many things in my life and these are just a few of them. There are so many things in my life which give me cause for thankfulness, but these are the most important to me. I am so grateful I live the life I do and I would not have it any other way.