

**\*This essay includes the following details: personal information, true story, and the topic of thanksgiving, as well as very strong emotions through some of the script. Thank you for reading this protocol.\***

Gratitude Writing Essay

Hmm, thanksgiving...It's becoming really strange for me. Every year I list things I'm grateful for but, this year I want to focus on this one thing that had an impact on me, and that is school. I chose school because not only does it give me an education, but most kids or teens can't go to school to get that education for the future. Imagine growing up not having a good childhood as well as being perplexed through time. My sister is a school counselor in Bronx New York and she has a student who was newly affiliated with the school. This student had come from Mexico having no place to reside. That's when I knew I was lucky to be able to get the education I needed because he wasn't in school for a period of time. My sister also informed me that he has to take care of not only himself but his parents too. His parents don't speak English so he has to process/learn both English and Spanish.

This relates to school because if he wants to get paid he will need a job which needs an education. He's being put through a lot right now just for a 15-16 year old. This matters because I get to notice reality and I am grateful that I get to have an education at school. This also makes me feel sad and confused about what I should do next. I could either make time for both or really focus on school to get the dream future I want. So I realized that I need to focus on school and try my best to do good but to understand the material that my educators are giving me. If I'm going to do this then I'm going to need to only worry about myself. 2 months later (now). I'm here and I just got my report card. Health- 100, Physical Education- 100, Technology-100 so far so good, Math-95, ELA- 90-95, Music-70 and social studies P (Pass). For my first grade this isn't bad AT ALL

Reflecting now changed my point of view by knowing if you work hard and you do your best, you can do anything. This finally makes me feel a little rested sense I accomplished and now know what to do, I also feel happier. But before I wasn't I tried my best as long as I could for this moment here right now.

This shows through time that education had a big impact on me by realizing that its very important for young students, teens, and even adults could learn each day about something new since that's a part of education