

Third Place

Laws of Life Essay

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Do you know about the horrible September 11 attacks? I think that everybody knows about the attacks. How do you feel when you think about them? Do you feel sad or angry or worried? Those are okay feelings to have. But you can also learn some good things from what happened on September 11.

My main experience for this essay is my visit to Ground Zero on January 4, 2002. It was almost four months since the September 11 attacks. I think that this experience has made me think about everything. Even though a lot of bad things happened with September 11, a lot of good things have also happened.

On September 11 friendship and love helped saved more lives. Firefighters and police officers do their work because they want to save lives. So they went up into the towers to help people get down the stairs and out of the buildings. The F.D.N.Y., and N.Y.P.D. lost hundreds of lives in order to help save others. They showed how sacrifice and unselfishness can help save lives. These are very important values in life.

Another value of friendship is courage. The people on Flight 93 expressed courage by confronting their fears and trying to stop the terrorists. We don't know for sure what happened, but somehow the plane crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. They sacrificed all of their lives, but no one else died. It is believed that the plane was headed for the White House or the Capitol. A lesson that I have learned from this situation is there are some things worth dying for.

One of the lessons I have learned is to face your fears. My family and I expressed that by going to Ground Zero and showing that we are not afraid. I think people should go to Ground Zero to pray, to pay their respects and to give money to New York. This shows that we are united in trying to help.

Another value is sharing. When I visited Ground Zero we stood in line for the viewing platform for two hours. As we stood people around us were exchanging stories about September 11. They told why they were in New York. Everyone was sad, including me. But we were sharing our emotions and thoughts together. It helped me understand everything better. It seemed more realistic even though it doesn't seem possible.

Since September 11 I have learned to live life to the fullest. I have learned that you only have one life, and you want to do the best with it. You should live with courage, even if you have to lose your life to save other people's lives. You can't live your life to the fullest if you are afraid of everything. You can overcome your fear by sharing with others who are also afraid. Try to be the best you can possibly be.