

**Honorable Mention
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**Title: *The Way I Live My Life*
*To The Fullest With My Head Up High***

I have to write an essay about the 3 most important laws in my life that help govern me. There are many more than 3 laws that help govern me, but I'm only going to share 3. The 3 most important laws that help govern me are family, determination, and respect.

I gain my respect by treating others the way I want to be treated and by doing good deeds. I have determination because I have people to stand by me and help me reach my goals. Family is important to me because if there is no one else I could turn to for help I always know I can count on family if I need a shoulder to lean on.

Respect is one of the most important laws that everyone should have because if you don't have respect you won't earn respect. My grandmother was a well respected woman and I've learned from her and many other people respect. I respected her as well as everybody else and she respected me. If you treat others the way you want to be treated the world would be such a nice place. If you want to be a well respected person, be respectful to all and all will respect you.

I've learned determination from many influences such as my parents, grandparents, bother's sisters, aunt, uncles, and also friends. They help me by telling me dreams can come true and that my goals can be reached and to never give up. They help me to reach my goals by helping me stay in the order that I need to be in to reach my goals. Determination is a good thing to have because you should have high hopes instead of putting yourself down. That's why determination is one of the several most important laws in my life.

Did you ever feel that when somebody you loved died and you realized how much you loved them until they left and you didn't know how to deal with it? Well I felt like that when my uncle and grandmother died. I didn't know how to deal with it but my family came through for me and told me everything would be ok. They helped me deal with the pain.

Family is the 3rd most important law I would like to share with you. I look up to many people in my family such as my parents, grandmother, sisters, brothers, aunt, and uncles because they've been through too many horrible things, but they always keep their heads up high and wish for the best. My family is the best thing I could ever ask for. When I need someone to lean on they will always be there for me, to help me keep my head up high and also hope for the best. There are many people I know but not like people in my family to stick up for me when I need them to. So if someone in your family tells you something isn't the right thing to do, than don't do it. Some people say they love you to get you to do the wrong thing. Do the right things! Listen to the people who really love you and care for you.

These are the 3 laws that I live by to help my life stay straight. These are my laws. Everybody should have laws to live by, to have a great life and enjoy it while you can. Everything happens for a reason so if you have laws that you live by, give a reason why you live by them. There is a precious reason for everybody to live, so share your reasons I've shared mine.