

Write a Letter to Your Future Self

For this assignment, you are to write a letter to your future self. I will return these to you at a future date. Your letter must contain at least (minimum) 5 paragraphs, with transitions between the paragraphs.

The following are the topics of the paragraphs, but do not need to go in this particular order:

Me, Now. Explain to the older "You" what hopes, fears, dreams, intentions, frustrations, joys, concerns, and emotions you hold now.

My World. This is not simply a description of what your room/house/apartment/kitchen, etc look like. It is your best attempt to describe to the later "you" where the present you feels at home. Is it the moment your feet touch off the ground on a basketball court? The anticipation of the lights dimming in a movie theater? The sometimes-overwhelming-possibility when you open a new book, or change the channel on your television, or get into a car for a vacation? Where are you most at home, as You?

What I Do. Your hobbies/likes/loves/passions/feelings of callings. Not just something like "I like to draw," but more—there is so much more to you than that statement. Why do you like to draw? What do you want to draw? What other types of art do you want to experiment with? What galleries and museums do you want to get lost in?

People in My Life. Who has impacted you to become "you," today, in this moment? Are they people you know? Are they words from authors/filmmakers/singers/writers/poets? Are they the actions of athletes? Explain why and what impact you feel they have made on you to the later "you."

My Future. Okay, this is the heavy one. You're in junior high. How could you possibly know what you want to be?! So don't tell yourself what you want to "do" for a career, but tell the future "you" what you want to *experience*. There's a possibility that the job you end up having, you haven't even heard of yet, so instead focus on what you want to do in life. If you want to travel, explain why...is it because you want to witness customs and cultures away from your home, to eat new types of "exotic" food, to meet people? Tell the future "you" what you hope "you" are doing.

Have fun with it all. Ask yourself "Why?" after every statement. Question where your desires for things comes from, and do your best to explain to "You" at 18, 22, 35, or 78 what you are like today, this moment, the first week of your school year in junior high, at Cal Aero.