

Adam  
This I Believe

Honesty is the most important, and most respected attribute a person can possess. Although this is quite often ignored, when used, honesty can gain respect, even if only slightly. When you may break the rules, or make a mistake, you cannot go back in time to repair the damage. However, whatever damage is done can be somewhat reduced by being honest, and admitting fault. Although you can't change what you've done, you are always promised an opportunity to show that you are mature enough to admit fault. In every situation, you are sure to be able to show honestly, which can't be said for any other possible attribute. The recent discovery of the breaking the blocker is the best example of this. Although someone could have knowingly broken the block, they still have the opportunity to come out, and to tell the truth. If they do, even if they weren't suspected to have done it, they will still be respected for telling the truth. Also, the administrators will take the honesty into consideration, and think of it when deciding on a punishment. The power of honesty is unparalleled by any other human characteristic, and is the most powerful attribute, and this I believe.

Lauren  
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It just wasn't my year. Every day just seemed unbearable. I was an awkward middle schooler and felt like there wasn't a place for me, on top of being a little too absorbed with the drama. It wasn't all unwarranted however. My best friend and I were inseparable while her parents were in Minnesota battling for her father's life. He lost his battle to cancer and we quickly grew apart. She found it hard to be around my family and I because we were so close to her in that difficult time. The year was just rough.

My dad has always been a little too blunt. Sometimes I would get really mad at him for that, but this time it actually helped me. As I sat around in one of my pre-teen moods that every parents love, he came and stood in front of me, and oh so poetically said: "Look LInds, You have to just think. Some days you are the fire hydrant, but some days you're the dog!! All you can do is hope that the majority of your days turn into dog days." I continued to hold that in my heart believe it or not through a series of rough times.

Friends are sometimes not great friends. Relationships end. Schoolmates pass away. Life is just a series of ups and downs and you just need to enjoy the good times and let life pee on you other times. If you never let life relieve itself on you a couple of times you will never enjoy the moments of relief.

I will never forget that for as long as I live. I believe in this statement in all its pessimism and far-fetched nature. If you are always looking at everything being so grand, you will be crushed when things don't go your way. As I have grown I have been more accepted. I have more friends and things are better for me. I enjoy the good times as much as I can and avoid conflict by letting things work out. Things always end up fine in the end. It's just better to let things happen. Go with the flow, like a certain bodily function.

Astrid  
This I Believe

I'm 16. One day after my daily nap, I woke up ot my mom petting my face like a dog. I yelled and screamed at her for waking me up in such a rude way. She just laughed and asked me if I dreamed of anything good. I answered of course I did. I described to her my dream and told her I wished it were true. She laughed and said as she always says – “You're going to wish your life away!”

I believe in daydreaming.

During the day, my mind begins to wander. I travel into another world, another place, another emotion. When I'm feeling sad, happy, or just bored I start to day dream. In my thoughts I've traveled the world...going to the beautiful land of Paris, authentic towns in Italy, and sandy beaches of the Caribbean. I've dreamed of becoming Mrs. Justin Timberlake and becoming the princess of the world.

My fondest dream is swimming threw the ocean, being surrounded by deep blue water fading into light green. As I was swimming I passed a school of fish and a large sea turtle. Daydreaming gets me threw the days, becoming something I could only imagine. I believe in daydreaming.

Nina

This I Believe

I believe in protecting our earth. Everyone that lives on this earth should cherish it, and make sure that it is in good health. We need to be concerned about the planet we live on.

When I was younger I did not care about the earth. I was unaware that my everyday activities could have an impact on the earth. When you're young you are oblivious to a lot of things including your impact on the world. I used to be so unconcerned about things that I would pollute. It wouldn't even affect me when I would throw trash on the ground, or go for joy rides in my go-cart burning all that fossil fuel. Now that certain events have occurred in my life, I have changed my ways. One major way I changed was my concern for the environment. Last year things in my life changed a lot. I used to be a carefree 16 year old, that thought I was invincible. On October 27 I came to school not knowing that my life was about to change. I came in my happy outgoing self with a smile on my face. I could even tell you that I was wearing my favorite pair of blue jeans, and one of Owen's small hooded shirts. I walked all throughout the halls not noticing that many people were very upset. I finally stumbled upon my good friend Mal, she knew that I was oblivious to the death. She told me "Christy died last night". I had no idea how to respond. I wanted to scream, and run and hide from the world. I didn't want anyone to see me in so much pain. I was hurt so bad; I didn't understand how this could have happened. In a way I didn't want to believe it, I didn't want to think that one of my 17 year old friends had left me. We were invincible; we were not supposed to die. It didn't seem right at all. Although this has nothing to do with the environment it made me think about the larger picture, the earth. I need the earth in order to survive. If we keep wasting all of our resources and burning fossil fuels like it is nothing, we are not going to have anything. When we use all of the things the earth offers, we are actually hurting ourselves. What do we think we are going to do when the things we value are gone? Are we just going to keep using these things up and HOPE that they will just magically appear? Also when we use these things we harm our earth. We should be concerned about the earth because we live on it.

Taking Environmental Science has also opened my eyes to many problems that we are coming across. Along with our resources being depleted, we are releasing many harmful pollutants into the air. When we do this we cause many more issues. I believe in taking care of this planet because I get to live here.

I believe that our earth should be taken care of more, and that we should all try to make sure it is in good health. I believe that the things we do in our everyday lives affect the earth. Also, we are not invincible, and we need the earth's resources to survive.