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UC Prompt

Lots of factors—big and small—have come into play in creating my world and the life I live each and every day. My dreams and aspirations have been moulded by all of these factors that include family, school, friends, and much more.

I was born in South Africa and moved to San Diego, California as an 18-month-old. Even though I grew up here, my first language that was taught to me was Afrikaans. Being able to speak the language from where I was born reminds me of my family and makes me really proud to be South African.

I still have a lot of my family in South Africa so traveling has always been a big part in my life. I mostly travel to England and South Africa due to family living there; However, I aspire to one day travel to places all over the world. I would love to get a glimpse at several different cultures and learn about each and every one of them individually. I think that the result in my family moving here and learning about the American culture has influenced me on a tremendous level and makes me want to know about diverse cultures in every corner of the world.

My family has played a large role in my entire life, impacting it a little or a lot day by day, every day. All my life my parents have both fully supported any dreams or aspirations I have had. With that being the case, I have always had the freedom and ability to be creative in regards what I want for myself in my life, which is a factor I am really grateful for.

Friends have also played a great role in my life and influenced me as a person most definitely. Over the years bad and good friends have been a positive thing to me. Bad friends have showed me what I aspire to not become and good friends give me motivation to be a good friend to others as well.

In addition, school and education have always been a prominent factor in my life. I am so thankful for the education I receive and the chance to go to school every day and learn new things. Without school and my education, my dreams and aspirations would be nothing. Out of all the different factors I think that school and my education have played the greatest role in moulding my dreams and aspirations.

Over the years of my life I have always had different goals, dreams, and aspirations for myself but now is the time to put those things in serious thought. Decisions made at this prominent stage of my life and either impact my life in a positive or negative measure, however, I have the optimism to know it will be positive no matter what. My dreams and aspirations include living a life filled with happiness, a good family, caring friends, a career in the medical field so I can help people in need, and travelling the world in order to learn new things I don’t know about the world I live in.