

Jinx I set upon your offense
 All the while I take your quarterback.
 Can you stop me? No you can't.
 Oblivious you will be of me.
 Blundering around after the ball you will,
 While I run down the field after your quarterback.
 Everytime I get through your lines, here I come
 Try and catch me if you can.
 Zigzagging all the way through your lines,
 here I come.
 Ensnare you I will. So fear me.
 Lo' and behold, it is I, Shrek. The almighty guard.

Acrostic poems, Senior English

Kicking out moves
 All that I can
 Living life
 Every day
 Flying, in the air like the
 Radio flyer
 Ever so higher
 Ever so farther
 Motion is
 All
 Not going to stop.

What is the world coming to?

It starts out with a bunch of little things, Love, Stress, and Trust. It seems when you think of these little things, you find that very bad things can happen. You may think of bad things like train wrecks, car accidents, and suicides. But today in the world, our worries are far worse. You never know, there may be nuclear wars, bombings, or assassinations.

When you are my age, you mostly think about love, friendship, and parties. Now after everything that has happened in the world, I think it's just sinking in. I feel I have taken many things for granted, like my true friends, true love, and a caring family. The time you need them the most is often the holiday season. So cherish your family everyday. When you need comfort and support you usually turn to your friends and family. During this time you need people to talk with about your feelings on the September 11th terrorist acts.

The thing that bothers me the most is that Osama Bin Laden is still alive. Right now in the world can anyone say that they are really safe? Every now and then you will come across something that reminds you of that horrible day. But the main thing is that we all need to stay strong, and put an end to Osama and everyone's worries.

Will we be able to fly again? Will we be able to walk down the street without the fear of getting hit by a plane? If the world keeps going on like this, the answers to these questions can, and will definitely be, astonishing.

... Brianna Smeltz

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Taking the ball across center court, listening to the crowd cheer
 Yielding its appreciation for the game. Watching in anticipation,
 Listening for the sound of the whistle and waiting for the ball to sail
 Effervescently through the air until it strikes the rim, you jump into the air
 Ripping the ball down into the palm of your hand. You look around
 Hoping to not turn the ball over. You pass it away as quickly as possible,
 Every inch of your body quivers with excitement. You go down the floor
 Running as fast as your legs will carry you. You look for the pass,
 Someone sees you and passes the ball your way. You jump into the air
 Over the defender. The ball releases from your hand, you watch,
 Moving into position for the rebound, you watch the ball go through the net
 with the sound "swish."

As a United States citizen, the recent tragedies have really got me thinking about how September 11th is going to affect my future and the way that United States citizens will live. After the hijacking of the flights and the suicidal bombings, airport security has cracked down on how things are being run. The price of our freedom depends on how the people in today's society act and react to the attacks on our great nation.

The fifteen year old boy who started another trend in suicidal killings when he flew his airplane into a bank in Tampa, Florida, is just a starting point for more violence in the U.S. After recent shootings in schools, copcats began to take action, following what is being exploited by the media on the television. Now the same thing is going to happen but with a bigger effect. Osama

Bin Laden is the key factor in these latest violent attacks. Osama needs to be found and punished for his horrible actions.

To me, this is all taking away from our freedom. Getting searched in the airports and searched going into public places is humiliating and horrible to everyone. This may be a way of cutting down on the violence, but in today's society things are still going to happen. Nothing should be taken away from the United States. Our freedom is not an option. The right to love and laugh and be merry is a major thing that our nation is great for. Why stop that now?

Together we need to find Osama Bin Laden and make him pay for what he has done. Together we need to be one and live in this great world, as if there is no tomorrow.

... Krystle Rowley

Every American's perspective regarding freedom and safety has been drastically changed in the past months following September 11th. Our once proud and untouchable society has had a taste of horror and fear. What will result from actions such as these? The answer is blurry and distant. Possible changes may include airport style and security at your local shopping markets. With so many necessary restrictions on our actions, many believe our constitution is becoming more and more obsolete. Immediate changes may include more intensive personal searches at airports and other high risk areas.

Future generations will be forced to endure a much more strict and ruthless judicial system. So what do we have to look forward to? Luckily our economy is still thriving in the wake of the recent terrorist attacks. So what price is freedom to you? To me, freedom in our country should be worth everything we have. Our freedom is the right to speak our minds and live our dreams. No terrorist group or organization will ever take that away.

... Jed Rowden