

### **Theme**

The message I want to deliver to other people is 'Carpe Diem'. Seize the day, make the best of what you have. Today is the oldest I've ever been and the youngest I'll ever be again. I don't want to let life pass me by. I try to live everyday like there is no tomorrow, you can always see me trying new things and doing activities I love. I'm always surrounded by my friends or family and we go on crazy adventures together.

Last summer I went on a spontaneous one day trip to Mexico.

### **Setting**

I can't imagine living anywhere other than Carlsbad, the standards have been set too high. I love how the beach is only a short bike ride away as well as restaurants, stores, and Starbucks. Everyday is a superb beach day, but if I don't want to swim in the ocean the snowy mountains or the starry desert is only a short drive away. Having grown up in this down to earth and friendly environment has helped define my personality.

### **Conflict**

Man vs. Laziness

I'm one of those people that considers sweeping the crumbs off the counter to the ground, cleaning. I won't walk up the stairs unless it's absolutely necessary or my mom tells me to. I constantly find myself taking the easy route because my laziness gets in the way. This attitude at times, can affect my schoolwork. I have a passion for writing but sometimes lack the motivation to finish my writing pieces.

### **Characterization**

There are many important people in my life. My parents are always there for me and give me great advice on problems that I face. My friends are the reason I get up every morning for school (and my lovely teachers of course) they make everything fun and I can't imagine life without them. The most important personalities by far though are my cats Oliver and Willow. They rarely give me sass, nothing dramatic goes down with them around, and I can snuggle with them for as long as I want.

### **Protagonist**

My dad brings out the best in me. He is always encouraging me to go out and explore and be active. There is never a boring weekend when my dad is around. He motivates me to get out and try new things. You can see us out trying eating at sketchy restaurants and trendy food trucks. We love getting out and exploring new places in San Diego such as riding our bikes around downtown San Diego and then going to a fancy restaurant in sweaty shorts and t-shirts. My best memories with him are of when we used to go camping together. Everyday with my dad is an adventure.

### **Antagonist**

There is not a certain person that brings out the worst in me, but there is *type* of person. When someone is egotistical, self centered, and basically a “know it all”, it irritates me because I have a completely different personality. Since I am aware that there will always be people in “my” world that fit this description, I am learning how to adjust and tolerate.

### **Flashback**

Often, as I’m about to fall asleep, all the embarrassing things I’ve ever done flash through my mind. Here’s one: I was the perfect picture of an innocent 6 year old girl, my hair was in pigtails and I had cute little Maryjanes on. I remember this scene so vividly because it was a traumatic experience for me. It was recess and I was on the playground with this boy I had a huge crush on and all of his friends, I don’t remember his name but he’s probably really ugly now. I was really trying to impress them so I got on this little horizontal bar that everyone did flips on and started casually swinging on it. Everything was going fine until I accidentally let out the biggest fart ever known to mankind. I don’t even know how it was possible but it happened and let’s just say they never talked to me again, but I know deep down they were all secretly impressed.

### **Irony**

My largest conflict right now is how laziness affects my schoolwork, yet I seem to keep busy and have many interests. I've seemed to find the time to participate in two sports teams and learned how to play the piano and guitar. I am eager to take part in extracurricular activities, however, now find I want to apply this dedication to my schoolwork as well.

### **Symbolism**

One item in my room that represents a part of my identity is a mint green blanket that is filled with feathers. Whenever I think of home the first thing that comes to mind is my insanely comfortable blanket. A couple months ago I found it buried in my closet and decided to use it for a couple days. It hasn't come off my bed since. I remember the blanket from my childhood, so early on it was probably used to swaddle me as a baby. Everytime time I fall into the cushiony blanket I feel at peace.

### **Foreshadow**

I'm planning to be in Model United Nations after volleyball season ends. I could see myself working in the United Nations or as a Foreign Service officer in the future, because I plan to make an impact on people's lives in valuable ways. I feel naturally drawn to the beneficial foundation that is United Nations. I like the idea of one day helping different nations become unified, to one day know that I've helped solve the world's most crucial conflicts.