

Winslow illustrated

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will be talking
about his life and
what makes him,
him he will be
addressing his lack
of confidence in
middle school and
how he got over
that and much more
stay tuned



He will also be
talking about his
passion for
baseball and why
he loves the
sport so much

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Dear Readers,

My name is Winslow Coleman. I was born in Berkeley, California on December 19th, 2007. I moved to Philadelphia when I was 7 and have switched houses several times. Before SLA I went to Abington Friends School which is a preschool-high school. AFS was a great experience that sculpted me into the person I am today and I think it was vital that I went there. I live with my family (a mom, a dad, and a younger sister) in the Mount Airy neighborhood of Philadelphia and take the train to school each morning. I spend most of my time hanging out with friends and playing sports. This magazine reflects on what changed me the most in my vignette, which talks about overcoming my lack of confidence to be more confident. Next, is me talking about my favorite sport ever, baseball, and how that has impacted my life. You will also find my music playlist, which features many dramas, eras, and cultures. You will also find on the back of the magazine that there is a word search with words that represent me. It also features me pitching. I hope others learn that I am easy to talk to and fun when you get to know me.

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Rags to Confidence

When I was younger, I would never stand up for myself, and people would take advantage of that. They would ask me for favors like taking their trash out after lunch or always giving up the ball in basketball.

For a lot of my life, I wouldn't stand up for myself. If someone told me to do something, I would do it no matter how unfair the request was. Over time I felt like more of a servant who only followed orders, and not like my own person. I always felt that saying no was being stingy or being a bad friend, and this attitude definitely shined through at the beginning of 8th grade.

I had started hanging out with a new group of friends and wanted them to like me, so I would do anything they asked. For instance after every lunch period the people I would eat with would ask me to take their trash out. I would oblige every time, and while everyone else was enjoying recess, I would be carrying loads of my friends' garbage to the trash can. I didn't even realize that this wasn't fair. I just thought that if I did what they said they would respect me more. In reality, being yourself and not wandering in others' shadows is how people start to respect you. But I didn't realize this, so I continued on this path until one day, a friend stepped in and changed the way I felt about this.

While I was playing tag, I chased someone down and tagged them and they said, "No, I'm not going to do it." And, being me, instead of saying, "No way, I tagged you," I just walked away and tried to tag someone else. My friend Theron, who is very genuine and speaks his mind, came up to me and told me that I couldn't let people push me around and say yes to everything. After Theron told me that, I didn't really think what he said was that important. And I thought he was just chatting but when I went up to my friend Logan (the kid I tagged) and said, "No way, you are." When I said that, I was a bit surprised initially. I didn't think it was that easy. I thought I would have to convince him to do it. But he obliged and the game continued after that.

To anyone who witnessed this, it might have just looked like Theron was just talking to me, but I took heavy note of this and learned from it. Once I started saying no more, people would stop asking me for odd requests, and I felt a lot more confident and independent. I also started getting closer to my friends because they saw me as my own person who was different from everyone else and not just someone who only listens to others. This was a key moment in my life that has changed me for the better and helped sculpt who I am today.

America's National Pastime

Baseball, a timeless sport that has been around since the 1800s, has been called America's national pastime and is historically one of the most beloved sports today. I'm going to tell you why I love this game so much. It is my favorite thing in the world to throw, hit, and run, and I love the sound of a bat hitting a ball. I saw my first baseball game in California when I was 6 months old. Obviously, I was a baby, so I couldn't really understand what was going on, but it shows that I was introduced to the game itself at a young age.

I started playing Little League baseball when I was 8. I had just moved to Philadelphia, and it was my first time playing an organized team sport. Before this, I didn't really have a sports background and didn't even know the rules. I mean I had played catch with my dad, but it hadn't gone that well because the last time I had touched a baseball up to that point was when my dad threw it too hard, and it hit me in the face. It took me a couple of years after that for me to actually fall in love with the sport. There were little roadblocks such as being scared of the ball or not swinging, but once I got past these rookie struggles, I was a very solid baseball player. I had placed 2nd and 1st in our league championship with me contributing a solid amount.

Just as I got all this momentum to continue and practice more, the pandemic hit. My season was canceled, my personal training was canceled, and my ability to play was

destroyed. Not being able to play or even watch baseball was very difficult. Luckily once the vaccine was released, I was able to play on a team again. Once again I did really well. Our team placed second in the championship and my skills improved drastically. I had also been playing for my school team, but that season was cut short because of covid.

I feel the need to mention that baseball is a lot more than just a sport. It has given me and many other people the chance to express themselves through the sport. I've met some of my closest friends on a baseball field and have made many memories. Every baseball team I've been on has felt like a family. The sport is really good for bonding, and as of now baseball is a huge part of my identity. A lot of the people I know, know me for playing baseball. I still play on a team, and I expect to play for SLA. Over time I have gone from being scared of the ball and uncoordinated to where I am now in terms of skill. Recently I have been playing more basketball and focusing on that more, but baseball will always be my number one passion and I hope to continue watching and enjoying baseball.

Come and buy some of Winslow's favorite songs

These are songs that I think are perfect. These are mainly just songs that I like listening to whenever My music taste isn't that special but I just wanted to share some songs from all of these very different genres but they're all very enjoyable. There is something different that sets them apart from others. These songs show that I can be very calm and relaxed, but I can be energetic too.

1

"Pursuit of Happiness," Kid Cudi

This song has a different kind of beat and flow. It feels like it's waking the room up like his voice is vibrating. I like that it's called the pursuit of happiness because that's a common theme for everyone.

2

"This Life," Denzel Curry

Denzel Curry can project his voice very loudly. But it's not too loud. His voice vibrates in your ears. He talks about social justice issues that can speak to lots of people.

3

Chanel, "Frank Ocean"

I think Frank Ocean has never made a single bad song ever. This song is important to me because it makes me feel relaxed. The pacing where he is able to start and stop the flow is incredible.

4

"Redbone," Childish Gambino

This song stands out as being different from other songs. It doesn't sound like someone's real voice, but it sounds like an electric guitar voice. It's relaxing and makes me smile whenever I listen to it.

5

"Violent Crimes," Kanye West

This song and album were made in Kanye West's worst mental state. How he is able to create such a beautiful song and album is so impressive. It sounds good to me how he uses a higher-pitched, more soft, upbeat, and melodic voice with a more blunt voice, and this meld perfectly together.

6

"10k Hours," Jhené Aiko

This is a very relaxing song that helps me think. It has one of the best R&B singers of all time and the second-best rapper of all time, Nas. This is a late-night-drive kind of song. It's a good song to fall asleep to, a song you could listen to forever and never get bored of it.

7

"Straight Outta Compton," N.W.A.

This song makes me feel like a boss, like a badass. If you walk into any room of people listening to this song, it's a confidence booster. I love the way they are able to transition in the song and make it sound natural and well put together.

8

"Wet Dreamz," J. Cole

This song is the best storytelling song of all time. Listening to this song is an interactive experience. It feels like you're watching a movie in a song. He paints the picture of the story really well, but it doesn't feel like he's just talking or chatting. It sounds like a song.

9

"Rock with You," Michael Jackson

This is my favorite Michael Jackson song. I love this song because of its really nice flow. Michael Jackson has one of the best voices in music history. He pulls off a smooth, clean vibe to the song. When you want to relax and sit back, or when you are doing homework, this is the perfect song. I've been a huge Michael Jackson fan since I was 7.

10

"Light Heist," Chief Keef

This is a more upbeat, energetic song. I really like the beat drop and flow. It makes it feel like it's not choppy, but a well-constructed piece of art. He was 17 when he dropped this album. Chief Keef has a very impressive discography, and he is my favorite drill artist. It's loud and aggressive. I listen to his music as loud as I can to get myself fired up.

Word Search of Winslow Coleman

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DUBLIN

I lived in Ireland for 2 months in 5th grade

MONEY

You need to have it

FRIENDS

Someone you can rely on

AUTHENTICITY

Don't let someone change you

FAMILY

They're going to be there your whole life

PIG

My favorite animal

BASKETBALL

One of my favorite sports

BASEBALL

My favorite sport

MUSIC

Something that can change your mood

MANNY PACQUIAO

A beast despite his small size

ALAN IVERSON

My hero because he's small in a game of giants

SCRAPY

Being resourceful

CHINESE

I'm biracial white & Asian

PEACH

My nickname from my mom

DRAGON HOOPS

By Gene Luen Yang - My favorite book because it's funny & inspirational

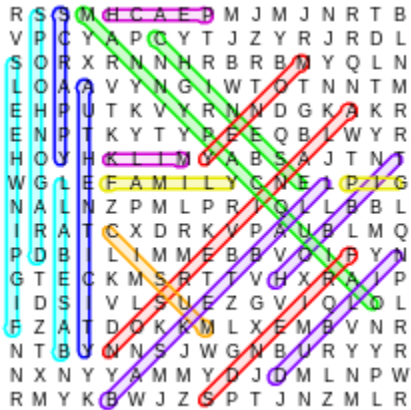
HOBBIT

My favorite movie because it's action-packed & beautiful

FIG PINWHEELS

My grandma makes these warm, delicious cookies every Christmas

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