

By Katherine Hunt

Dear Readers,

LOOKS, LOOKS, LOOKS! Some people just judge other people by just looking at them. Chances, chances, chance! Many people base things on looks. Differences make everyone original and unique. Just because I have fashionable or name brand clothing doesn't make me or anyone else an amazing or pitiful person.

Inner beauty is what makes us ourselves. Everyone is entitled to be "himself or herself". We also deserve the freedom to express themselves in whichever form they are comfortable. For example I like to give people chances in life not because of what they look like or what they wear, but because of who they are!

All things in life come from perspective. I may view someone as gorgeous and someone else may think that, that same person is hideous. Looks don't say a thing to me, which is important! Inner beauty truly counts to me! So next time you think of judging someone just because of their appearance, think again because inner beauty counts.

Many times you may say something that you think isn't hurtful, but can truly kill someone inside and I am saying this from experience. Names such as fatso, chubby, and fatty can truly change someone's image of their self. Listening to songs such as Corazon sin cara by Prince Royce and Just the way you are by Bruno Mars boosted my confidence and taught me a life lesson. It made me realize that everything isn't about looks because in the end "looks only go so far".

Sincerely, Katherine Hunt =)

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"Girls, everyone knows some guys are lazy. They are too lazy to pick the good apples from the top of the tree they always pick the rotten ones on the floor. Someday they will get tired of the same old rotten apples & want the good ones. Don't get discouraged good apples. Your guy will come & pick you soon!"
 - Morgan Taylor.

rihanna reloaded

“ I'm the type of girl who always wants to impress other people, whether it's clothing, music, or even the appearance of my room. I thought that if you could please everyone, no one will dislike you! After reading Rihanna's interview in the August issue, my views completely changed. Rihanna inspired me to believe that you have to live for you, not for anyone else. Accept the fact that people *are* going to hate you—that's just life. In the end, you have to move on! ”

-dominique, 16, long beach, ca

what lies behind us
 and what lies before us
 are small matters
 compared to
 what lies
 within us

LOOKS AREN'T
 EVERYTHING ~

Lessons Of Life!

Who are you? What do you mean? You aren't my mother!
Sometimes people that are your family, but aren't your parents try to tell me what to do and suggest things. Families suggest things because they always want to tell you what to do right?

NEGATIVE! Families tell you what to do because they care, which is something many people are blind to see, especially sometimes me. Well, my immediate and extended family is very important. The tight knit feeling I have with my family is very close and warm filling. Although, like in every relationship no-one is perfect and arguments occur. Even though these things happen my family doesn't let the little things run our relationship. As I stated before my family is tight knit so much that I consider my aunts and uncles my extra set of parents.

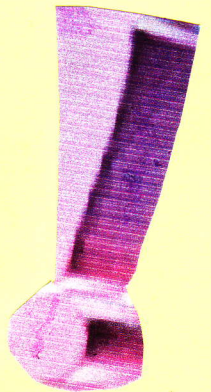
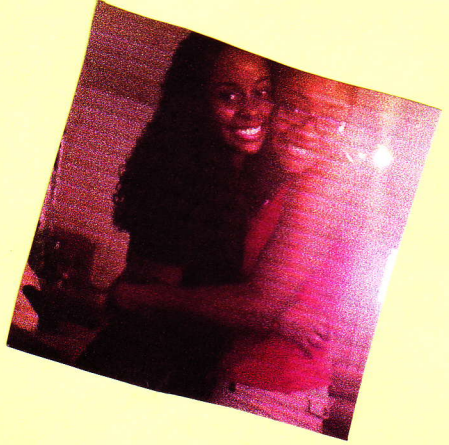
Like many children I don't listen to my parents first when they tell me something because sometimes you need another adult figure to tell you how things are, which is why I consider my aunts and uncles as parents. My cousins to me are also considered as my brothers and sisters.

Family is those people who positively influence my decisions and help me stride to be a better person by telling me their perspective. For example my mother always tells me to look at things in a positive manner. She also said that if you're always looking at things in a bad way you'll always be miserable. Also, a value that has been instilled into me is to treat people as if you were in their position and that before you judge someone you should see where that person is coming from and the obstacles that person has to surpass.

My mother has always taught me not to be the "jealous type" because she always tells me that jealousy won't ever get me anywhere. She explains to me by telling me that sometimes people are more fortunate than others and that just because someone has something I don't have and that I want it shouldn't lead to jealousy. She says "don't worry about what others have, don't compare others with yourself because you are you and they are themselves, you have a roof over your head, clothes to wear, and food to eat from. There are people out there who don't have the things that you take for

granted, so before you feel upset because you don't have something think of the people who can't". Those words of wisdom help me realize how much my mother means to me. So now when I think of "immediate family" I think of my immediate and extended family.

Family



music is the heart of

Up, down, tap, tap, boom, boom, clap, clap. The sounds that collaborate with music are the ones that make my thoughts.

Tap, tap, tap, stomp, stomp, stomp, click, click, click. Frustration is shown on my face as I gain writers block. I try that again and "pop" there it is, a new idea that I could incorporate into my song.

See music definitely play a major role in my life. Everywhere I go music is with me. Whether it is I tapping my foot, listening to audio tracks, or jotting notes down. It's all music to my ears.

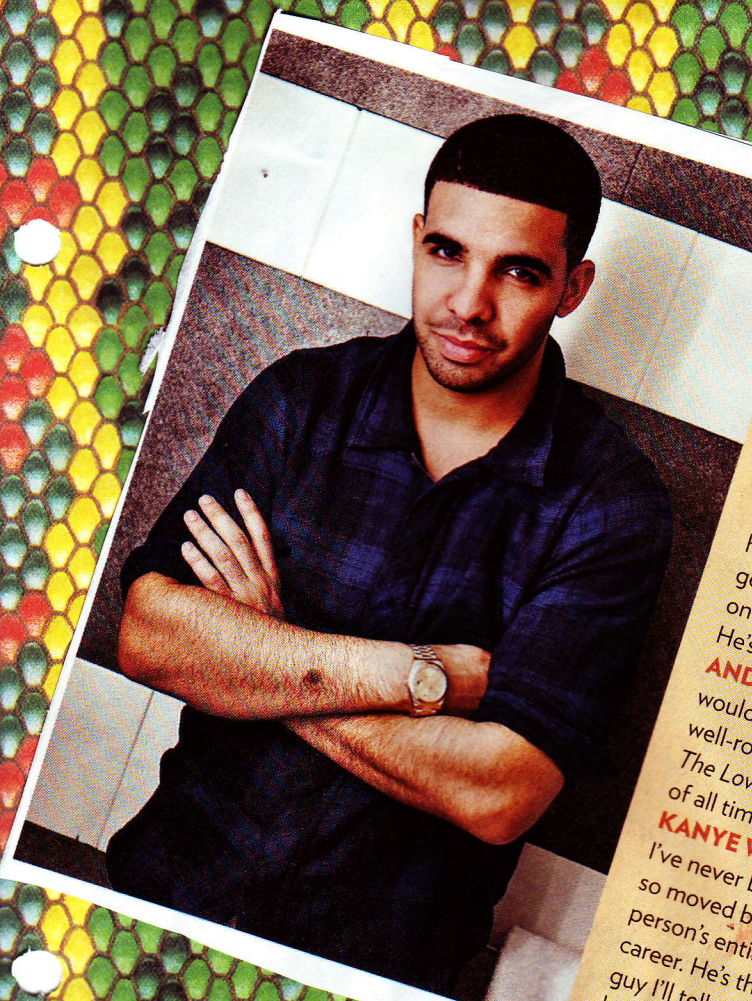
From my commute on the train to school every morning to lying in my bed staring at the wooden designs on my bed. A simple hum to a song of a drum is there. Trey Songz to Prince Royce, many different genres that I listen to is my selective choice.

Inspiration is given to the soul! Working hard to write lyrics to a song, days, nights, all morning long. Writing song lyrics is my passion as well as singing. It's just like one of those letters, the kind of letters that you write and burn, helping you cope with this whether amazing or pitiful! Switching it up once in a while always helps, perspectives are different so you can't expect everyone to like every song.

Therefore, new ideas are amazing. Like many others, I can relate to music; which is why I write song lyrics so much, so that they can relate to me because sometimes things aren't what they seem. For example someone can be smiling everyday, but deep down that person could be depressed and hurting.

everything you do

nicki minaj you've heard her fierce rap skills on tracks like "Shakin' It 4 Daddy," but now you can hear her do her own thing on *Pink Friday*. In stores November 23.
DOWNLOAD: "Your Love"
CODE WORD: shine

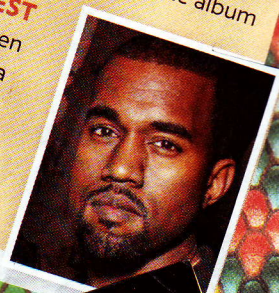


BREAKOUT NEW ARTIST
DRAKE'S 5 HIP-HOP IDOLS

● As he releases his much-anticipated debut album, *Thank Me Later*, the rapper-singer, 23, reveals his musical heroes

LIL WAYNE It's hard as a rapper not to become repetitive, and he always has a new way to make it fun. And I get to witness his work ethic [being on Wayne's label, Young Money]: He's working when you're sleeping.
ANDRE 3000 If I wasn't myself, I would want to be that guy! He's so well-rounded, so intelligent. And *The Love Below* is my favorite album of all time.
KANYE WEST I've never been so moved by a person's entire career. He's the guy I'll tell my kids about. His

genius is to be feared.
NAS He influenced this album a lot. I had to break down how he raps. I'm just very intrigued by his cadence and his stories.



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JUSTIN BIEBER
 Can't get enough? Catch The Bieb on tour through December. And pick up the book he wrote as a thank-you for his fans, *Justin Bieber First Step 2 Forever: My Story*. In stores October 12.

WIN IT
 5 winners get a copy of his book and a signed copy of his album *My World 2.0*. Enter at seventeen.com/treebies!



JAY SEAN

To The Rescue ?

Kitties >.<

Fur, adorable, and soft. These adjectives all definitely define kitties. I have a huge adoration for kitties. In my lifetime I have had two kittens named K-Ci and Jojo. They were considered family. One of my kitties named K-Ci died when I was at the age of eight in a fight with a pitbull. My other cat named Jojo, which came after K-Ci, which came after K-Ci was given away to the SPCA.

Cries, kicks, and screams the pain I felt when K-Ci died and Jojo was given away to the SPCA was unbearable. Animals like these have minds of their own and I can't even begin to think of how these animals that were my "family" felt. So currently I don't have a cat, but my love and adoration for kittens lives on.

I am currently very interested in doing volunteer work at the SPCA or ASPCA , so that I'd be able to rescue animals in need of shelter, food, and other needs. Loosing these cats really helped with shaping who I am in many aspects of my life; I can be lovable, understanding, and comforting.



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Drake

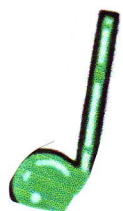


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Songs To Listen To!-

1. Just the way you are by Bruno Mars
2. Unforgettable by Drake
3. Corazon sin cara by Prince Royce
4. Ribbon in the sky by Stevie Wonder
5. Down to earth by Justin Bieber
6. Love all over me by Monica
7. Never let you go by Justin Bieber
8. How it feels to fly by Alicia Keys
9. Children's story by Slick Rick
10. Peligro by Aventura



beauty

TWEET YOUR TIPS!
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FIND YOUR **BEAUTY CONFIDENCE!**

Stop torturing your hair, obsessing about your skin, or agonizing over your makeup. With these tricks, you're going to love your look every day!

- TURN FOR**
- ✓ **HAIR** that makes you smile!
 - ✓ **MAKEUP** that plays up your best features!
 - ✓ **SKIN** so clear, you'll want to show it off!
 - ✓ **CELEB** confidence tricks that work!