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Over the holidays we had a foster child stay with us for a week. I found a lot of his ways hard to understand and how different he was compared to my brother and I. David really isn't a stranger to our family although this was the first time he stayed overnight a any length of time with us. My brother met David in first grade and all and on they were in each other's class until sixth grade when Dave first left his foster home to go to a special home in Hagerstown. My brother and I have learned a lot from David and his experiences. We found out that even when you think you have it, well, that it isn't always better some where else. We also found out if your angry don't do or say things you might regret later, because you can't always take back what you say. David did both these things and now he is really sorry and wishes he could come back to his foster home. In anger when he was still at his foster home he had gotten new foster brothers and couldn't get along with them, so he called his social worker and asked if he could be moved. This was his first mistake because of getting moved to another foster home he was put in a group home in Hagerstown where he had more than 2 boys to share

a bedroom with. He also had much more work to do and less play time or spare time. He only gets to watch what he wants to on TV every eight days, and only eat at certain times not like he was used to doing. He found it extra hard to get along with these kids because most of them never had a chance to live in a regular home, they always lived in group homes. He said they would always start fights, steal his clothes and he couldn't seem to make friends with any of them. He stayed there for about two months and is now staying at Kinderheim a group home in Maryland. He is always talking about how much better it is there. They earn points to come on the weekends and have kitchen privileges. He can come home on holidays free. David said it is more like being in a regular home. They have a TV room and he only shares his room with two other boys. Here he even has a sheet and bedspread which Dave says he didn't have at the other home. That is a real big treat to Dave now. Wonder how many other boys would like that, that much. The hardest thing to understand for me is why he is there when both of his real parents are alive. It is really hard for David to understand. I always knew my father and I had it good but when I see David and his way of life I am thankful.

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If people could fly like birds you would save a lot of time and money in a lot of things. You wouldn't wear out shoes as fast as you do now. Just think you would never have to walk to school or the store again. There would be a few problems with people flying. For one there would be a lot more air traffic than there is now. The birds would probably start walking. People could never build tall buildings any more. If they started to fall all they would have to do is flap their wings. It would be the same with airplanes. When the airplanes started to crash people would just fly away from the plane before it hit the ground if they still used planes to travel in. If they didn't use planes or aften as they use them now that would be another problem. They would all the commercial airlines make their money or pay for the planes. Some planes would still be used for things that had to get some where fast or go a long distance like over seas. One good thing about the cut down on the use of planes is that we would save a lot of fuel and money that could be used elsewhere. People could fly like birds but they couldn't carry heavy items like their furniture and anything else they own that is too big and too heavy to carry with them. Taxi cabs would lose a lot of

business if people could fly. Fire men could fly around and spot fires easy and fly back to the station and be at the scene of the fire without any alarms going off. There would be a lot less damage if fire men could fly. It would be another way we could save money if we could fly like birds. If you did happen to take a walk and you come to a river without a bridge you could just pick up and fly over it. Hunters would benefit from this a lot. Instead of walking through the woods and take a chance of being shot at. All they would have to do is fly over the woods and they would be a lot safer. Plus they would be able to get better shots at the game they were hunting. Hunters would also be a lot more quiet by flying instead of walking. There would be less hunters being shot too. That is just another way we could benefit if we could fly. School buses and public buses would feel a difference in their profit if people started flying. We most likely wouldn't use buses any more. People who traveled a lot would be able to plan cheaper vacations. They would save a lot of money that would be used on gas. Gas prices would go down a lot if people could fly, because people would not use cars any more. With everybody flying the birds would

probably start walking. People flying could be good to some people and bad to other people. Some people would lose money and some people could gain money if people could fly. It could solve some of our problems and it could give us new problems that would have to be solved.

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I am writing about how we can make the world a better place to live and things we can do without. The first step in making the world a better place to live in would be to get everybody to help and participate in cleaning up the mess we already have. It would take a while but it could be done. In order to keep the world clean after it is already cleaned up, people would have to give up a few luxuries. One luxury we would have to give up to make the world a better place to live would be to walk instead of using a car when our destination was within a walking distance. This would not only help in making the world a better place to live but it would also save us valuable fuel and money that could be put to a better use elsewhere. People would also have to stop throwing trash anywhere they pleased. This and more would help to make the world a better place to live. Other things that would help to make the world a better place to live could be classified under things that the world could do without. One thing that the world could do without and save us a lot of lives is cigarettes. Cigarettes are just a waste of money. People who complain about

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pollution and smoke cigarettes don't make any sense. Cigarettes are a big cause of air pollution. Another thing that would help make the world a better place to live and that we can do without is crime. People just don't care enough about the world they live in to give up a few of their luxuries that can be done cheaper and pollute less. By doing this the world would be without all the fuel shortages that we have.

There are a lot of things in the world that make me mad. One thing is people that dislike something because of a rumor or story they heard about it. Some people hear things about something or someone and don't know if it is true and then go on judging them about what they heard about them or what they think they are. Another thing that makes me mad is when an older or bigger person takes advantage of someone younger or smaller. I hate when someone gets a little authority and think they are president of the United States. I think a lot of students will go along with me on this next one. I really dislike teachers that do not grade fair or teachers that don't like some students and grade them poor because of this.

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There are a lot of inventions in the world that needed more inventions to improve it or get rid of it's waste. Some inventions were just plain no good or has too many faults to try to improve it. The invention of the automobile was a big thing when it first came out. Everybody wanted one but not everybody could afford to buy one because they were made one by one by hand when they first came out and that is why they cost so much. One improvement of this invention was the assembly line. This made the cars cheaper because they had more of them and they were easier to make. They were okay at first but soon people thought that they should have a few extras in them. The radio was probably one. With this request someone had to invent a way to put the radio in the car without having to plug it in to an outside outlet. After the radio was in the car and working well it made the car price go up. Cars were okay in the summer but when winter came people found out that cars were very cold to ride in. People stopped buying cars for a while. Everybody also soon started to invent different ways of heating the car. When the heating problem was solved people thought that

cars were the greatest thing on earth. Cars sold
good for a while until someone invented an
air conditioner for houses and someone thought
of putting one in a car. Then everyone started trying
to put an air conditioner in their own car. This
started people inventing all over again. Today people
are still inventing things to help improve the car
like smog controllers, different safety devices,
and more other improvements and luxuries.

The invention of electricity was one that was good.
Just think how your house would be without it.
An invention that could not be happened without electricity
is the light bulb invention of the light bulb. Lamps
had to be invented to hold and supply the light bulb
with electricity. Another invention that uses electricity
is the electric range. How would it be without electri-
city in the kitchen? You wouldn't have all the app-
iances you have in the kitchen now. It would
take a lot longer to cook and bake if we didn't have
electricity at all. You wouldn't be able to watch TV
if we didn't have electricity. It would be hard to
keep things cold if you didn't have a refrig-
erator.

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I am glad and proud that I am an American for many reasons. I guess like many people I take being an American for granted, because we were born here and not of no other way of life except our neighbors and other states. It's not until you go to school and start studying different countries and their customs and way of life that we see how lucky we are to be born here. Compared to most other countries we really seem rich in a lot of ways. We also share many freedoms that other countries don't have. Our schools and education is so much better, we also have more of a opportunity to do and be what we want. The children in their countries might feel the same about their country because they are born there and know no other way of living unless they are taught in school. Our family has seen about sixteen different states. They all had different parts of interests in them, and some states were better looking than others, but even in the real poor areas you couldn't compare them to the real poor countries. Even as the years go by the

government and people seem to make needs for
improving and making this a better place to
live, in such a fast growing society.
As the world grows they will always be
need for man to move ahead and explore to
make this a better America. Our television
even shows a way in which our freedom of
speech works. If you disagree with a law
or rule you have an appeal to say how you
feel about it, and why you disagree. Our
paper also give us freedom to write as
we feel with in reason. Some countries
can only watch television certain hours
and just spectators, we choose what
we watch, and when ever we feel we
feel we are being mistreated there are people
and places to go for help. The choice of marrying
who ever we wish in a freedom we have
that probably not many people think of. But
in many countries today the parents still will
pick their children's wife or husband which
is the case. Our country may not be a perfect
country, but to me it is the best place, and
I am glad and proud I was born here and
to be an American.