**Mandala Autobiography**

**Nicole Osborn**

My name is Nicole Osborn and I would like you to know about some areas of my life that I consider important. I also chose symbols to represent these specific areas.

The first symbol I would like to talk about is the heart. To me the heart means love and caring for others. I consider this important in my life because when you love and care about other people, they usually seem to respect who you are and love and care about you back. I care about my family and friends. I tell them what the right thing for them to do is. I wouldn’t want them to get hurt or stuff like that. Love and care is not only important to me but also those who I love and care about.

The second symbol is my family. This is a symbol in which I consider the most important to me. The symbol of my family means to me about the friendly family relationship I have with them. My family is important to me in many ways. They help me with any kind of problem I have, whether it’s at school, about homework, or other people. They help me in any way they can and support me about things I do right. I am glad for them being here for me.

The next symbol is a book. It means that I have a passion for reading. Reading different types of books helps me understand and learn new things, not only from fiction books but also from non-fiction books. Another reason I like to read is because of what the plot is about that keeps me wanting to read in an interesting novel or mystery.

The other symbols I have are a series of different sports. They are: a baseball and bat, a tennis ball and a tennis racket, and a basketball. As you can see I like sports. I think sports are important to me because of the variety of different sports I get to learn and play. I also get to meet new people who like the same sport as me. I think it helps you become more active and not stay at home and eat junk food and watch TV all day. Without sports I would be dealing with a boring life.

The last symbol I have is an eye, which is in the center of my mandala. Personally, I would say that the eye means my uniqueness. It is also the way I see people in my own perspective.

**My Mandala**

**Lency Hernandez**

Bang! Gunshots... many of us don’t realize what is important to us in a daily basis until something dangerous interrupts our daily lives. For example, God, family and social life are important factors to me. These three are all things that I have on my Mandala and that I feel are important because they are what make me feel like Lency. Why God, family and social life?

Everyone has his or her own morals and beliefs, and for me that everyday strength is God. Ever since I was a little girl my family and I began attending church. Little by little I started learning about God and my personal beliefs. Now as a teenager I know in my heart that there is a God out there that died and gave his life for us sinners. My faith and the fact that I believe in God are first in my Mandala because I know in my heart what I feel and what he is capable of doing to this world. As a young Catholic girl, I know that having faith and believing in one’s self is important and makes each and everyone of us our own unique individual.

You are probably wondering why family comes after faith, that is because without God’s creation of human kind we would not have a family. On the other hand family is a major puzzle piece that completes the collage of things that are important to me. Thanks to God and life I life with both my parents and siblings. My dad is like the outside shield that protects us from the scary monsters. My mom is the one who always is updating everything and making sure we get through each and every day. My sister Ashley; Wow! I lover her to death. I don’t know what I would do with out her; she makes me feel like a sister because we have good and bad moments that we’ll have in our hearts forever. Max, he is my older brother and my hero. I admire him to

death because he is one smart/talented fellow, and his presence makes me feel protected. My dog Coopi is also part of my family, and I love her too. She is like my best friend I guess that sayings is true “A dog is man’s best friend”.

Social life plays a major role in my life because it’s what I do. For example my friends Ana, Maribel, Erika, Jatziri, Miyuki and Martha are all important to me because I know that I somehow share a similarity that bonds me to them. Friends are always there for you one way or another. Friends will come with you to a party, watch a movie or even go shopping for a whole

new wardrobe for your closet. Friends are also there cheering you on. They have encouraged me to get involved in a physical activity that allows me to stay in shape. I’m talking about field hockey. Field hockey is important to me because it’s an extra-curricular activity that keeps me busy and in shape, and I enjoy it at the same time. I met new people when I joined field hockey my sophomore year, and since then I’ve been a field hockey player. What is important to you? I know that for me I have God; family and social life. It’s like the three MUSKETEERS; all three of them together are what named them like that; same with me. Those three added all together basically concluded to equal an individual, and that’s me. All of us have our own Mandala and our own beliefs, and that is the key that makes each one of us individuals. What’s in your Mandala?

**Autobiographical Mandala Essay**

**Martha Perez**

My mom always says, “Try your hardest and you will succeed in life.” This always spurs me on to do my best and keep on trying. It gives me the ability to go through each day with the courage to try new things and succeed. Because of the support the symbols in my life give me, I can accomplish all my goals. The three things that give me the courage to go through life are my family, friends, and my education.

Family is a key ingredient to success. This is especially true for me because I received a lot of support from my parents when I was learning English. They were there for me even when they couldn’t help me with my English. This gave me the initiative to try my hardest to learn this new language. Because of their confidence in me I was able to reach my goal and learn English. They talk to me about real issues and don’t treat me like a kid. They always help me explore new concepts and ideas. They promote independent thoughts, regardless of what theirs might be. Now when I try something new, I don’t hesitate but just take the big leap to success.

Friendship keeps me from going insane. My friends help me deal with all the problems that overwhelm me at the worst of times. They keep me from berating myself with useless criticizing over petty mistakes. They are the ones who stand with me when I am at my worst and don’t abandon me for it. They give me the courage to say what is on my mind instead of shying away. They are a part of me that I would not sacrifice.

My education is something so dear to me, it is with me at all times. It helps me express myself in so many ways. I know I can forge a better future for me and my family with my education. It is like a best friend, disappointing at times but always bringing joy to my life. I think that it defines who I am as much as my family and friends do. I can only hope that I won’t let my education down by failing, but I know that with it by my side I can do anything.

Every day is a new challenge brought forward, but I know I can face it. I have the support of a loving family, caring friends and a great education. What more can a girl ask for? I mean, I have the makings of a great future. With all this backup I know I’ll make it through life. Who knows, perhaps you’ll hear about me someday.

**My Life**

**Kevin Rivera**

Athletic, friendly, and loving are three words that describe me the best. There are many values that make one unique. I am unique in my own way and the characteristics that make me that way is the love I have from my family, the friendship I express, the nature I endorse, the sports fan I am, and the knowledge I have. Each of these characteristics has had its ways in making me who I am today.

A big part of my life is my family. I am there when they need me and I can always know their presence is there when I need them. I am always a loving person when it comes to my family. There is nothing on earth that can take away the love we express for one another. There might be rough times in life but the love of my family is always consistent.

There is no person that can get through life happily without friends. I for one think I’m very good at finding them and adding them to the ones I have. Sure as time goes by you lose friends but that is when one needs to become open to new friends. It takes a long time to grow an old friend, but when one does the process starts all over again. Making and losing friends is one of many journeys life faces, hence I am always kind and courteous to my friends and their beliefs.

I am a very serious person when it comes to keeping the world clean. I love the beauty of nature and I do my part on keeping it that way. I get disgusted when I see people litter and act like the world is a great place. I keep the world around me clean by picking up after myself and influencing my peers to do the same. The beauty of nature is immense and I don’t ever plan on doing anything to damage it.

I am a big sports fan whether my team wins or loses. I support the home teams like the Padres and Chargers however when it comes to choosing among them I am a CHARGERS fan until I die. The philosophy I have towards the Chargers is “Win, lose, or tie Chargers till’ I die.” I

love playing sports and consider it my favorite hobby. I don’t consider my self the brightest kid but I do know I am not the dumbest either. When I work hard I can accomplish the goals I am striving for. There are subjects I am not that strong in but there are others where I am excel at. I consider myself weak in math but strong in English. My favorite part of English is writing essays because I can really express myself. I think that most people can get the best of my ability by assigning essays.

I am a one and only person, I am unique in my own way, but the best part of my life is that it’s my life. I have achieved many goals in my life so far but with the values I have I know that I can accomplish even more. My life has just begun, it’s like a flower beginning to blossom, but just wait until I grow up, I will have done something great with my life.