

Dreams

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Yes, you can say I am not a normal 13 year old girl with normal teenage dreams. I don't have dreams of becoming a millionaire or a mermaid. Nothing super crazy. I'll start with the most important dream to me. I dream of being happy and content with myself and with what I'm doing. I have never been able to say that I'm fully happy with my school work or anything in fact. I strive to perfect everything I do but that doesn't always work out. I put myself down and my confidence and self-esteem have dropped because of it. In order to get there, I need to accept the fact that no one is perfect and to stop seeing the negative side of everything.

My official dream job would be to own a photography business, mostly doing landscape and family portraits. Photography is something I really enjoy doing. It's not just about snapping a quick picture of something random. There's a lot more to it, such as lighting and the right angle and having an eye for the right colors and seeing the beauty in things. I can see myself having this career. To get there I am going to go to college and get a degree in business and in photography.

Once I have had my business for about a year, I would eventually like to get married. It's a dream of mine to have a beautiful wedding getting married to the person I love. This can't exactly be planned out because love is pretty much random, you could fall in love with someone you least expect. It's pretty important to me because I am bullied at my school, and they say things about my physical appearance or about my personality. They tell me that no one will ever love me and that I will end up alone, and I don't want to be alone because that is one of the worst feelings in the world. Really, all I can do is wait and see who comes my way.

Last of all, I dream of becoming a mom. Which I know sounds completely crazy since I'm only thirteen but it is something I do want. I want to raise a child to be a strong and independent person. I want to watch my child grow up, to see him/her get married and possibly raise kids of

their own. Yes, I understand it's a lot of work but I also can see myself being a great mom. Of course, I'm going to wait until I'm married and then go from there.

After that I want to go back and re-live my accomplishments. Looking at old photos of my kids, knowing I got past the bullying, and just remembering past years. And telling myself I finally lived my dreams. I am definitely going to look back at this paper.