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Strong, Smart, Bold

My personality is what makes me strong
The way I act is truly something to behold.
When people see me they claim I look mean
But that's because you don't see the true me.
I make people laugh that's what I do
Stay by me for 5 minutes I'm sure I'll have you laughing too.
I very open-minded with everything
Because why judge people because they're doing their own thing.
I'm respectful to any and everyone
Just as long as they don't treat me as if I'm some insignificant person.

My mind is what makes me smart
Because showing off all this intelligence is high quality art.
Speaking my thought, sharing my ideas
Feeling what I say, and saying what I feel
People say I'm too smart for my own good
I just think "Are they stupid?"
I guess the way I think is very perplexing
Because when people try to understand me they can't
Even tap into my inner mystery.

My demeanor is what makes me bold
I present myself as if I'm a famous queen of old.
I bow to know one, I stand with pride
From the challenging gaze of my eyes
To walking like a goddess in my stride.
So I walk through life with this confidence I have
Will keep me on my path.

So I my personality is what makes me Strong'
My intellect is what makes me smart
My demeanor is what makes me bold
And all this together will make me dynamite

"AJEE"

Bianca Gonzalez

Super Girl

A super girl to me is a young lady who knows how to present herself in a crowd of people, by letting her confidence shine. She does not fear of being herself or letting others judge her. She is a smart young lady in which she makes her own decisions as to what is best for her. She is also very responsible and whatever she does good or bad she has the courage to take full responsibility for her actions. She is also daring, she pushes herself out of her comfort zone to be the best she can possibly be, by testing herself with every challenging experience that comes her way.

I am a super girl because and I believe that I have most if not all of these qualities because of a program such as Girls inc. that has helped me grasp such qualities.

For example, my first year at UC Riverside I had to use these qualities and push myself out of my comfort zone. To be a daring confident Latina that I knew I could be. I am proud to say that I am a Super Girl.

What makes me a Super Girl

Over the past 4 years, I've questioned my effort in fighting for something that takes excessive energy. I failed to realize the true value of self empowerment in our society today. A wise woman once told me, "no one can take away what's in your brain". That very statement persuaded me to strive to become a strong, unique and independent woman. From that point on I maintained a priority to stand above and beyond what other expected of me. Living in 24 foster and group homes and going to 6 different high schools has indeed challenged my determination and self respect. The only reassurance that kept me from giving up, was knowing that this part of my life would not last forever. A Super Girl is able to excel in all areas; to survive emotionally, mentally and physically. Despite my knowledge, I understand that there will be times in my life where I have to take a step back and work my way out of an obstacle. Within this past year my focus has shifted, instead of focusing on school, my main goal was finding a place to live. On top of that I am currently experiencing financial issues with Spelman College and it has been difficult to find work. It will be simple to just give up on life and take the easy route like many other former foster youth. However, I am a Super Girl; I take life how it is and I learn from it. I will not give up on myself and I will not make excuses as to why I cannot finish what I started. At the age of 19, I am still learning that life does not play out how we plan it, but how we react to it. Coping with the fact that I will not be able to resume at Spelman College is heart breaking, nevertheless life goes on and you deal with it. As a Super Girl, I am saying "yes I will preserve, even though all odds are against me". Every day I strive to lift as I climb and become a true Super Woman. I know it will take time, but I have patience and I am not afraid to live and learn.