

Dear Future Student,

This last year has been a very different one. One year ago today I was in this class second period when the towers were hit. Towards the end of the period Mr. Fagan our principal came on the P.A. and announced to the teachers to turn on the T.V.'s. When the T.V. was turned on, both towers had already been hit. I was very confused at this point. I wasn't sure why it happened, or who did it. The next few days went on as I found out more and more about who did it, and what happened. There was an eerie silence those days with no planes flying above us. As I walked around town I noticed everyone had some sort of flag up. I was in shock to see how everyone in the country pulled together and helped out in this horrible event. Every time I'm outside and hear a plane, I can't help, but think about 9-11-01. Over the months things started to get back in the flow, although it will never be like it was before. Over the summer I had to fly home, ~~to~~ when I got to the airport I could tell that everything had changed. They were checking everything, having people get searched had to be. Once I boarded the plane, I couldn't stop thinking

about all those people sitting there  
when they flew into a building. In all  
the months proceeding I could see a huge  
change in people. Everyone was helping everyone  
out. Comforting each other. New York City had  
just finished the cleanup of Ground Zero.  
Because of these horrible attacks thousands  
didn't get to say goodbye to their loved  
ones, but us as a nation made sure  
their loved ones could say bye to them.

~~But~~ In the last year I think  
<sup>everyone</sup>  
~~everyone~~ in the nation now has more  
pride about this country than they  
ever had in them. I hope one day we  
will find out why they did it. As you  
sit here in class, I hope you can  
realize how much of a change occurred.