

Equation of Me

7 Skipped Kindergarten + 6 Music Lover + 5 Reader + 4 Writer + 3 Photographer
+ 2 Musician + 1 Drawer = Ana

My name is Anastasia. I go by Ana though; it's shorter, easier and quicker to say. My mom is Vietnamese and my dad is Chinese so, that makes me both. I am an only child and have been at High Tech Middle since 6th grade. Some things I like to do on my free time are throw the football around with my Dad, go on the internet, listen to music, going to the mall, hanging out with my friends and watching T.V. I also like to play with my three pets, two cats, Misty and Tigger, and one dog, Cinnamon. I've always been known as the shy and quiet girl that never talks but this year, that's all going to change.

I skipped kindergarten because I guess it was just too easy for me. This is number seven on my equation because this will affect me for my whole life. That's the reason I'm only 12 in a grade full of 13 and 14 year olds. It was hard at first because I was really shy and quiet. I did make friends though. They stuck with me until 3rd grade when they moved. I then knew more people but it was kind of like the start at a new school. You don't know people real well and you have to find a friend. It turns out I did. They're still friends even until now. If I had never skipped kindergarten, I'd be in 7th grade and not knowing any of the people I know now.

I am a music lover. This is the second most important one out of the seven because I spend a lot of my time listening to music. I love to listen to music by famous bands or unheard of ones. As long as it sounds good it doesn't matter who they are or where they came from. My favorite type of music is rock - from alternative rock to hardcore rock to plain old classic rock, I like most of them. Sure, I haven't listened to that many bands or know the names of all the members but I like the music. When I'm lying in my bed listening to my ipod and to a song that I'm really into, I'll close my eyes and just listen. There are no distractions; it's just me and the music.

I am a person that reads quite often. Usually on vacations when I have nothing to do or when a new book comes out of a series that I like. I love reading books about people around my age going through some of the same things I'm going through such as problems with friends/people, peer pressure, school work, and things like that. Some books I like are the Silver Crown, the Clique series, the A-List series, the Gossip Girl series, Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, and other books of that kind. If I really get into the book I just picture all of the scenes running through my head. It's like a little movie theater in my head with me as the only audience.

I am a writer only when I want to be. I write my best when an idea just comes to me; that's why this is number four. I don't get ideas by brainstorming because to me, that doesn't help. Writing essays or summaries or reflections aren't the best part of writing because you can't be creative. You have to follow guidelines and you can't make anything up. That's why I like to write poems,

stories, or anything that I can just be creative and write whatever. The problem is though, that I can only write really good things when I'm in a writing mood. If I try too hard to write something such as a poem, it doesn't turn out good. My creative writing just comes to me most of the time when I'm really into what I'm writing. But when we have to do quick 10 minutes writing assignments I don't do as well because I think too hard to try to come up with it quick and I write very slowly.

I am a photographer that loves to take artistic pictures. This is only at number three right now because I don't have a camera of my own so I can't take pictures that often. I love taking pictures of anything I think is pretty or just plain fun. I don't necessarily like to be in pictures but sometimes it's alright. You'll always have pictures with you and they'll remind you of things you have forgotten. When I look at pictures of me and my friends and family or when I was a little kid, it makes me happy most of the time. When I look at the picture I remember what happened as if it was yesterday. I am saving up to buy a camera of my own and I'm a little over half way done. I can't wait until I get it so I'll be able to remember my forgotten memories.

I am a musician that has just recently quit taking piano lessons after 7 years. Even though I took it that long I didn't choose too. My mom put me in lessons without even asking me. I took violin for a couple of months but decided I didn't like it. So, right now I have a book that I am trying to learn guitar from. If that doesn't work, I'll probably find someone to teach me. I would love to learn how to play so many different instruments but it takes me a while to become good enough at one to even think of trying another. Even if I'm not continuing my lessons, I still know how to play and that's why this is number two.

I am an artist that loves to draw but sometimes I don't draw well. Even though I love drawing, it's not one of my strongest points so it's number one. I like to draw even though I'm not the best at it. I can draw people's faces okay but when it comes to the body, don't call me to help you. I really want to learn how to draw. To most people it comes naturally and they can see all the angles and curves and where they're all supposed to be. I on the second hand cannot. Sure, I can see it but I look at the positive space and draw the actual figure first instead of looking at the negative space and just getting the outline. I would love to draw but if I never do learn all the techniques than I'll still be okay.

I like to write things that I can just be open and creative. I'm usually quiet but in creative writing and poetry, I'm loud in both words and emotions. I hope that you have learned a lot about me by reading this and will not always judge me as the shy and quiet girl that never talks-or only talks to her friends. That's what people always thought but I want to change that perception. From now on I'll be louder and more outgoing. I'll be the Ana that steps out from her shadow, not hiding behind it.