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Walk In Shoes Essay

When you see a pair of shoes you might think it is the coolest pair of Jordans, or the cutest converse, or the most expensive pair of high heels. But when I see a pair of shoes, I see an imagination of a person's life. I might not know everything about the person but the overall picture. When I look at my shoes I see dirt, scratches, and broken pieces of my shoe. All I see is a person who has walked through hardship, perseverance, and pure life. These parts of my shoes show me my storyline of what I have been through to get to where I am today, and my shoes have walked me through every step of it.

Every step people take, their shoes have been with them and that shows not to judge anything about a person without knowing what they have been through. Example I might've not have had the best, most expensive shoes but I at least did have shoes to get me through the things I been through. I have been through so many things such as having to reach all the high expectations of being a straight A student. Having to get through family being in danger in war. These things have brought so many hardships into my life, but this shows that even if you see someone smile, laugh, or have the most expensive pair of shoes or clothes, you do not know what they are going through inside.

So, the challenges in my life have shaped me into the young woman I am today. Even if it is having to get through the hard long nights of sports and having to excel in school. Having the pressure on my back to excel in life because my parents did not as immigrants, is even harder. Having to choose between being a teenager with a fun childhood vs. being a good child is a struggle as well. These struggles are stuff people might not see from a pair of shoes but the idea of having

to walk in my shoes is difficult to picture. The thought of my family, especially my grandmother in war with no source of water, electricity, or healthcare, is something I would not wish on my worst enemy. So, when I get to know a person and what they go through, I think “Wow, I would’ve never known.”

This path I have taken was most definitely not an easy one. But I know that the pressure, struggles, and tears, will all pay off. One part is which I thought was one of my biggest motivation but also the hardest was having always having the pressure of letting down my parents who have fought every day and night to give me what I need , if that is going to a private school, having a shelter over my head, having a meal to eat every day. This is one thing that has pushed me to keep going even when I thought I could not keep going. The thought of letting down my parents is something I cannot imagine after all these years of them working 24/7 to pay off school tuition.

So, even if I do not have the best, most expensive pair of shoes. At least I know that I have shoes to wear to get me through whatever path I must take in the future. So, I have realized that even if you see someone and think they have a perfect life, they do not because they one hundred percent have obstacles that face them every day. And how do I know this? Because even with the hurdles I have had to jump to get to where I am, I have had a smile with me every day of it.