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## **T-shirt Final Essay**

I can be many different things to many different people, but what truly counts is that I know who I am, right? I cherish who I am, and I wouldn't want to be someone else. I stay true to who I am and I what I believe in. People tend to love me because of who I am. I'm surrounded by the right people that care about me, encourage me, and push me to be better in whatever I do. As seen on my T-shirt this is a representation of me.

To show my sense of style, in apparel, I made the decision to cut my shirt on one side and left the other side uncut. Because I feel most comfortable wearing *loose fitting* and *pre shaped* t shirt, this is how I would describe my fashion style (comfortable/ relaxed). I chose to cut it on one side since I occasionally enjoy dressing really cutely in body contouring clothing and showing off. Additionally, I did it this way to show my ambivert traits. The cut upside to indicate my occasionally openness and outgoingness and the uncut side represent my occasionally introverted characteristics when I'm more closed off. How I am depends on who I am with and the situation.

In order to represent myself as a black, college woman and student aiming to further her knowledge, I chose to sketch a black head figure with an afro with books underneath. I soon graduate College, and I am proud of that.

Because I can be quite feisty at times and think I am strong, I chose to create a fiery heart symbol. The red flames also stand for the passion I possess. I've encountered situations in life where I was forced to preserve and maintain my strength. My prior experiences have ignited a fire within me that drives me to want to go above and beyond in life even if I have to do it alone, I'm not afraid to stand alone.

I wrote family is everything because I value my relationship with my family much and would go practically any length for them. Additionally, my family played a role in molding me into the person I am now. They always stood by my side to encourage me and make sure that I am doing the best I could. They would never let me stumble or fall. And for that reason, I proudly display my affection for my family.

Because my family has been supportive of me, I want to spread the same love to others. I drew a sun behind family because I bring light to other people lives. To know me is to love me. You can rely on me if you don't have anyone else. I am fun and I am loyal. I make an effort to lessen any burdens someone might be bearing.

Because I am a fraternal twin to a twin boy named Tykei and we both have "born together, twins forever" *modified* to our bodies, I decided to write it on the shirt. He is my other half, and I enjoy having a twin. We are inseparable. The tattoo will always be on my body as a reminder he will always be with me.

I wrote "Sister", "Aunty"," Friend" because I am a sister, aunty and friend. I'm 1 of two girls and I'm # 6 of 9 kids. I am an aunty to, 9 girls and 3 boys and I am a friend to most people, and they all have a piece of my heart represented by the little hearts next to the term.

I made the decision to draw a cross to symbolize my belief in Jesus. My family attended church every Sunday when I was growing up. My mother would put bless oil on my head and the heads of my siblings every morning after praying over us. I live by Christianity and make an effort not to fall victim to the world's evil.

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