

## *America's Gift to My Generation*

Sometimes America can seem like a raging fire, passionate, loud, and uncontrollable. But I prefer to think of it as an unfinished symphony, a story in the making, waiting to be told. Stories from millions of Americans all coming together to unite in beautiful song.

Perhaps we are all notes, strong on their own but extremely powerful when they work together. Notes don't dwell on how different they all sound, they work with one another to create something even more beautiful than each of them alone. In much the same way, Americans of all generations work through their disagreements to unite as one body, standing strong for each other.

"Our lives begin to end the day that we become silent about things that matter." - Martin Luther King Jr. America has long been a shining light in the fight for free speech, since its ratification in 1791. Our long-standing history of activism through organized protest has paved the way for our generation, one filled with passion and excitement for the future, to embrace our power to change the world. Through abolition movements and civil rights protests, women's suffrage marches and sit-ins in support of peace, each generation of powerful Americans passes the torch onto the next. Our government has granted my generation with the stage to unite one another in our pursuit of equality and fair treatment for citizens not only of America, but the world.

America's gift to my generation is the ability to unite as one body and create a positive change in our world. We are given the sacred ability to protest peacefully and be seen on a global stage. We have the power to change the world, perhaps for generations to come. As we write more notes into our song and welcome people of all races, religions, and ethnicities, we only grow stronger. I believe that one day, we will be a grand symphony, standing proud as one.