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Essay A

All my life I have played 3 sports: soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. They are great commitments but I have learned how to manage my time around them because school work comes first. I have continued to play these sports for various reasons: they're good experience, they keep me busy and active, and they have taught me so many important life lessons. I know how to work well with others, put the team before myself, work hard every single day, be punctual, and never give up. These lessons have become a part of me: I have won the "Team Before Self" award 4 times in soccer, along with other awards in basketball and lacrosse. Because I feel so strongly about these respectful morals, I want to embody them and be a good role model for all the younger generations. Michael Rothberg's kindness and generosity touched so many people, so I would like to do that as well. I want to give my time to kids so that I can teach them good morals. Also, I would like to join Peace Corps after college, if possible without financially hurting my family, to help under-privileged kids in other countries.

Along with teaching kids the morals I've learned from sports, I want to teach them my personal ones. My most important moral is a promise I made to myself when I was young: never to drink, smoke, or do drugs. Doing those activities ruins young lives; I've seen it happen to many of my upperclassmen in sports. I don't intend to ever break that promise and I want my resolve to influence kids that don't know any better. I want to save kids from a possibly bleak future; staying clean could save many kids' lives and help them succeed!

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Essay B

Many people think that just killing all possible terrorists is the only way to prevent terrorism, but I can't support that method because I am a pacifist. I hate that the terrorists used the most horrendous type of violence against the United States, but if we continue the cycle of hate, bad things will continue to occur and take the lives of Americans. There are two things I would recommend to the government to prevent terrorism. The first is to monitor flight training more closely. Only trusted Americans, like those in the military, should learn how to fly a plane. Every student should have their background checked. Along with flight training, the purchase of dangerous guns should be monitored. A quick background check to catch any suspicious motivation could save a lot of people. The second thing I would recommend to the government is that they keep on trying to develop technology to use in airport security. Everyone wants thorough security technology that is quick and easy to use. Technology is already improving very quickly, so I'm sure that with good research more advanced security will soon be made. Without violence as an option, all the United States can do is outsmart terrorists; I trust that our government can handle that job!