

#39 Declaration of Independence

There comes a time in our lives when we need to stand up for what we believe is right. How us teens deserve to be treated, is not asking too much from anybody, we simply want to be treated with the respect we deserve, just like any other normal human being would like to be respected. I am writing this declaration to show that what we teens ask for is not really asking for a lot from anybody.

We, teens of this society, often have a lot of demands and rules we have to abide by because we have to respect those in authority over us. However sometimes these rules or demands are rather unfair and unreasonable. We teens have the right to a homework free weekend, to be treated equal, to have freedom, and the right to voice our opinions.

Because I am a teenager, I'm automatically seen as wrong in an argument with an adult just because I am a teenager, and I obviously "don't know what I'm talking about" so my opinion that I have and was going to give is seen as "dumb" or not important.

When going to high school, you have a lot of different rules you have to abide by, one of them being the dress code. While boys are allowed to wear cut off T-shirts where you can see half of their stomachs, girls aren't allowed to show bra straps because bra straps are obviously super scandalous duh. I think that if girls are not allowed to wear shirts that show their stomachs, boys should not be able to either because we all have equal rights, right?

We teens have very busy schedules with having school for eight hours a day. In addition, a lot of us have sports after school and some of us have jobs where we work a six hour shift or more. Then we're expected to do a needless amount of homework once we're done with school, sports, and work. I don't know about you, but homework usually takes up a lot of my time. I guess teachers don't realize that sleeping is essential in a student's life, or anyone's life for that matter. But as long as we get it done and turned in we're all happy, right?

A lot of the time we teens are getting in trouble for something "bad" or "irresponsible" that we did. I'm not going to deny that yes, we teens are doing bad or irresponsible stuff on a regular basis. But what adult didn't do the same irresponsible things at our age? However our parents or, whoever is in charge of us, still don't give us a chance to try and explain why we did what we did. We'd probably get grounded anyway if we did try to explain, but we still have the right to defend and try to explain ourselves.

When adults think of teenagers they think of “oh those kids are on their phone electronic thingys ALL the time” and yes we are on them all the time, but of course when they think of us on phones obviously we have to be doing something stupid or unuseful on them. I don't know about you but I use my phone for school related stuff on a daily basis. Meanwhile, adults are over here trying to figure out how to turn on a laptop I'm not trying to put down adults I'm just saying if you don't even know how something works you don't really have the right to go and say its stupid and a waste of time.

We, teens are often categorized into one group. That group being, since you're a teenager you're automatically seen as irresponsible or dumb without even having the chance to prove ourselves. I feel like when a teen meets an adult, the adult already thinks they know everything about you, mainly because you're a teenager and that is not fair to the least bit. My parents have taught me that you never judge a person on how they look, you judge them on how they act, but then for adults to go and do the same thing that most of our parents have taught us not to do is very hypocritical of them, and wrong in a lot of different ways.

We the teens of this society declare that we deserve the respect of those in authority over us, and we deserve to be able to voice our opinions and actually have them heard and thought about, not just put down. We deserve to be treated equal, we deserve fair education without a million rules we have to abide that don't even make any sense.. at all. As we teens strain to gain the respect of those in authority over us, we often lose respect for ourselves in the process. All we want is the respect that we rightfully deserve.