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knows the outcome of the things she went through so this allows her to smile about the life she had growing up. While reading this essay I felt a great deal of respect for her being able to handle the tasks she had at such a young age. I personally have never had to really work for anything, so I really appreciate hearing the story of someone who learned such great skills for life and is appreciative. She is the type of person I would love to work with just because she works so hard and doesn't complain. I am very proud of her and I believe that all children should have some kind of duty to keep them occupied and to teach them life skills. She is an asset to any company and they should be grateful to have such a wonderful worker like her.