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Elizabeth: Good, I am glad I found you here. It seems you are finally getting comfortable with our ways. Sara: Yes, well I have slept so good these past two nights that I woke up rather early this morning. I usually don't even eat breakfast at home, but everything is so good here. Elizabeth: That is very true.

Breakfast is my favorite meal here, sometimes; I wake up extra early just so I can help in the preparation. Sara: Really, I am impressed. I could never wake up that early, especially on a school day. Beth: Yes, why are you so tired in the mornings? Sara: Where should I start? Okay well I start by giving you my weekly schedule. Everyday of the week I have to be awake by 6: 00 am. I get dressed, and chug down a cup of coffee to keep me awake.

I try to be out the door between 7: 15: and 7: 30. Although I only live about ten miles away from school, I have to leave my house extra early, to beat the traffic, and drop off my little brother. No matter what time I leave my house, I always seem to hit a huge amount of traffic and I am always late. I always worry about walking into first period late. Sara: Well, my first period teacher lectures a lot, and I feel rude when I walk in during the middle of a lecture. Beth: I am sorry to interrupt you, but I still do not understand why you are so tired, all you have to do is go to bed earlier.

Sara: Things just aren't that simple, I don't get home until nearly 3: 30. On Mondays I tutor from 3: 30 -5: 30, on Tuesdays I have Youth Educator meetings from 6: 00- 9: 30, and every other week I have Contra Costa Times Teen advisory board meetings. On Wednesdays I have a community college class from 4: 00 - 7: 00pm, and I work on the weekends. On top of all of this I

have hours of homework, and college applications to fill out. Beth: I understand why you are tired, but I don't understand why you chose to participate in activities that you don't enjoy. Sara: I don't really have a choice. I have to go to school, to get an education...even though in four out of six of my classes, all I do is get more homework to do outside of school, so they pretty much waste my time. Well I push myself so I can get into a good college, so I can get a good job, and be happy.

Beth: You always have a choice. Why do you live a life in order to become happy? Why are you not happy everyday? Sara: I see your point, but all the pressure I have I put on myself. What is so much better about school here?

Beth: First on all we learn about what we want to, no one tells us what to learn. Sara: Then don't you lack the fundamentals? Beth: Absolutely not.

We embrace learning and often go beyond what is taught in normal schools.

Sara: You mean to say you like math. Beth: Yes of course, what is not to like about math? The only reason that you dislike a subject is because you find it tedious and difficult, correct? Sara: When you put it that way I agree. Beth:

Well, our teachers are not burdened with crowded classrooms and lack of time. Someone will work with us until we fully comprehend the material.

Sara: I suppose that makes sense. If I completely understood Pre-Calculus, I would have had not trouble going on to calculus...Beth: How would you like to take a walk. Sara: That sounds nice.

I would like to go to the pond again if you don't mind. Sara: I was wondering...I understand, that you can become or do anything you like here, but it takes away that driving force. I am referring to goals, and dreams. If I

didn't have goals or dreams, I don't think that my life would have a purpose.

Beth: Our life has a purpose, we live to do our part.

We can do whatever we like in order to accomplish that. Beth: We don't rely on money to live. We work in order to