

Years 7-8 Category Runner-Up

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Middle of the sea

Everyone says these are the things that should matter most to me.

Doing my homework and getting good grades,

It will help you in the future they say,

They nag and nag and don't ever go away.

Climate Change, carbon dioxide, greenhouse gases and global warming,

To some people like me that all seems very boring.

Everyone asks me what you are going to be,

My family says study hard and become a doctor,

But that's just not for me.

Everyone says train hard every day,

Become a professional sports player they say,

But I just want to have fun and enjoy the things I play.

Deep down inside I know what should matter to me,

A 13-year-old boy who wants to stay young and free.

I'm not stressing about what my future may bring,

I know what truly matters to me and that's the main thing.

Paddling out on my kayak in the middle of the sea,

With nobody to harass me and say they disagree.

It's almost like the world is frozen around me,

Not much is better and that's a guarantee.

Sitting out there waiting for the tip of the rod to bounce,

Hoping soon that a big fish will pounce.

When the rod bounces that's when I strike,

Reeling in the fish is a feeling I like.

Pulling it up onto the kayak, measuring its size,

It's too little so I say my goodbyes.

Playing soccer with my friends,

It feels as if the world will never end.

Kicking the ball around,

On the wet grassy ground,

Gives you a feeling that's sound.

Spending time with my awesome family,

It's the best feeling in the world.

Sitting at the table and talking together,

I know I will have these people in my heart forever.

So, these are the things that matter the most to me, being healthy, happy and stress free.