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Assignment 3 – Autobiography
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I'm currently a sophomore at Wellesley, Taiwanese, and a CS major (Course 6 for MIT eyes). I have a brother and two pet Siamese cats, I absolutely love froyo and sleep, and I really enjoy running and travelling. I was born in Diamond Bar, a suburb near Los Angeles, CA and I was basically raised there all my life, except for two instances.

From the ages of 3 to 7, I lived in Singapore because of my father's job. It was a really interesting time for me because I was able to meet a variety of people from all around the world. I also made several close friends, and although we were so young when we met, I have still been able to keep in contact with them (or actually...we found each other on Facebook recently...yay for social media). I think it's really cool that my friends live in and go to school in a variety of places (i.e Canada, Singapore, England), and that I can learn from their experiences. When I was 7, we moved back to Diamond Bar where I subsequently attended elementary school until the 3rd grade. In the 3rd grade, I moved to Hong Kong for two years and attended Hong Kong International School. I remember my experiences here much more clearly: again, I had the privilege of meeting a plethora of people of different ethnicities, and I was thrust into a global community that I had never expected or seen before. I suddenly felt much smaller coming from a small town back in California. If there is one thing I remember most about my time there aside from the people I've met, it is the food I ate. HK's food is the best and I can honestly say, LA doesn't really compare.

In 5th grade, I moved back to the US. My time from the 5th to 8th grades were not that interesting, so I'll tell you some random tidbits about my family. We go to Vegas literally four times every year (probably because there really isn't anywhere else to go that's close to Southern California) and then hiking in Zion National Park and skiing/snowboarding in Park City, Utah. My whole family hates cheese and anything with cheese in it (except pizza). We are all physically incapable of waking up and sleeping early.

I went to Diamond Bar High School from the 9th to 12th grades, and it was some of the most hectic yet most fun times of my life. I made some of the best friends I could ever make, took a lot of stressful exams, and made a lot of new experiences. Most importantly, I discovered a lot of my passions. Although right now I'm pretty set on a CS/Finance style path, I'm really interested and would love to eventually be a part of the nonprofit community. I also enjoy learning and being a part of social entrepreneurship and ideas that promote urban/environmental sustainability. I also really love to travel, exploring new cultures and places. Last summer, I went to Europe and I really enjoyed Amsterdam and Barcelona. I want to travel abroad for a year after graduation.

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