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Trustworthiness FCE Essay Contest

Imagine you are standing in the middle of the battlefield during the war against Great Britain. You don't know if you are going to live or die, and your life is in the hands of General George Washington. How do you know you can trust him? Can you trust the soldiers you have fighting by your side to stand with you? Trustworthiness is the key to the past, present and future of communities all over. From local communities, all the way to world wide communities, trustworthiness impacts lives 24/7.

In the past, trustworthiness has had a huge impact on lives everywhere. Worldwide, people wanted an honorable name. Back when a simple handshake was the promise of a lifetime. Keeping your word with the promise of a handshake was the path to an honorable name, and a promise for future generations with that same name. Countries' leaders negotiated and formed the world as we know it today with these promises. Our founders trusted We The People, and that our country would grow into a free and prospering country. But most importantly, they had trust in God. They used God as the foundation of our country and its principles to create the free country as we know it today. As Lewis and Clark settled for the first time on the west coast, they trusted the land and indigenous people there as we continued to discover Oregon's west coast. As a state we had to come together to trust the values and work of our neighbors. In Klamath county, farmers have been using a trust system for as long as time. Farmers would work together to keep crops alive through hard seasons. They had to trust each other, or else their crops might die and they wouldn't have crops to harvest by the end of the season. As farming innovations grew, they had to trust that new equipment wouldn't destroy crops. We work together to strengthen our

community but we couldn't have done it without the trust and hard work of everyone in the communities everywhere.

Trustworthiness has a huge impact on the present day in everything that we do. All over the world there are conflicts that happen because there is no trust between countries. A prime example is the Russia and Ukraine war. Neither country trusts the other, so they keep fighting. During each election, we elect the president who we trust the most. Without the trust for our president, we wouldn't have faith in the decisions that our country is making. In our state, we vote and elect government officials to represent our state. We have to put our trust in them to make the right decisions for our state. Even in our everyday lives we use trust to make decisions about relationships. How trustworthy a person is could determine how we act around people. Almost all healthy relationships are built on trust, and without trust a relationship can't function properly. The more trust you have in a community of people, the stronger bond you will have together. With that comes the ability to work together efficiently and prosper.

In the future, trust will be a huge building block for the entire world. If every person in the world was trustworthy and honest, think of how peaceful the world would be. The hope for future generations to be able to come together no matter what gender, ethnicity, or country they come from, it all comes along with trust. The hope to one day not worry about all of the bad things in the world that come from being dishonest with one another. To be able to make peace with other countries and work together to make the world a better place. The way the world is now also affects our future in many ways. Technology has been a huge part moving forward in our country, but it has also destroyed some of the way we live. With all the social media platforms, people don't connect in the same way that they used to. We need those bonding experiences outside of technology to create that platform of trust with one another. There is so

much misinformation spread throughout the internet that people don't know what to trust and what to not trust. Moving forward as a nation, reestablishing those connections, starting small with individual communities, and then growing stronger and stronger will help our country bring back those special bonds. In Oregon, people will come together as neighbors, friends, and family to become a better place to live. Growing that trust within schools, neighborhoods, and eventually cities, will help progress our country and world to be a better place to live.

Within my own life, trustworthiness is a huge part of me. I have always valued trust very deeply in my heart and I always try to reach out to people who might need someone they can trust. Having those people in my life who I know I can count on always have brought a comforting feeling. Growing those trustworthy relationships in the future will be important to me to have people who will have my back throughout the hard times in life. Especially through high-school and the challenges that might come after, having a community that supports me is something that I am so blessed to have. One day I hope to be able to give back to my community for everything they do for me and my peers. Another big part that trust plays in my life is through sports. The bonds and friendships that I build with my teammates and coaches could not be the same without trust. It's the things off the court that can really make a difference in the team dynamic. The girls that I get to play with make playing just that much more fun, and I can't wait to see where it takes us in the future. We really couldn't do it without the trust and support of our community.

Trustworthiness is a crucial part of the world around us. From the neighbors that we see everyday, to the people who fought and founded our great country, trust is a major part of the world. All around the world people rely on trust in every aspect of their lives.