

Human Development Profile

Subject: Summer

At Home:

Summer sets her alarm for 8 AM each night. If she doesn't no one else will wake her up and it is important to get to school on time. That is what adults say, at least. School starts at 9:30 and it is a 10-minute walk to her elementary school where she just started the 6th grade. Summer's morning routine is to wake up, brush her teeth, get dressed, do her hair, pick out her little sister's outfit for the day, and then wake her up. As her 7 year old sister starts to get ready Summer scrambles some eggs for the two of them. No one ever told her she had to cook breakfast for her sister but mom and dad don't wake up until later and Summer thinks it would be pretty rude to only make breakfast for herself. As soon as Summer washes the dishes the sisters are out the door and on their way to school.

After school the house is normally quiet. Dad is still at work and mom is either upstairs watching TV or off running errands somewhere. Summer might snack on some graham crackers and milk while watching TV. She knows she should do her homework and chores before watching TV but dad isn't home until around 6 and mom won't get mad. Mom probably won't even notice.

Suddenly Summer hears her dad's truck pulling up the drive-way. "Oh no!" Summer thinks, "I must have fallen asleep!" She quickly turns off the TV and rushes upstairs to pretend like she has been doing her homework the whole time. After a couple minutes Dad is yelling up the stairs that someone left food in the living room and the kitchen is a mess. Summer knows she is in trouble now! She quickly goes down stairs to clean up any mess dad points out, even if it's not hers. It's not worth it to explain to dad if a mess was already there. He probably wouldn't believe her anyway, and it would just make him madder. Summer sometimes feels like dad just likes to be mad about things that don't really matter, and sometimes she gets in trouble for things she didn't do.

At School/Work:

Summer has always been pretty good at math. She especially likes it this year because she is in the advanced pre-algebra class. Pre-algebra is fun because you get to learn patterns and ways to solve problems that not everyone knows. Addition and subtraction is baby stuff. Even multiplication tables are old news. Summer also likes being in the advanced class because teachers seem to like you better when they think you are smart. She also likes knowing she is smarter than the other kids in her grade. Not that she likes to brag. She just wouldn't want to be in the dumb class.

Summer is pretty good at her other classes as well. She loves to learn about history and imagining what the world would be like if little things were changed. What if Abraham Lincoln was never born? What if the Mormon pioneers settled in California instead of Utah? What if Zayn never left One directions!?! It's fun for Summer to imagine how random things like this would change the world.

Social life:

Summer is pretty happy with the friends she has. She spends a lot of time with the kids in her neighborhood playing night-games in the summer. She also has fun sleep over parties with the girls from her church. She gets along OK with boys and girls but isn't really interested in dating or anything.

The biggest struggle Summer has socially is figuring out how she fits in with the girls at dance class. All of them have been dancing together since they were pretty young and Summer is pretty new to the studio. Even though they are nice to her she still doesn't feel like she totally fits in. Summer thinks the best way for her to "prove herself" is to work really hard at dance. If Summer can prove that she is just as good as them she believes she will fit in.