

Mentor Essay

An experienced and trusted advisor. A mentor to me is a, trusting, caring, and lovable role model that shapes me to be my better self each day. Ms. Meilan inspires me, motivates me, and holds me accountable for everything I do.

Just like multiple civil rights leaders, for example, Martin Luther King's spiritual mentor was a man by the name of "Benjamin Mays" who was a distinguished educator who served as President of Morehouse in Atlanta from 1940-1967. Benjamin and Mr. King developed a close bond while Martin was a student at Morehouse up until his death. Mays also had a lasting influence on King's intellectual life. In "Mastering Our Fears," a sermon written nine years after King graduated from Morehouse, he drew on a 1946 newspaper column Mays wrote for the *Pittsburgh Courier*, which argued that black and white people must overcome their mutual fears to improve race relations.

Throughout Middle School I have faced ongoing struggles. I have had behavioral issues, anxiety, laziness on homework, and just wasn't putting my best foot forward. But Me & Ms. Meilan have daily talks about my mental & my motivation to do better. Each day I receive best advice from her & hold those motivational talks in the back of my head every time I think about going the other route. Since having Ms. Meilan as a mentor, I have been choosing my peace & watching who I allow around me to influence my ways and lastly been on top of my work.

All in all, Mentors are a blessing to have in your life whether you're an eighth grader like me or a college student at Morehouse everybody needs a special someone to cry on when needed.

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