

## Walk a mile in my shoes

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Third Place winner age 11-12

There are 6 colors that represent the emotions and stages I go through. I'm 11. I think. Well, I am, but not to other people. I'm considered a teen. A shy, sensitive, rough and afraid teen. I am Dominican, Puerto Rican and American. I'm not good at competition, well at least sports related competition. You can never pass down an opportunity to make someone feel bad. That's my motto. My anger is strong. Say or do one thing to me and you'll regret it. I can hold a grudge for as long as I want. Or as long as the anger stays inside of me. **Black**. That's how I feel or how I can make you feel. Like I'm living in a black hole.

"You have the right to remain silent," I feel like that's all I hear. Like I have no way to control what is said to me. I feel **blue**. I feel like I don't know myself. All my life I've been friends with a total stranger and I didn't know it. To me I have no way of communication because no one listens because no one cares. I'm invisible until the days that I shine. When people know who I am. Nitsummyah Satajah Wallace Jimenez. A proud Latina.

I'm trapped in a time capsule. I feel **green**. All the good moments in my life are stuck in one period of time. I don't have a normal fairy tale life. I barely see my biological father. I have 12 siblings that I have no clue about and have no sort of relationship with. All I know is that my birthday is June 12, a day before my big brothers birthday. He got a sister for his birthday and has no clue about it. I live with my mom, my sister, and my dog. We know how to make a living off of what we have even though it's not much.

I want to become a pediatrician. I love little kids and growing up as one I see how they struggle to survive. I want to be the one that saves them when something happens. I want to help bring a new generation into the world.

Being a girl is one of the hardest parts of my life. When you are going through puberty and everything, your whole personality changes as your body changes. You become unfamiliar with yourself and you get embarrassed easily. Everything is off schedule. Your period comes randomly and you are not able to do things you normally do. Your face is always red and you're always shopping for new clothes for unwanted reasons. Your voice changes and you turn into a woman, having to watch your actions.

I'm sensitive. Like **pink** bubblegum. I'm a cry baby. And a big wimp. A mommy's girl. That's my nickname. I'm like a crab. Still looking for a new shell to crawl into. I'm lost. In a complicated world. I'm **purple**. Filled with curiosity. I have a lot of questions that can't be answered. I'm a girl.