## Reborn

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Growing up, I often had a negative attitude about most things. For example, I did not study very hard in junior high school, and I did not take an active part in school events as a member of my class. I did not even try to communicate all that well with my friends. I just never saw the point. Looking back on that time, I now regret the choices I made. Entering high school has given me a chance to become a new person and to show that I have learned from the mistakes I have made. Thus, I have worked hard in a number of ways to try to improve myself.

The first thing I needed to change was my study habits. I realized that I needed to change them because when I took my high school entrance exams, I was barely able to pass them. In middle school, I had a poor attitude about studying. In fact, I rarely studied for my classes. Seeing how that attitude almost cost me a chance to enter high school helped me to begin making changes. Since I entered high school, I take all my classes seriously because I never want to have regrets like I do of that time.

The next change I decided to make was to take a more active role as a member of my class. When I entered high school, I became my home room's chairperson. It was my first experience to be in a position where I can bring people together. Though this was my first time doing something like this, I was determined to accomplish this goal and show I could be responsible. This position has taught me many things. For example, when we have a problem within the class, I have learned that it is important to listen to each person's opinion and to make a decision only after setting up a forum for discussion. Now, I think that it is important for me to communicate and to develop a trusting relationship with friends to solve a problem. Getting everyone to work together as one class is quite difficult, but I think I can make progress through this experience, for my class and for myself.

Due to negative thoughts, I could not move forward with my life. However, I realized that I will only be a high school student once, and I don't want to have regrets. For that reason, I am now thinking more positive thoughts. Because of positive thinking, I am now able to get along with my friends and study hard.

I am trying to change the way I think about everything, compared with how I did in junior high school. I have begun to think less negative thoughts and more positive thoughts. However, I know that I can and should change more and more. Thinking positively has helped me to see the point of these little things such as why I need to study and why I should communicate with others. Doing these things will help me become a better person. For that reason, I will continue to make these efforts so that I can be reborn as a new self.