# Mission statement response paragraphs

## Thinker­­­­­­­

When I see something new, my first natural instinct is always to observe, and then think. I love finding out the reason of why things happen. This applies to when I read: I constantly question the incentives for each character’s actions and try to predict what will happen later on in the story. My thinking skill is extremely helpful when I approach more complex problems, whether if they are just every-day-life type of problems, or problems from work or class. My thinking skills allow me to use my logic and apply them to find a method to solve the problems which I encounter.

## Open-Minded

I try my best to keep an open mind and appreciate the difference of culture and personal history of different people. I understand that this is very important because people of minority might not feel comfortable sharing and community with those of majority. The reason of this phenomenon is that people are not confident and fear that other people might not accept their backstory. Therefore, it is important for me and every one around me to always try my best in understanding, paying respect and having an open mind of the back stories of different people.

## Reflective

I spend a lot of my time reflecting what I have done wrong and I strive to find ways that I can improve myself. This is because when I was young (grade 1 – 6) I have made many mistakes, and have probably caused a lot of trouble to people around me. I later realized the trouble that I have been causing to people around me due to my selfishness, so I started to listen to other people’s opinion about my actions and try my best to reflect upon them. Now, I have started to reflect by observing other people, comparing what they do well to my areas of possible improvement. I find this skill really helpful because it constantly helps me to improve myself and fix my own problems.

## Communication

I feel like that I am not a good communicator. While I am good at observing other people’s thoughts, I do not know how to react upon them to create appropriate responses. Not only that, I am have a passive personality, and usually would not take the initiative to properly communicate to other people. I would improve this skill by observing how other people communicate with each other, and what I am doing different from them. Also, I will try to step out of the barrier and take initiative in talking to other people and see if that helps.