



2023 IFI Fatherhood Essay Contest

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"What my father or an important father-figure* means to me"

"Lo que mi padre o una figura paterna importante* significa para mí"

Info about my dad-I don't know what I'll do without my dad. His full name is Kenneth Allen Blades but I call him dad. My dad was born here in Chicago, Illinois on May 5, 1984. My dad owns a business that's named B.Y.G and the business of his is a gym. At home my dad helps wash dishes, helps me with homework sometimes when I need help, and with goals. Sometimes all I think about is "just wait until the process comes out when you're done doing your hard work" but I made up that quote. Sometimes I don't see my dad because he does lots of work at his business. I will just say I see him 80% of the time and the rest of the 20% I don't. My dad buys me things I need and signs me up for after school programs.

Good dad-My dad is a great dad! I say that he's a good dad because sometimes he helps me with homework when I need help. He makes jokes to make me and my siblings laugh. My dad made a business to pay the bills and buy things he and our family needs. I'm trying to make money too by selling things to help my dad out, which is not working well because I'm not allowed to do that in school. My dad almost all the time drives me to places and takes me and my siblings to the hotub almost every week or two. The best thing I like about my dad is that he has hope in me and my career and tells me don't give up or try and do your best. He sometimes makes the best breakfast for me and my siblings and sometimes buys tamales when I'm getting ready for school so I can eat something before school. My dad is very helpful and hardworking.

Weekends- On weekends, my siblings, mom, and dad go to McDonalds or any restaurant. We all do this when we are done going to school on Fridays. On Saturday we go to my dad's apartment where he works in downtown so we can see the view on the 33rd floor. Me and my dad thought about naming Sunday "sunday fun day" and on that day we make jokes and I help my mom cook food and we sometimes go to fun places.

Ending-My dad has been a good dad and I'm super happy for him because of his hard work he does for me and my siblings. He lights up the room and everything around me when he's around me and he's supper funny, even my friends can agree with me. I love you dad!

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de parente/figura paterna a este ensayo:

My daughter Kamilah Blades is the middle child one of five girls. She's very special in her own unique way. She's very adventures way. She's very adventures, artistic and self-driven. She's nice, loving, caring and helpful at home. She helps her younger siblings with homework and a great role model. Kamilah is open minded and doesn't have a problem with voicing her opinion like me. No matter how old she gets I

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I love my pa! My dad's name is Oscar Anica Rivera, he is 52 years old. My dad was born February 17, 1971 in Mexico gro. Acapulco. He came to Chicago ILLINOIS when he was 21 years old so he can have a better life. He started working in roofing and construction. When I was born he had problems because my mom did not want me because of my skin color and my dad took me with him to his gf who is my stepmom, but in 2015 my dad fell from a roof so I had to take care of him. 4 years later my dad went to jail for 4 days because my real mom told a lie to the police. When my dad got out he could be close to my stepmom because the police thought that the lie that my real mom told the police was true, but when he came back to our house he had to go to court, if the lie that my real mom told the police was true, but it was not so he did not had to go to court anymore for this problem. As a dad my father is helpful because he helps me with homework and works so we can have money to pay our bills and food. He helped me not to be with my mother because she did not feed me and did not take care of me, so he took me away from my mom so I can't suffer. He went to jail for 4 days so I can't suffer. He's a good dad because when I'm sad or frustrated he's there for me, he picks me up from school and always gives me good advice, afterall he will always be a good dad.

On the weekend we go to the park and sometimes we go to eat breakfast with my dad at ihop or Dennys. Sometimes we play board games and sometimes build something out of legos and every year we go to the zoo and my favorite thing to do with my dad is cooking with him.

I love my dad because he suffered for me so I can have a better life. He has been a good dad because he is there for me when I'm sick or frustrated and gives me good advice. After all, he is a good father.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de parent/figura paterna a este ensayo:

Es bonito que mi hijo exprece cosas buenas de mi y para el recordar los malos momentos pero emos llevado una buena relacion desde nino apesar que es dificil para los dos pero muy buena relacion como padre y hijo emos llorado juntos y emos reido juntos apesar qjue es necio y terco tiene un gran corazon no ay amigo solo un padre que le repita yo te amo y tu me respetas.

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My dad is the best ! My dad's name is Roberto Castaneda. He was born in Mexico. My dad came to Chicago because he did not have a lot of money. My dad now works as a businessman. At home my dad cooks for us and he takes good care of me. When he is around, he shows all the love he can . I remember when my dad had surgery I showed him all the love he showed me. As he got better he was still a hard worker. His business is going well and with that business I spend a lot of good time with my dad. My dad takes us to different places like he took us to Hawaii and Mexico .

My dad is helpful at home by going to work to get money and get us supplies. My dad also helps by going to work, he gets money and takes us to different places. He is also helpful because after he works he has to pick me and my sisters up from school. He helps my mom too by cooking and washing the dishes or cleaning the table or takes care of me when my mom has to go to work. My dad always gives me advice when I need it for school. Sometimes when I'm not feeling good he takes care of me.

My dad spends more time with us on weekends as a familia we sometimes go on bike rides to a park and we have so much fun! Even when it is cold we just use bikes. We also spend time together shopping for toys or books. Sometimes we even go to my grandma's house and eat some of her food. We have fun over there because we play board games or we just play games. Sometimes we go to a restaurant that we all agree on going to. Sometimes my dad here's about new restaurants and we go to try new food . My dad and I have so much fun!

My dad has been a good dad so far after all he provides for us . My dad has been the best. He works so hard for my family. He takes care of all the stuff we need like supplies or going out to fun places in the future, I wish I could work for him and help him out with having breaks . As I get older, I want to spend more time with my dad .

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

Mi papa dice que el esta agradecido que hice esto y el hace todo eso para yo y mis hermanas somos feliz .

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My pops is Steve Castro and I love him very much. He's the best dad that I could ever have. He works as a truck driver .My pops was born in Chicago,Illinois. I remembered that my dad and my mom bought tickets for us to go to Myrtle Beach and bought us tickets to go to an indoor waterpark. He helps clean my room and helps me with my VR. I didn't know how to plug in the wires to my PS5 and connect it to my big tv and/or monitor too. We play Mario Kart 8 together.Sometimes he drops me off at school when my mom has to leave early or when he doesn't work. My dad is helpful by cooking for me or helps me cook. He helps me work.

Once pops and I were just throwing the ball and it hit my leg really hard and then after I didn't feel the pain anymore. We were batting and I hit most of the balls and then we left and went home. Next weekend we went to a trampoline park and we played laser tag and went to an obstacle course. We also played sports that I don't know how to play. He works for us to pay the bills and gets food for us. He takes care of me when I'm sick and sometimes he has to call off when I'm sick. My family and I went to a mall and we ate there and shop, after we went home. On a Sunday my dad, cousins and myself played baseball together .

My pops and my mom talked about my dead uncle and they wished for him to live longer. He provides for us since he's always working and also he gets paid on Fridays. In the future, I wish I could work with him as I get older and I hope to learn more.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

I loved what my son said even tho that he doesn't show his feeling.

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thing could happen to me or my sisters.

I don't see my dad much but when I do, I spend time with my dad and watch movies or we go to the stores. It is really fun when we have pizza night because his whole family is there watching or we go to my cousin's house and watch movies and eat pizza. We like to dance around and have a party and it is really funny when he dances because he dances silly. But, I love him no matter what! So in conclusion, my dad is really nice and he wants to cure his sickness, but he is almost going to cure it.

That is why I wl like going to my dad's house because I go to see my cousin too. I usually don't see him since I live with my mom. It is still fun to go see him on the weekend when I am out of school. I watch movies with him, which I recently went to see the movie Megan with him and my cousin. I like when I watch movies with him because he's always asking questions about the movie and I always have to tell him about the movie and it's funny. I tell him when it is like a cool scene and I have to tell him every single thing of the movie so it is pretty funny. I also remember when I was little we were watching the Addams family and I had to keep telling him all about it and when it was a sad scene, he laughed at it.

My dad is helpful because when I am sick he takes care of me. He also works hard so he can get me and my sisters what we need. My dad is also really helpful when he helps my mom or when he cleans the house, and makes the food. Even when he doesn't have the money, he likes to help out a lot. I also like when he is happy with his family because he helps out a lot more than people think because he doesn't see a lot of people except for his family. He would rather stay at home taking care of me and my sisters or also make sure we are okay. One time I almost got kidnapped and then my dad helped me. So now he's so scared to leave me alone spend as much time as I can with him.

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Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

my dad said to try better then anyone can and to also think about him and do the best i can he said it was good at the beggining and at the end it got better.

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My pa is my hero and guide in my life. My dad's name is

Eridany Gutierrez Yanez. My dad was born in Guerrero, Mexico. When my dad was around 14 years old he came to the USA. My dad came to the United States because he was really poor in Mexico and lived in really bad conditions. My dad now works as a mechanic. I remember that he taught me how to ride a bike and we didn't leave the park until I could ride a bike.

My dad is helpful at home by taking care of me and my siblings when my mom is at work. My dad taught me how to respect people and to keep my thoughts to myself in public. He also works to pay bills and to pay for groceries... My dad works every day and sometimes he gets home a little late, but no matter how tired he is he still helps me with some questions in homework .

Fun places my dad has taken me to are the park, movies, and the soccer field. These are only some places my dad has taken me to. Last weekend my dad took me to a soccer field near my house. We spent nearly an hour there. My dad took me and my family to a restaurant.

My dad is an important part of my life, without him I don't know where I'd be. My dad plays an important role in my life because he provides for my needs and he pays bills and groceries. As a kid, my dad suffered a lot. He worked long hours outside in the hot sun. My grandma sent him to the United States to have a better and happier life. My dad helps me no matter how tired, sad, angry, or frustrated he is the best dad ever. As I grow up, I'm going to make him proud.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de parente/figura paterna a este ensayo:

Very Good

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My dad loves me and he is the best! I don't know what I would do without my dad. My dad's name is Jose Guzman and born in Mexico. When he was 31 years old he started working in a hotel. My dad makes my food and helps at home. He also picks me up from school. He is intelligent. As a dad, he helps me with homework. He pays bills and gets food for us. My dad also takes care of me when I'm sick. My dad is helpful at home by buying dog food. My dad also takes me shopping to Target or Pete's or other stores. He lets me get one thing. My dad takes me to a park to play football in the park with my brother and cousin.

My dad has been a good dad so far. In the future I hope I work with my dad. but He is getting old, so i don't know if I would work with my dad but with brother yes

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:
me gusta esto

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My dad's full name is Omar Marin Cabrera, he was born in Mexico in 1986. He came to Chicago when he was 19 years old. My dad came to Chicago to visit another place, now he has been here in Chicago for 19 years.

He works in deliveries from Walmart and Amazon. It helped him in the deliveries to finish faster. I used to work in a restaurant. He helps me with things I can't reach.

At home he helps me with the chores in my room. My dad helps my mom sweep and mop the house when my mom is not around. It also helps us fix things we can't do and grab things we can't reach.

The time when we spend the most time together is when we go shopping and go to the park. We go to places where we can play video games and during Christmas time.

My dad has been a good dad because he has been taking us to different places that we like. He takes us to restaurants and helps my mom with things she can't do on her own. My dad is the best dad!

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

Mi opinion sobre lo que Jazlin escribio me parese algo bien que todo fue y a sido por un vivir mejor todo a valida la pena ahora que forme mi familia hace mas de 10 años.

Tambien me doy cuenta como a pasado los anos en el estar tantos anos en un pais que me vio crecer no sera donde naci pero es donde sabemos valorar lo poco y mucho lo que uno logra aqui.

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Ruben Martinez

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Father hood essay

My dad's name is Ismael Martinez. My dad is the best dad! I love my dad because he helps me with homework when I struggle doing it, so helps me. When he takes my family shopping, he buys us supplies when its for school. Once, we did a secret santa and we surprised him with shoes that he really wanted and they look nice. He was so happy that we got him his favorite shoes. My dad came to the United States because he needed a job but they weren't hiring in Mexico so he came to the United States to get a job. My dad will always cook for me and my whole family. When my mom was sick he would cook, so he cooked for us and his food is the best

My dad is super nice to me and my family and other people. Sometimes he cooks for us and does the dishes when my mom is sick. He does it for us to eat. He also works to pay for food and bills. He likes to play soccer and I like him as my dad, he is the best dad! When we ask him to go shopping he takes us to the mall. He has bought me soccer shirts, the shirt was Modric and I was so happy!

My dad is sometimes with our family and sometimes isn't with our family. He takes our family shopping and then he takes my brothers and I to the park to play soccer, then he takes us to get ice cream. Sometimes we go to the movies then we go back home to play on our PS5, we play this game called Fifa 23. I sometimes beat him and he sometimes beats me. When I'm winning, he scores more goals to beat me and wins the game, but he is the best dad!

My dad has been a good father to me, he has done stuff for me and he has gotten stuff for me when I needed it. He has also bought me a Ps5 and oculus and I can't ask f

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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My dad was born in september he grew up poor in mexico when he came here he was 16 years old in chicago he came here walking he worked here he started to earn money by working he would buy me toys and would carry me & clothes he took care of me when i was younger

My dad has been good so far because he cleans the house sometimes and he buys things we need for the house. Sometimes we need to buy food with a credit card that has money for food. In the future, I want to help my dad with everything and work with him and have money for us he even brought the thing for the bed for me to sleep & brought pizza and the work,

My dad is helpful at home because he buyed things took care of us when we where sick he cook for us he would take us shopping for food and snacks he played with my brother he will order food four us and wake us up at time for school he clean the house and rooms dishes and he takes out the garbage he is really nice to us and buyed us tablets and internet to wach movies and will clean the mess that we did,

He took us to a picnic and we played in the picnic he brought pizza we would wach a movie together and have a foto for us and he would bring snacks he even brought blankets and gives 30 minutes of tv he would make us something to eat and it was yummy we cooked pizza or order mcdonalds he took us around to see the lights outside in the middle of the dark. Whe took fotos of our self there he showed us in the car where he worked .

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

MY DAD SAYS: I LOVE IT

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Mi papá es respetuoso. Para empezar mi papá es responsable. El trabaja mucho y ayuda a recoger a mis hermanas de la escuela con mi mamá. También, es paciente porque lleva a mi mamá a comprar comida y ella se tarda. Cuando hay un problema con el carro él intenta averiguar el problema para resolverlo. Mi papá resuelve los problemas en la casa. Por ejemplo, si la pared necesita pintura él la pinta. Finalmente, él es inteligente. Mi papá fue a clases en la tarde a una escuela.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

Gracias hijo

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My grandpa's name is Jesus sanabria and he is the best because he brings me candy from mexico and he also takes me to the mall with my grandma to go eat and to go buy some food.

My grandpa is helpful because he goes to work to pay for the bills and our things. He is also helpful because he buys food so we can eat and have drinks like water, jarritos and juice. He is helpful because he sometimes helps me with my homework.

On the weekends me and my grandpa and my grandma go to the mall. On Sundays we go eat and shop. Sometimes we go to a restaurant to eat some breakfast or we also go to an ice cream shop to get some ice cream and we also go get some bread so my grandpa can eat it with his coffee. We also go shopping to buy some clothes and some new shoes.

My grandpa has been a good grandpa and he works hard. When he is working I want to help him, but I can't because he carries heavy boxes. But as I grow up I can start helping him with the heavy boxes and I can help him pay the bills.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

my grandpa sed this to me: wow i love it so much thankyou for saying nice thinga about me.

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"What my father or an important father-figure* means to me"

"Lo que mi padre o una figura paterna importante* significa para mí"

My pa's name is Frank Ortega, he is a hard worker and I love him for it. He takes me and my family on trips. He was born in tala and he was an immigrant. He works at United Airlines and he works by pulling the bags into the airplane and guiding the airplane out. At home my pa makes breakfast when my ma is at work and gives me snacks and helps with laundry.

My dad is helpful at home by going to work to pay for the bills and our things. He is helpful at home when my mom is not home. He makes my breakfast and before I go to school and bed he calls me to say he loves me. Also he picks me up from school and drops me off at school. My mom and dad take me and my sisters to the River Side mall. First, we went to the sports shop and then he took us to the movies to watch Ant Man and Wasp.

My dad is the best! He provides for my family he goes to work to help pay the bills and when he's off on the weekend. On Saturday, when me and my sister are at guitar class he cleans the house.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de parente/figura paterna a este ensayo:

My name is Frank Ortega and dad. It fills my heart to hear Abigail's words. I love my daughter so much and I am so proud of her. She is smart, hard working and always makes sure everyone knows they are loved.

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Father hood essay

My dad' s name is Jose Guadalupe Padilla. He was born in Mexico, SanJulian Jalisco, in the year 1980 on August 13 and he is now 43 years old. He works at El Piccolo Sogno but sometimes in the winter he goes to Florida and works over there to earn money for the house. My mom, my sister and I stay at home and wait for my dad to come back from florida.

My dad is the only one to give me advice when I need it. He's also a good dad because he goes to work to pay the bills of the house and the car and to make and buy food for us. My dad sometimes takes me to stores so I can buy stuff I need for projects or anything I need for school or home. He is the only one that likes to play sports like volleyball, soccer, and we do races and more. He is helpful at home when he fixes stuff that we need.

On the weekend we play board games, go to the park, and we go to Walmart. When we play board games we play Operation, Dominos, and Jenga. When we go to the park, me and dad, and maybe my sister, we play soccer or volleyball or any sports we can play there on the field. When we go to Walmart we take forever because we have to buy food for us and food for the dogs and then we have to buy clothes for my sister,for my mom, and for my dad. They buy me a slushy from Subway.

My dad has been a good father so far. In the future I want to work where he works right now. So maybe if I work hard enough I can be the manager of the restaurant Piccolo Sogno. Some people say I look like my dad and I sometimes agree. My dad and I are similar because we don't like to wear jeans, so in the summer all we wear is shorts, but in winter we have to wear jeans. I also hope in the future my mom, dad, sister and I can go to SanJulian, Jalisco, Mexico.

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Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Reacción de parente/figura paterna a este ensayo:

Yo estoy muy agradecida con lo que mi hija sofia a escrito sobre mi.

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"What my father or an important father-figure* means to me"

"Lo que mi padre o una figura paterna importante* significa para mí"

I love my uncle because he makes me laugh. My uncle's name is Ruben Santoyo and he works as a professional painter. He always has a joke or something funny to say. My uncle is an intelligent person. He always has a solution for any problem he has or we have, we can always count on him. When he needs me to help him with anything he tells me he appreciates me and rewards me with his love and buys me things or gives me money, we appreciate each other.

My uncle gives me great advice not just to me but to my older sister and my mom because that is her older brother. He takes care of us and we are secure with him and trust him. I hope that we are united!

My uncle is one of a kind, always has been there for me. He is a great person that you can trust to have around and I thank him for that. I get excited and surprised when he picks me up after school when he's out early from work and then takes me to get food or ice cream. He takes me home and helps me with my homework while my mom is at work.

He is 39 years old and his birthday is on February 28, in a couple of days. He will be in Vegas celebrating with friends. I'm happy that he is excited to go. It will be his first time there. If he's happy, I'm happy for him. I love you uncle Ruben! I'm glad that god chose me to be his niece. When he is off work we walk my dog or we go to stores. In the future as I grow up, I want to be a professional painter like him.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Reacción de parente/figura paterna a este ensayo:
thank you for this nice words.

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"Lo que mi padre o una figura paterna importante* significa para mí"

I love my dad! My dad's name is Mario Salinas Garcia. My dad was born in Zacatecas, Mexico. My dad came from Mexico when he was 38 years old. My dad came to Chicago because he was so broke in Mexico and he came to find a better job. My dad works at a food storage and refrigerators. I remember my dad tells me he loves me so much and he would never forget that he loves me so much.

My dad is helpful in cleaning the house. My dad goes to work so he can pay bills and rent. When I'm sick my dad takes care of me. When I'm hungry, my dad cooks sometimes for my whole family. At home my dad helps me with my homework. He also helps me study for tests at school. My dad helps my mom with the laundry and washes dishes. My dad is very helpful at home.

On the weekends me and my dad go shopping. Sometimes we watch movies at home. When we can, my dad takes me to a trampoline park. Some days when it is pretty outside, me and my dad go to the park. When we can, my dad takes me and my family to eat ice cream. Some days are beautiful and we go for a walk or we ride bicycles. My dad and I like playing board games with family. We also get pizza. My dad is so fun!

My dad is a good person because he helps me with my homework. When I'm sick, my dad is there for me. My dad buys me clothes. We go to the park when it is a nice day. My dad helps my mom cook and he helps clean the house. My dad works hard to get money. I love my dad, he works hard and he gives it his all. My dad helps us with the laundry and he washes dishes. He takes care of me and my sisters when my mom is at work. My dad also brings me to school. I love my dad!

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Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Reacción de parente/figura paterna a este ensayo:

Lo que piensa mi hija de mi es un halago hacia mi, creo que es tan solo una parte de las obligaciones a la familia y dentro de la familia esta mi hija , eso es un reflejo de lo que vive y piensa mi hija de mi, por lo que me enorgullece saberlo para seguir siendo un ejemplo hacia ella.

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Why is he the best in the family?

My dad is the best in the family! My dad' s name is Eduardo Sanchez. My dad came from Mexico. He came here to have a better life. My dad came here in his 30's. I love him because he helps with h.w., cleaning, and washing dishes. I am also planning on giving him something special.

Why is he a good father?

My dad is a really great father because he helps me with homework or on the weekend when I am cleaning he helps me. When I asked him " What can I eat? " He says, there is this or here is that. I also have choices on making myself something. So I have to eat whatever there is or I have to make myself eggs or make myself a nutella sandwich.

Things you do with your dad

On the weekend, my dad and I sometimes go to buy food like Wend ' ys, Mcdonald ' s, Chick fil a, Burger King and Chinese food and sometimes we watch a movie. That's only sometimes, about once a week. My dad has been a good dad because he helps me and our family. He also helps me with homework, not only that, he also helps with taking us to school, h.w., cooking, and helping me and our family. He helps us and most importantly makes us smile

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

Gracias hijo

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My dad's name is Jesus and my dad is the best because he takes good care of me. My dad was born in Mexico, my dad came from Mexico when he was 17 years old. He came to Chicago because he wanted to live with my mom and because they were getting married. At home my dad helps me with projects and stuff. My dad told me he loves me and he also told me he can visit me every Saturday. When I go over to my dad's house he gives me gifts and when we go to the store he buys me whatever I want and sometimes we go to watch movies.

As a father my dad is very kind and I want to have better communication. My father goes to work to pay for my things. He is helpful because he pays for my things when we go to the store and sometimes he helps me with projects and he also helps me with a lot of stuff. He is the best dad.

When my dad comes to visit me we go to the store to buy things I like and we also go to watch movies. When the movies are done we go to buy more things. Sometimes we go downtown and to more stores. We also go to the park when it's summer.

My dad has been a good dad so far. He helps provide money. As I grow up I want to go live with my dad because I want to spend more time with my dad and I expect that to happen.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

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My father figure

My Pa has been there since I was born. My pa's name is Efrain Tapia Gonzalez. He was born in Michoacan, Mexico. My dad came from Mexico. He was 16 Years old when he came here. He came to Chicago because he wanted a better life and more opportunities. My dad works at construction job, in the winter he cleans snow with his truck. At home my pa helps me and my sisters with our homework and gives us math lessons. I remember when I was little and I first saw my dad's eyes, they look green in the sun and blue in the dark.

My dad is helpful at home by helping around with chores. He also makes bomb food when my mom is busy. He is a hard working dad, he provides us with our needs. He is the best dad ever! If we need to fix something at home he does it by himself. He helps us with homework, mostly math because he is so good at math. My dad helps at least one or two times at cleaning our bird's cage and changing the water and food. He is the best dad in the world for me.

On weekends me and my family with my dad go out to eat tacos. Sometimes we go shopping, to the movie theater and watch movies as a family. If my pa has work he takes me with him. I love my dad. He is so fun to go out with on the weekends! He is the best dad for me and my sisters.

My dad has been the best dad ever since i was born. He provides my family with our needs and gives us lots of love. As I grow up, soon being 11, my dad loves me and my family more and more. My pa is a hard working dad. In the future my dad will be older but I am sure he will still be a loving dad.

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Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

"Hello, My name is Efrain Tapia Gonzalez, and i arrived here as a boy looking to live a better, I have a beautiful family that i love very much and try to give them a better life then mine, they are three girls and a wife i love them very much and i will always do what is on my part so that they are well, the whole essay is very good and i am proud of having good and hardworking daughters."

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My dad is the best in the world! My dad's name is Luis Valdes Dominguez. He is 48 and he was born in Mexico, Michoacan. My dad came to Chicago because my mom's brother came. My dad was trying to get a passport for my mom and sister and he made it. My dad works planting plants and cutting the grass. My dad helps my mom taking care of my brother, sister and me.

My dad helps my mom a lot. When my mom goes to the gym my dad takes care of my sister, my brother and me. When my mom goes to the doctor in the morning, my dad makes lunch for my brother. My dad also washes the plates when he can. Sometimes my dad helps me with my homework. My parents take turns taking care of us.

Usually we see movies on TV. My dad like to go places like (Las Escaleras) he like to go places that he can run and play with my sister, brother, and me. My dad likes to play a game that is called (barajas),

I play with him. When the day is sunny, sometimes we go to the park or we play soccer outside. My dad has been a good dad. My dad helps a lot in the house. He helps with the bills. My dad says that I can help them with the plants and the grass. My dad says that in the future we are gonna have another house. For me, my dad is the best because he wants the best things for my family and me.

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de parente/figura paterna a este ensayo:

El Father Essay es muy bonito, Fatima es buena pero aveces se enoja mucho.

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Father essay.

Mi papá Adolfo Gonzales nació el 3 de septiembre de 1965 en Xalapa, Veracruz, México. Mi papá es cariñoso porque nos cuida a mí y a mis hermanas. Mi papá es brillante porque él se da cuenta de una solución a un problema rápidamente. Mi papá es hábil porque cuando vamos al arcade encontrar la manera de sacar los peluches de la máquina arcade. Mi papá es trabajador porque tenía 2 trabajos. Mi papá es chistoso porque siempre dice chistes que son chistosos. Fui al zoo en agosto 1 2022 con mi papá y hermana. A lado del zoo había un acuario, había Muchos peces, tiburones y medusas etc. Mi papá nos lleva a mí y mi hermana al arcade una vez a la semana, nos divertimos mucho, especialmente cuando intentamos sacar los peluches de la máquina. Y cuando terminamos de jugar comemos dentro del mall. Unos veces fuimos a soccer a practicar porque me gusta jugar soccer y también mi papá. Lluego en 2013 17 feb cuando naci yo

Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

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Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

i love it it is a good essay i like what my son aldo wrote in this essay.

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Angel Gonzalo Sanchez 2-22-2023 dad : Gonzalo Sanchez Room : 203

I love my dad! My dad's name is Gonzalo Sanchez. My dad was born in Mexico. My dad came from Mexico when he was younger. My dad now works as a mechanic. My dad cooks, helps me with my homework, helps me, buys me food, he works for food for me, he buys me school supplies, and buys me video games. He's helpful and I would not know what to do without him.

My dad is helpful at home because he cooks for us. He also helps me when I don't understand the homework and takes care of me. He goes to work to pay for the bills and our things and takes care of me when I'm sick. What I do as a family is go to the movies with my dad and go to the park. We shop for clothes, go out to eat at McDonalds or at Burger king.

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Father/Father-Figure reaction to this essay:

Reacción de padre/figura paterna a este ensayo:

Es bonito

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