

Every day 15-year-old Savanna Thomas got bullied at her new school in a small city in California called Ferndale. Savanna had no friends in her new school. Kids would say stuff to her like you're ugly, you're dumb, you look weird. She didn't know what to do so she try to stay under the radar and blend in with the other kids, but Savanna notice that hasn't been working so well for her. One Tuesday morning a kid called out to Savanna " I wish you would die". That insult brought tears to her eyes. That day Savanna just snapped she couldn't take it. She couldn't take all the hateful comments the kids were saying about her, she couldn't take the criticism anymore. After lunch when the teachers wasn't looking she sneaked out of school and went home to pack her stuff and get money she had been saving. Savanna knew her parents would be wondering about her, so she wrote them a note saying "Mom, dad I couldn't take it anymore, every second of the day someone criticizing. I thought long and hard about this and I have decided to run away. I don't where I'm going, when I'm going to be back I might not even come back I just wanted you guys to know one thing that I love you". Right after Savanna wrote that note to her parent she bolted out the door of her house with tears running down her face. She didn't want to leave her parents. She didn't want to live on her own but, she didn't really have much of an option it was either stay home and get bullied every day or run away. After a few days of Savanna being on her own and living on the sides of the street she became to miss her family and started to feel lonely. Back at the Thomas's house Mr. and Mrs. Thomas was worried out of their mind. They tried everything in their power to try to find their baby girl but no sign of her. One day while Savanna was walking down town to get something to eat she spotted a girl about her age getting bullied, but instead of crying and letting him get in her head like Savanna did, she stood up for herself and stood up for what's right. Right then and there Savanna realize you shouldn't care what other people think about you. What really matters is what you think of yourself. Savanna ran down to her house and gave her parents the biggest hug ever. The next day at school when kids made fun of Savanna she didn't just let them do it to her she did something about it. This time she didn't stand there and let them get to her. This time she said a sentence that changed her whole life. The sentence she said was "I don't like how you talk to me that way can you please stop". After a couple of weeks standing up for herself the kids in her school stopped calling her name and stopped making fun of her. Savanna even managed to make new friend her name was Skylar. Savanna life was actually getting better for her. I guess Savanna learned you shouldn't care what people think of you. You should only care what you think about yourself.

By: Mataya G.