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My 10 months in America was really awesome. I'm really glad that I got this wonderful experience to live at Bloomington/Normal with my wonderful host families, friends and sister cities committee's members.

I was a Senior at NCHS and was taking the classes like as same as other students. Honestly, the very beginning of 1st semester was absolutely hard for me. I'm not used to live at different environment , different languages and friends. But each subjects's teachers and my friends helped me a lot. So I got better grade last semester and could've have a lot of fun at all classes. Actually I loved all classes, but especially , my favorite subject was U.S. HISTORY class. Even I can't speak English well and I can't understand class , my friends and Mrs.Hawkins were trying to understand me, my culture and my county. I'm really appreciated them.

I super loved to eat something and to go to movie theater. Actually I prefer American foods even though I know these are kind of unhealthy sometimes. And movie theater was so much cheaper than Japanese one. I think our movie theater should be cheaper than now . It really helps a lot of teenager's wallet. Especially FOR me.

I learned a lot of things from these experience. It's not necessary for English skill. It's really A LOT. I thought Japanese people and American people are really different. Totally different language , different culture, different ideas and values. But it's normal. We are different. Everyone is different. It doesn't matter , because of Japanese or American. We can feel painful , we can feel happiness and we can feel love like as same as. I felt we need to help each other , grow up each other and love each other at the around the world.

I love America. I love Bloomington-Normal.

I want to say thank you for everything

I will come back here again :)

