



## Pool Passion Essay

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The small town I am from has no government buildings, there are no government jobs, there is only the road. One part of the road is for villagers, most sell food or goods or services from their homes. The other part of the road is for machines. The machines cause pollution and make people sick.

There is one place it has old barrels with pool slate on top of it, the rails are dead, the cloth is worn, but the balls roll true. This table is how I learned that life will never change until repairs are made or new equipment is provided. The equipment always worked but never looked new. I learned how to make chalk holders, decorate cue sleeves and play trickshots. These comforts I could provide to any pool players.

If it wasn't for the Western world promoting their ways in books, magazines, radio, and the internet then I would never know the village I live in is actually a prison. A prison where we work and serve the government in exchange for nothing. The pool table is the only place where government laws stop and the laws of physics govern dynamics.

What I can control and how I control the table, decide the future. I will choose to play pool and learn to play like a pro. If I am accepted into the Harriman Cue Sports Academy program then I know I will develop the discipline and knowledge to be successful.

## Historical Fiction Opinion

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Cisero Murphy has a dream of competing against the best Caucasian players to win the World Championship. There are two problems the world prohibits Black Americans from competition. The second problem is no one thinks this is a problem.

Why we live in a world where people are divided on who can and who can't be discriminated against is due to low standards of education. Too many lies are being told about who and what a Black American is. One day America will know Black Americans fight for the rights of all Americans. In the future descendants of this movement will remember it as motivation and inspiration to challenge the poorly designed status quo.

Today we celebrate George Washington for leading a revolution. A revolution of resistance and reconstruction. I write to start the dream of new world. A civilization with thousands of generations of all cultures bonded by humanity and united to fight against slavery and genocide. A world with an army of people supporting the values and ideals of a pool world for all.

That culture starts here at the pool table. In this pool room we stand united. In this pool room we will wait for our shot. When it is our turn, we will run the table. It only takes one of us to cause trouble, then how many of us will it take to cause

change? You may feel a victim, you may feel like there is no hope, that is when you discover the strength from within.

## Harriman Academy Submissions

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First time I didn't want to punch my opponent for making shots I can't. Coach Harriman says I need to avoid emotional reactions. Instead of thinking about violence I practice non-violence. My non-violent practice is counting. I count how many seconds my opponent takes until approaching the table. I count the number of seconds they use to aim and stroke. I count how many times they look at different positions on the table.

Coach Harriman is the first World anything I ever met in my small town. As soon as we met he knew me. How did he know I was a smoker, drunk and sexually active with the wrong type of woman? After spending a few hours of instruction with him, I decided not everyone in the world are like people in my town. Thanks Coach, it costs nothing to post on the internet. I hope this recommendation letter helps people that need it.

I was a teenage single mom with no high school education and no family support. Hanging out in a pool room was the only place people wouldn't judge me or recommend how I should live my life. After the Harriman Academy program my life has changed. My confidence and self worth have improved. I now see myself as a woman with a future and child that has the potential to lead a life I never knew existed.

My only taste of America has been through the pool world. This might be my last chance to remember life for the joys it offers. I have been mobilized and fear that my death is near. In the small village I am from pool provided the only opportunity to travel abroad. My town does not have quality education, it only has mobilization centers or nationalism academies. Traveling to pool rooms in the US showed me that Russia calls itself a country in name only. It is a bully that enslaves people for their benefit. My dying wish before I take the train to the mobilization center is to tell the world I am not for the special military operation but I am slave to it. A slave with no rebel leader, a slave with no hope for change, I will die a slave because the government taught me life is a goodwill gesture. I owe everything in my life to the government. Please find a way to help my people, they don't have the values or attitude like in America. My people will fight but not the way Americans fight.

**Harriman Academy is a cross section of the world and culture. The Harriman Academy wants to remember those that participated and encourage more engagement. It is known the world is dangerous. History shows it takes leaders of every generation to reduce the danger. All written submissions are welcome.**

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