

This I Believe:

NPR (National Public Radio) has an essay contest called "This I Believe," in which people from around the U.S. submit inspirational essays about something they strongly believe. Go to the following website address:



<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5232116>

Read and **listen** to the essay, "Tomorrow Will Be a Better Day," and then try to answer the questions below. (Use your own paper if necessary.)

1. Two words to know to help you understand this essay. Look them up in the dictionary and write definitions:
 - **Overhear** (v.)
 - **Eavesdrop** (v.)
2. How old is the author of this essay and where does he live? (Re-read paragraph 1 and also read the paragraph under the author's picture.)
3. **(Para. 1):** Why was Josh's father upset? Explain.
4. **(Para. 2):** What specific things does Josh's father think might happen in the future? Give some examples.
5. **(Para. 4):** Find a definition for the word **awful** (adj.). Write it below:
6. **(Para. 4):** What awful things did Josh's grandparents see or witness during their lifetime? What good things did they see or witness?
7. **(Para. 5):** What good things does Josh think will happen in the future?
8. **(Para. 6):** Look up a definition for the word **lousy** (adj.). Write it below.
9. Are you optimistic (positive) or pessimistic (negative) about the future we will leave to our children or to the next generation? Explain.