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**“What are you thankful for this year?”**

 I am very thankful for many tings this year. To start things off, I am very thankful for my mother’s health. Last year she was very ill with Uterine Cancer, but thankfully for doctors they cured her and she no longer has the cancer. It was a tough recovery, but she pushed through it. My mother has also had knee surgery this year and is perfectly fine now. Speaking of health, I am very thankful for the doctors we have today and the millions of cures for sicknesses all over. I’m very thankful for healthiness and the people that make it possible.

 I am also very thankful for the hobbies that I have. Dancing has played a HUGE role in my life. I have dreams of becoming a professional dancer and I am always thankful for all the dance instructors that put their time and effort toward me. Music also has a large impact in my life. Without music, what would there be to dance to? I also play Viola, Flute, and mess around with the guitar and keyboard. I am very thankful for the arts that I have in my life.

 Finally, I am very thankful for the friends and family that I have. They all mean so much to me and without them I most likely wouldn’t have gotten on stage to dance for the first time, decided to pursue playing an instrument after I found out we had concerts, stepping into an ocean after a traumatizing seaweed memory, and getting back on a horse after I accidently kicked it once too many times and it started to canter. Without these embarrassing, scary, and flat out funny memories of me with friends and family there would be no good stories to tell. Therefore, I am very thankful for family and friends.

 In conclusion, I am very thankful for my mother’s recovery of bad health, the music that I play and listen to, the dancing that I let all my thoughts and emotions out on, and my family and friends that I have today. Without these things, there would be no story to tell, no struggle and happiness in life, and no talent for me to show. I’m very thankful for the things that I have and everyone who respects it.