

THREE WISHES ESSAY

What a gift it the chance to be granted three wishes would be! The possibilities seem endless. It would be difficult to focus on wishes that truly had significance for it is natural to want one's own selfish desires to be granted first. Given this opportunity for reflection, though, I believe if given this opportunity of three wishes I would request world peace, a cure for cancer, and education opportunities for all. I think these three wishes would certainly change the world we live in and, as a result, make it a more interesting and kinder world.

World peace is certainly a tremendous request, but it is probably the most important wish. The statistics vary for ongoing conflicts in the world right now, but it would be safe to say that there are at least thirty conflicts in the world involving countries and hundreds of tribal and sectional conflicts or uprisings that cause injury, death, and hostage situations in the world. This amount of violence in the world creates upheaval and tension for generations to come. Wars are not necessarily resolved with a peace treaty therefore people often hold onto prejudices, fears, and hatred for many years. This creates a world of hatred rather than cooperation and peace. A wish for world peace would mean a global environment where people share ideas and resources. Tolerance for differences in race, religion, and cultures would prevail. This would be a world where people worked together not against one another. My generation would be free from wasting time with disputes and conflicts. I could anticipate a life for my family where I could travel without fear to any part of the world. The destruction from violence and war would be eliminated which would let my generation truly see the wonders of the world before these places are destroyed through warfare. This wish is one I feel well worth requesting if given the opportunity.

A second wish that is important to me would be a cure for cancer. This is probably my most selfish request. There are hundreds of devastating diseases in the world, but cancer has been a disease that has affected many members of my family. Because I have watched loved ones become sick and suffer from the symptoms of various kinds of cancer, I would wish that any form of this disease be eliminated in the world. This wish is not entirely selfish though as cancer is a terrible disease affecting millions of people a year. The American Cancer Society states on its website that cancer “is the second leading cause of death in the U.S.” (cancer.org). This wish then would not only be one that might help my family, but it could help millions of people in the world and the U.S. The cost of research for this disease is tremendous. An end to cancer would mean resources, scientific research, and doctors’ work could be put towards other life threatening diseases in the world. An end to cancer may have a personal significance to me, but it would also contribute to the increased happiness and health of many in the world.

Lastly, I would wish for educational opportunities for all in the world. I feel lucky and grateful to have the opportunity to be educated. I will use this education and make a difference in the world. Too many children in this world are not given this gift. I would wish for an education for all. Students who are educated are less likely to resort to violence to resolve conflict. This would eliminate some conflict in the world. Offering education to all would mean girls as well as boys are offered the same opportunities for learning. This would mean a world where women are an equal part of the workforce and are contributors to society in a meaningful manner that is often not allowed or promoted in some parts of the world. Additionally, education would allow the global population more opportunities to develop cross continent learning and sharing of information. This would further promote peace and cooperation in the world.

Although the opportunity to receive three wishes may never be realistic, what an interesting place earth would be if these requests were made. World peace, an end to cancer and education for all may seem wishful thinking to some, but perhaps these could be achieved in some future world. If I were able to make wishes, though, it seems these wishes may help the world today and for years to come. My legacy to the world could then be the gift of world peace, a cure for cancer, and education for all. What a wonderful world it would be!