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When thinking about who the most influential person in my life was, I initially thought about my dad. However, I realized that he was actually the most important person in my life. Don’t get me wrong he influences me a lot in what he does and how he carries himself. With that being said may I introduce the most influential person in my life with a quote I feel best describes her and why I chose her as my most influential person. “A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love in learning” -Brad Hope. My former 7th and 8th grade teacher Ms. Few had the hugest impact on my life throughout my whole elementary, middle and high school career. She not only influenced me in educational way but in life lessons as well.

 For me I was never really interested in anything educational in school, I was more into the artsy subjects like music, chorus, art and P.E. The work was easy it just didn’t grab my attention and keep it, I would always wonder off into my own head. I would get in trouble because I would rather talk than learn my lesson in class because it wasn’t interesting to me. So, sometimes I wouldn’t bring home the best grades. Thing got interesting when I got to Ms. Few 7th grade science class. I got a good grade in one of the tough classes. Please don’t get me wrong I get grades in the majority of my classes, but it was the more of stimulating classes that I was doing just enough to pass the class. This is when I began to my science journey.

 When I got to middle school after one last year of struggle I finally met Ms. Few. The teacher who has the had the hugest impact on me educationally. She sparked a learning interest in me that I did not know I had. When she would teach us, she would also do labs so that way we would be able to see what was going on right in front of us. As we would do it we would write down what was going on so that way it’s easier to remember what happened when you have to write papers on your lab. This is also how like I said above began my science journey, because I am now on my journey to become a forensic medical examiner. She taught me that learning wasn’t as boring as I once thought it was. That learning could actually be fun. She actually taught me how to learn forever because when you’re in the lab, you’re always learning something.

 She also influenced me more in a confident way & motherly way. When I arrived at her class I was not good with presentations. But while in Ms. Few classes we had to present more. She taught to me that when it’s something that are still learning about presentations are just like open discussions, always learning. She always a loving person she could tell when something was wrong with me. She would always make sure that we talked. She also had a motherly influence on me because she always looked out for me. She always says potential in me when I never knew I had it. Aside from my dad always reassuring me I could do it. We still keep in contact till this day checking up on each other. She is also always available when I need her for any of my science questions.

 She has ultimately influenced me in what I will do for the rest of my life as far as a career goes. She has taught me many lessons in the classes room and in life. She has truthfully instilled a love for learning in me. I also started to gain more confidence in the classroom. I try to push myself to be the best I can be now. This is how she has become the biggest influencer in my life.