Nioka, Here are my answers.

**Tell me either a historical person or someone alive today that you admire.**

The person that I most admire is my mother, Betty Laswell. She is by far the sweetest, kindest, and most generous person that I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

**Explain what is it about this person specifically that attracts your admiration to them.**

I think the one thing that attracts me to her is the mere fact that she is Christian and has always taught me and my siblings to love God and accept him as our savior. She has also been my number one supporter throughout my entire life. When I think back to my darkest and longest days of my life, I can always recall my mother being there for me, praying and always encouraging me I don’t think I appreciated it then, but as I look back, I really appreciate all of her support.

**What personal characteristics of yourself do you see in this person?**

I see my God fearing spirit, love for others, and genuine desire to help others as direct characteristics of my mother.

**Give me an example of a time when you have either experienced or heard of an/some instances that makes this person esteemed to you.**

I think what really makes my mother special is the mere fact that she is not just special to me. She is special to others. It’s really warms my heart when I hear other people in the community or at church tell me how my mother is a blessing to them, prayed them through a situation, or offered to help them in some aspect of my life. It is those times that solidifies that love and admiration that I have toward my mother as it is not just toward me. Her admiration is shared by others who also love and appreciate her.

**Describe a time where you got really motivated by this person.**

I think as a teenager, I didn’t understand her. I really felt she didn’t understand teenagers or anything about being a teenager For this reason, I loved her, but I didn’t like her very much in my teen years. However, as my children entered into the teen years, I understood her position better. As a parent, she wanted to know where I was going, who I was with, and when I was returning. This simply drove me up a wall. However, I required the same information of my teens. Not because I wanted to make their lives miserable, but because I loved them and wanted them to be safe. This is how my mom felt, but I didn’t see that at that time in my life.

**How has this person been influential in your life?**

She has influenced me to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to be a good hearted person, to be a great mother, and a loving and faithful wife.

**Tell me about something you have done recently that was inspired by this person.**

I recall my mother always having a caring a gentle spirit. I think this has been indirectly taught to me. She would give so much of her self without asking anything in return. I find myself doing the same thing. Last week a church, they needed help cleaning the church. I didn’t volunteer, but just happened to be driving by the church on that Saturday. Although, I needed to quickly drop off a budget form, when I stepped in the church and noticed all the work that needed to be done, I began to help and stayed until it was all completed. That is something that my mom would have done….

**What would you say to this person if you had ever had the chance to talk to them?**

I would tell her that I love her, I’m glad that she has meant so much to me, and I appreciate everything that she does and did for me, my siblings, and my dad.

**Do you have any questions for me?**

No, thank you!