**3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?**

Mark my words, there is one thing that threatens civilization more than disease, nuclear winter, or a super intelligent toaster: emojis. It took humans thousands of years to go from ancient Egyptian hieroglyph to modern English, but somehow it only took a decade to go back. These little pictographs are everywhere; they are no longer just reside in our text messages and emails, they have now also have entered the realm of TV, clothing and accessories. Emojis are replacing English, no ifs, ands, or buts about it. If we are not careful these pictograms will replace the English language entirely, and we will be stuck trying to communicate with hieroglyphs. We’ve been there before, and trust me we do not want to go back. But, it is not too late; if we collectively decide to swear of emojis, we may yet be able to save the English and to a greater extent the world.

My whole “thing” about emojis reveals my greatest talent, the ability to perceive concepts differently. Most people see emojis as fun or quaint, but I see them as a threat to our civilization, for without language we are no more than savages. This ability has allowed me excel in many aspects of my life, especially school. Instead of just taking a teacher on their word, I am always the first person to ask why. I believe it is important to grasp the root of ideas, and not just take them at face value. Grasping the root of an idea allows you to actually comprehend concepts at a deeper level and add to them, for how are you supposed to discover new cures for disease or discover new mysteries of the universe if you can only regurgitate them. Look at all the great scientists of the past few centuries: Einstein, Darwin and Hawking. What did they have in common? Exactly, they all saw things differently. And while I do not dream of comparing myself to these legends, I do want to be a scientist; therefore, I see this as my greatest talent.