

A Love for Headlight

-Grace Perry

Ahhhhh, high school, how I have missed you. Your classrooms. Your long hallways. The smell of homework, stress and sweat lingering in the air. It is funny how time flies. I remember feeling so little and fluorescent as I walked, step by step into my freshman year. My red hair falling straight on my back. Now, two years have passed and I am technically a 'big kid'. I am officially a junior. Almost grown up. Yet, I have to admit, Marblehead High School would be a very different experience if I weren't apart of Headlight.

I am apart of Headlight for many reasons, but the one thing that really pushed me to join the club was my love for writing. Every since I can remember, writing has been a hobby of mine. As a writer, I am given the chance to explain myself in order to unmask my many ideas and thoughts. I can't explain the sense of satisfaction felt after seeing my articles published in the Marblehead Reporter. I sometimes find myself doing a double take as I acknowledge my own words blending in little black font.

Along with this sense of satisfaction, there proves to be a sense of belonging. Every Monday inside room A303, Headlight members meet and plan our next week's issue. Every week is different from the week before. Our articles are constantly changing. Not only are our articles changing, as individuals we are changing as well. This change occurs as we develop throughout our high school careers. In Headlight, we grow together as writers and as people. We are not only a club, we are a team. We are united based on our love for writing.

Being a member of Headlight not only keeps me writing, it keeps me connected. For many of my past articles, I have had to interview and talk to people inside our community in order to learn more about myself as a writer and the topic presented in front of me. By interviewing and learning more about certain topics, I have been able to learn on an entirely different level. I love the independence and freedom that comes with being a member of Headlight. While writing an article, there are no rubrics, formats or organizers. Writing articles for Headlight is the product of our individual experience and creativity. I love it.

I have to admit, I am excited to see where this year will take me. Headlight is sure to be extremely successful this year. We officially have a total of eleven members who are just as excited as I am. The gun has gone off and we are in a full sprint. Hopefully, we are sprinting towards success. Many have warned me of the stress and demand of junior year, but I am ready. I promise to write every step of the way. More soon.