Dear Mr. Dred Scott,

My name is Anquenette Jackson. I am thirteen years old. I attend Cole eMINTS Academy School in the St. Louis Public School District. I would like to thank you for changing the course of slavery. Your case in which the Supreme Court of the United States declared that African Americans were not U.S. citizens is still a key issue in Americans politics. I know your fight was long and hard but you made many people understand that people aren't different because of their skin color. We are all human and we all have feelings. I am glad today in the twenty-first century, this country live by the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which declared that all people born in the United States are citizens of the nation and of the state in which they live.

Today, as a seventh grade student, you have made my life better as a citizen because I have the freedom of speech, religion, and the right to be whatever I want to be because. Your dedication, determination, and your courage to pursue your fight for freedom has inspired me to also fight for freedom from poverty, helplessness and hopelessness. I will fight to be well educated and gainfully employed

Sincerely yours, Anguenette Jackson