



## I just want to know how our world works

By Blaine, 26 years old, 6 years on death row in Texas

Hello there, to whoever may be reading this! I'm Blaine, I am 26 years old and have been on Texas Death Row since June the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010. I was 20 years old when I arrived here and although it's been a rough and rocky road, there has been a little light shed on a dark situation.

I was pulled out of school in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and was never put back into one. I was only 10 years old, so as you can imagine there was much that was not learned, that should have been learned. When I arrived on Death Row I had such a great thirst for knowledge. I found that I could quench that thirst through books. Lots and lots of things I read about that I never knew or would ever dream of!

I knew absolutely nothing about World War 1 or World War 2 or what countries surrounded America. I never knew how to write or spell too good, long story short: I did not know a lot of things that I should have and still don't! But I'm still learning things every day. Never gets old. I love archaeology, ancient history, history, space, science, geography and so much more. I also did not know Texas had the death penalty until I was arrested, I never knew....

Learning is important for me right now. I still cannot get numbers down. I cannot do mathematics or anything but it's a work in progress. I'm not aiming at being the smartest person in the world, I just want to know how our world works, what's in our world, the people of it and what's beyond.

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