

## Coney Island

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*The children laugh as they chase the bird. The sky is clear and the air is thick with the fragrance of Nathan's hot dogs and the sound of people chattering. Screams are heard as teenagers ride the unpredictable roller coasters. A crowd gathers around a seal tank at the Aquarium. The waves gently lap onto the beach. A child picks up a crab and shows it to his friend. A dog barks. Youths lie facing the sun with an ice pop in hand, thinking, "This is the life."*

That is my vision for the future of Coney Island. I think the best way Coney Island can be is when anyone, regardless of race or age, can enjoy spending their time there. Of course, not everyone's needs may be answered, but perhaps a few simple improvements can be made first.

I think that issues about litter and trash ought to be resolved first. Perhaps more trash cans can be installed throughout the neighborhood. Or people can be hired to empty the cans and clean up. This will open more job opportunities for unemployed people.

There are many things in Coney Island that are worth conserving or renovating.

They remind us of the past. Perhaps the Parachute Jump can be restored again; the "Eiffel Tower of Brooklyn" can be available to civilians again.

The place where many people live, where people can find joy and entertainment, where schools exist and talents flourish – this is Coney Island. But improvements can always be made. After all, nobody's perfect.

*A huge wave of excitement erupts from the throngs of people as the baseball player hits a home run in KeySpan Park. A young couple gazes over the windows in the Ferris wheel. A mother pushes a baby carriage on the boardwalk. People smile and laugh and play.*

If we all work together, Coney Island can be a better place.