

## Intro

1. Clever hook to introduce my mom
2. We are very close; she is one of my best friends
  - a. Her amazing qualities and our closeness don't come from nothing
  - b. She has worked very hard to get where she is
3. Models something important to me and often overlooked, that being the strength and struggles of women

## Body

1. Shaping our relationship on her end
  - a. Her mom died when she was 15
    - i. Cancer sucks
    - ii. Wasnt much of a mother
    - iii. Dad wasn't the nicest either
  - b. Choosing to be different/break the cycle
    - i. Giving me what she never got
    - ii. People judged but she was steadfast
  - c. Some see it as sad, she sees it differently
2. It would be a disservice to not mention the divorce
  - a. Women are often defined by their marital status
    - i. Obviously wrong, but also wrongv to deny its impact
    - ii. Single woman, single income, with a child, feminism!
  - b. Resulting us being very close
    - i. Never dates (until now)
    - ii. Alway been just the two of us
    - iii. Relied on eachother

## Conclusion

1. Taught me strength, compassion, how to be alone, how to be comfortable with myself
  - a. Loving myself in a world that doesnt always encourage it,
  - b. Even though she still struggles
2. Banger Quote