

# ENGLISH ESSAY

## "Wonders of Reading"

### Thesis Statement:

Reading, as a hobby does so many goods to the readers in terms of a vast knowledge, refined concepts, opinion building etc. Besides, the pleasure of the process itself is warm and homely. This essay outlines the various wonders in reading, through all aspects.

### Outline

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2. Intellectual Benefits:

2.1 - Opinion Building

2.2 - Strong Concepts

2.3 - Broader view of the world

2.4 - A healthy activity for leisure

2.5 - A break from reality / escape from life



### 3. Social Benefits:

3.1 - You become "the knowledgeable friend"

3.2 - Your opinion is respected

3.3 - Different lenses to view the society

3.4 - A textual reference in arguments

### 4. Reading as a hobby:

### 5. Conclusion

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I yearn to be a reader. Especially when I witness my friend; Eman to be reading and attaining the satisfaction of running her mind into knowing more everyday. Like Eman, numerous readers out in the world are the examples of great minds. As reading has its wonders and joys in every scope of study and every aspect of life. And ~~Rem~~ yes! reading surely is, as they say, "the best of the hobbies".



Reading, when opted and practiced by a person, is a very progressive but a strong source of intellectual benefits, as well as learning.

Out of the many individual benefits, reads lets the reader create and construct his/her own opinions regarding a specific topic, rather than blindly following others' approaches and not being able to know which to follow, due to not knowing all the aspects of them. So, we see, those who do not have a habit of reading, have distorted or no opinions. There are some areas and theories of study which sound very learned through the opinions of others, one good example is "feminism". The notion, if not read and studied personally, has a torn image and mostly viewed as a rebellion. But, such issues are never faced by



a reader, who reads, understands and generates his/her own views and notions about certain topics. This opinion building suggests the sharpness of one's mind due to continuous addition of good perspective, primary source of information. Hence, reading leads to opinion building.

Another perk of reading, is the strength of concepts. Strong concepts are derived from the extensive reading on a specific stance. A reader is so sure of his/her concepts that any upcoming criticism or simply a discussion is not really a problem. If we compare two people; two friends let's say; one is an avid reader, and the other is not. If both are given a topic to present, we will clearly see the reader to be holding with a stronger grip, the core



of the topic, as when he/she would have been preparing it, he/she must have gone through multiple authors, multiple book extracts, which might also be added with his/her existing concepts and the fruit is a strong and erect concept. On the other hand, the non-reader friend might have watched a video on the topic or read the main outline of the topic, which caused him/her to have a shaking, unstable concept and if one would question him/her, the answer would be a "maybe", "I think" or "I don't know". While the reader, when asked, would be giving textual analysis, supporting reference, with a proper and defined concept and clear understanding.

It is said that a reader has lived many lives in a single lifetime, which



complies that through reading the work of multiple authors and different stories and approaches, the reader tends to have a broader view of the world. To understand this, imagine there is a wall, on one side of which, there is the whole wide world and <sup>on</sup> the other side, there are two people; one is given a hole in the wall to peek through, and view the world, the other has ignored the hole and made steps out of books and has ~~never~~ stepped on them to see the world over the wall. Now one can surely very easily evaluate whose view of the world is broader and what has caused that. With is supposatory example, the idea I want to convey is that reading frees us from a narrow and provided approach, rather it makes us build



our own, broader view of the world. The keys to this building process, continuous reading and re-reading sometimes to know better or understand better, in the context of a specific area of study, viewing the world through that as an exemplary case.

Besides all the potentially yielding intellectual benefits of reading, there is one that is based on, "The heart wants what it wants". That is, for leisure one can't find a more amusing and healthier activity than reading. It is an activity that gives double the pleasure; one is leisure while the other is the pleasure of increasing knowledge. No other leisure activity provides both fun and facts. Despite spending hours in front of the screen and gaining nothing except puffy eyes



and a drained out mind, one can spend time in reading their favorite book along with a cup of coffee and at the end of that, they will be left with beautiful words of wisdom, a story to tell and an empty cup of coffee. In fact, reading for fun is the first step to get used to reading as a habit. So, if one has planned to become a good, keen reader, then one must initiate <sup>with</sup> the "reading for fun" idea, which will automatically make their brain seeking pleasure in reading, hence, a healthy addiction and an ocean of knowledge and ideas.

For the escapist minds, who find the real world absurd and full of chaos, reading can provide a door in the wall to escape through. Like it is said, "You can't vanish your worries, but you sure can distract yourself from them"



Reading can give one, a break from the harsh happenings of reality and at least, for a short period of time take him/her to a different world through the book, article, magazine or any form of written wisdom. This short period has a prolonged effect on the troubled mind which was looking for an escape from constant thoughts of a worrisome life. For instance; if life is being unfair to you, you seek a friend's help, he/she will console you for an hour or two, you might as well rant to them, but after that when you are alone, the same worries you talked about, start troubling you and coming back as flashes to your mind. Besides, if you read a good piece of writing, that will put your mind off the troubles and give you hundreds of other topics to think about and



pay attention to. So, reading not only provides escape to the reader during, but also for a long time after reading.

Alongside the individual perks of reading, there are several social benefits as well which prove how reading can help in character and social development of a person, in terms of his/her conduct in the society and society's view of the reader.

To start with <sup>one of</sup> the many social benefits of reading; being the friend with knowledge. In my opinion, the best compliment anyone can give or receive is about how knowledgeable one is. It is very admirable when people, connected to you, seek refuge in your warm home of knowledge, based on your reading skills. Hearing your friends say, for example, "Eman must know



this, she does so much reading", provides you a very discrete and inspiring identity, all due to the habit of reading. Generally, it's a built notion in society, regarding people who are habitual of reading, as the wiser ones, like walking encyclopedias who will always be addressing your questions and queries with sometimes an answer and sometimes a wise opinion, which they formed and built through extensive reading.

When reading is a part of one's schedule, everybody knows it. And that provides them with a notion that whatever comes out of that mouth, is pure gold; words of thorough understanding and full of facts and expert opinions. This automatically creates a dominant image of the reader over



a non-reader. So, in this way, the opinions opted by a reader are more respectable and valuable in the society. Imagine, in a class full of students and the teacher is well-aware of who is an avid reader, when a discussion is started, the teacher will be really looking forward to that student's opinion, who is fond of reading and might as well be leaning a bit towards him/her, due to the fact, that "she must know a better answer as she reads a lot." So, reading always gives the privilege of a respected opinion among all others.

Similar to the concept of having a broader view of the world, as an individual; socially, reading provides multiple lenses to view the social



contract and predicting social relations. A reader, due to the knowledge and survey of various writings portraying many significant dimensions of the society and what aspects exist when viewing and examining social contract, is an adept observer in determining a number of sides to the same action or happening in a society.

Another, quite wicked but a strong perk of reading is that one never gets stuck in an argument. He/she always has a witty quote to refer to, which gives them an upright status. For instance, how funny would that be if one doesn't know that Dostoyevsky said, "How can you live and have no story to tell?" in arguing to someone who ~~is~~ mocks you for always ending up ~~to~~ narrating an incident in



every discussion. In fact, it creates a very dominating and charismatic aura of a reader that nobody dares to mess up with him/her. This even tops the charisma of possessing a good sense of humour.

To understand the pleasure of possessing reading as a hobby, let's walk through ~~in~~ words of wisdom coming from my reader friend Eman, "All the books I own or I have ever read are my kids, and it doesn't matter if your kids are always beneficial to you, you still love them as they are your kids!" This thought lives in my head rent free. Meaning, despite all the benefits and goods that reading does to a person, it is simply a hobby to give time to and can be just that. One might not become



a great thinker or own an intellectual mind, but still can be having a keen interest in reading. Such people literally, "read for fun" and I think that makes them unintentionally even more impactful that they look for fun in knowledge, whilst having a carefree personality, they read and know all the things and still don't have that conventional dull appearance and conduct that most readers have or tend to have or are expected to have. So, reading, as a hobby has its own, very unique perspective, which is inclusively very rare.

To conclude the non-concludable wonders that reading does to a person intellectually and socially, as a habit and as a hobby, as a pleasure



and as an escape, as a witty source  
and a charismatic aura among  
people and many other perks,  
we must admit, "Reading is fun".

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