

A Ship is Safe in a harbour, But That is not what Ships are Built for.

Outline

I. Introductory remarks: Aristotle said that everything has telos in life as ship is built to sail the oceans.

II. Thesis Statement: The statement "A ship is safe in harbour, but that is not what ships are built for" inspires and encourages individuals as well as nations to step into unknown ocean of life with courage, overcome fears and face challenges of life.

III. Hazards for ship being docked at shores.

IV. Understanding true purpose of ship

V. Downsides for individuals staying in their comfort zone:

a. John P. Sartre and his 'bad faith'

VI. Benefits for individuals to step into uncertain ocean of life.

a. Finding their purpose and Shikari in their lives.

- B. Achieving their true potential
- C. Encountering of new opportunities in life.

VII. Great Voyager of history: Illustrations of Individuals:

- A. Nelson Mandela and his refusal to stay in harbour of life
- B. Helen Keller and her denial to stay in the sea of isolation.
- C. Marie Curie and her journey in the uncertain sea of science
- D. Dhasrat Manjhi and his long sail in the ocean of life.

VIII. Downfall of nations which become complacent:

- A. Ottoman Empire refused to change and stayed in the harbour and declined.
- B. USSR did not accept new challenges and got dismembered.

(IX) Nations which have achieved milestones by accepting new challenges.

- A. Japan's miraculous rise as an example of embracing challenges
- B. China's 'Great Leap Forward' into uncertain ocean of life.

(X1). What lessons can be learnt from this statement:

A. Overcoming fear is a key lesson

B. Facing challenges with a smiling face is essential

C. Taking charge of life is viable to sail the unknown ocean of life.

(XII) - Concluding remarks: All praise to those who have courage to sail the uncertain ocean of life.

Essay.

Aristotle, the great ancient philosopher, once remarked that everything in this world has 'Telos', meaning purpose or goal. If a thing does not serve any purpose, it is deemed as useless and obsolete. Similarly, a ship might be safe in harbour, but that is not what ships are built for. The true essence of ship lies in sailing the sea and facing the huge waves, and reaching at its

desired destination. Likewise, individuals and nations that stay in their comfort zones (harbours) cannot achieve their true potential in life and lead a purposeful or meaningful life. Moreover, all crowning achievements in history have been accomplished by those individuals and nations that have stepped out of their comfort zones and ^{have} sailed into uncertain ocean of life with a courage. Several individuals, such as Nelson Mandella, Helen Keller and Dharsat Manjhi, have faced challenges of life like a sailing ship and reached at their desired destinations.

Furthermore, many nations like Japan and China have achieved milestones by taking courageous steps and overcoming their fears. Therefore, the statement "A ship is safe in harbour, but that is not what ships are built for" inspires and encourages individuals and nations to overcome their ^{fears}, face challenges and obstacles and achieve their desired goals in life like a sailing ship.

To begin with, there are several
drawbacks for ship being docked at shores.
The first and foremost is that it can
get rusty and dirty in no time.
Another disadvantage of being berthed at
shores is that its ^{body} parts will get
weakened and loosely intact. With the
passage of time, it becomes useless and
worthless. Hence, the expression 'use it or
lose it', meaning whatever the thing, if it
is not used for purpose for which it
is built, it becomes dead or meaningless.
Therefore, ship in harbor is safe, but
the safety is not what ships are built
for.

Nevertheless, the true purpose
of ship is not the safety at shores,
but its real essence lies in sailing
the huge oceans, braving huge waves
and achieving at their goals or desired
destinations. A ship which sails in
open sea, it may be vulnerable to ^{sea} storms,
and ocean current, but these waves
and storms make ships much more
stronger and better. Therefore, ships
are built to ship huge sea waves

Moreover, individuals who stay in their comfort zones face many challenges in life. The most significant downside of staying in harbor like berthed ship is the lack of purpose or achieving true potential in life. John Paul Sartre has given the concept of 'bad faith' for such individuals. Sartre writes that suppose a writer is working in a restaurant. He dislikes his job and always unhappy with it. He does not apply in new job because he does not want to step out of his comfort zone. Sartre called it a 'bad faith'. Therefore, individuals who stay in their comfort zones are leading life in bad faith. They are leading a life which is not in line with their purpose or natural talent, causing them countless sufferings and pain in life.

In addition, individuals who step in to the uncertain ocean of life with a courage reap many benefits. One key advantage is the finding purpose or *ikigai* in life. When individuals explore different things in life, they end up finding their true talent

↳ their liking or their natural inclination towards certain things. This helps them to find their purpose in life which gives their lives meaning. The author of Book 'Skizze' writes that people can find their purpose in life by exploring different things in life. Similarly, John P. Sartre says, "One can not invent purpose in life, but one can discover it". Therefore, true purpose in life is only achievable when individuals step into unknown ocean of life.

Similarly, achieving true potential requires individuals to explore the depths of oceans of life. With thorough search into sea of life, they can encounter new things and learn from them. This, in turn, built their personality and polish their talents. Adding to that, individuals can encounter new opportunities in life if they are willing to go extra-mile into uncertain ocean of life. Thus, by experimenting different things in life like a sailing ship, individuals can achieve their true potential in

life.

The following paragraphs will cast light on individuals who have sailed the ocean of life and reached at their desired destination.

To start with, Nelson Mandela refused to stay in harbour in his life; he decided to sail into deep ocean of life. When he saw outright discrimination against the Black Africa in South Africa, he had a choice to do nothing and stay in his comfort zone, but he raised his voice against the apartheid system and face mountain of challenges in the way to uproot it. But he did not care for anything and sentenced to 27 years imprisonment. When he was released, he became president and did away with apartheid system. Therefore, Nelson Mandela like a sailing ship face challenge with a calm on his face and courage in his heart.

Moving forward, Helen Keller also denied to stay in the sea of isolation. She was blind by birth.

She had to choose either to lead a seclusive life in the silent ocean of life or take charge of life and sail the ocean of life - She decided to sail the ocean of life and became the central figure in the world of literature. Therefore, Helton Keller was the great voyager in history of mankind who sailed the ocean of life.

In the same vein, Marie Curie stepped into unknown sea of science. She was the first woman to pursue career in the field of science in her time. She faced discrimination at every step of her way, but she kept on going into deep ocean of life. After facing huge storms like a sailing ship she, finally, achieved her goal and granted two Nobel prizes for her discovery of 'Radium'. Therefore, all praise is for those who sail the ocean of life.

lastly, Dhanraj Manjhi, famously known as Manjhi - the mountain man, was also a great sea voyager

in his life. His release was restricted by mountain to reach other cities. He had choice to stay in harbor like other people and do nothing, but he decided to break the mountain with his bare hands. It took him 22 years to make a passage through mountain. His long voyage in the storm sea of life is a key example to prove that all power is for individuals who are sailing ship face huge waves of life.

The above paragraphs have discussed the illustrations of individuals, the following will cast light on the examples of nations.

There are multiple nations in history that ~~have~~ become complacent in their life and were wiped out from the surface. The best glaring example is of Ottoman empire. It became complacent during 16th century and refuse to voyage further in the sea. It refuse to adapt to its changing circumstance, such as technological development, and reject the idea of accepting

Printing Machines and it was the beginning of the end of Ottoman empire. It saw the seeds of its own destruction, by refusing itself of opportunity to explore into new technologies. This became the immediate cause of its decline.

Fast forward to USSR, the Soviet Union saw the seeds of own destruction because it became complacent in its economic growth. It refuses to take new ventures of industries and ended up in its dismemberment in 1991. USSR felt that it is safe in its present situation, therefore it became less powerful and ^{more} vulnerable to enemies and got dismembered.

That said, there are numerous nations that have achieved milestones in life. The first nation is Japan. When Japan got nuclear force, it had two choices either to stay there or to go through the pain of sea. It decided to voyage the sea of opportunities and emerged like phoenix from its own ashes. Thus, Japan is a good example

to prove that nations have become powerful which have sailed the ocean of life with courage. Lastly, China has achieved mile stones in life because of its policy 'Correct Step Forward'. It was poor nation in 1950 and decided to uplift people out of poverty and has successfully uplifted 80 million people out of poverty. The credit for China's success lies in its courage to voyage the sea of life.

Adding to that, there are several lessons that can be learnt from this quotation. The first lesson is that one should always overcome fears. Because fears can make people stay in their harbour and prevent them from sailing into deep ocean of life. Another lesson that can be learnt from this quote is that one should challenge the challenges of life with a courage as ship sailing in sea is not safe, suddenly,

Individuals who are sailing the ocean of life are not safe either. They come across many challenges in life.

To cut long story short, ^{the stillman's} "A ship is safe in harbor, but that is not ships we built for". inspires and encourages individuals and nations to step into unknown ocean of life with courage and overcoming fear in life. Several individuals like sailing ships have faced the waves ~~and~~ and storms of life with courage. Amongst them Nelson Mandela, Helen Keller and Dheeraj Menji, are good examples to validate this point. Likewise, nations like Japan and China have achieved milestones in their life by taking bold decision and by braving storms in their life. Simply put, All praise is for those who are willing to sail into ocean of life like sailing ship, not docked in harbour.