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▶ CHAN Ming Jaak Ho Fung College (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)

Topic A Great Man's Life Of Peace - Mohandas Gandhi

This book was one of the many biographies about Mohandas Gandhi, a great man who was born around 150 years ago. Although his story was history and happened in places far away, it touched my heart. I found his encounters valuable lesson and encouragement for the youths, and his belief could be the answer to conflicts occurring around the globe nowadays.

At the beginning of the book, the way how honorable Gandhi grew up was a shock to me. Short, thin and shy, teenage Gandhi even picked up smoking, stealing and drinking. Fortunately, at last, he realized his wrongdoings and confessed to his father. Surprisingly, instead of punishment, his father taught him not to do it again. Gandhi learnt that meeting force with force, violence with violence would only cause relationship to deteriorate further. Gandhi believed handling matters in a peaceful way could lead to a better alternative. This belief would soon whirl the whole world.

As mentioned in the book, Gandhi experienced various unfair treatment Britain put on Indians. He was determined to devote his lifetime for the freedom of his people, with the dream was to create a united and independent India. Instead of blood and bullets, his strongest weapon would be the peaceful resistance that he taught his people, and the personal sacrifice that he would make by staying in jail and taking fast. The imprisonment and fast would make Gandhi weaker, but his spirit would become stronger and touch the conscience of not only his people, but the world.

Gandhi insisted on fighting injustice in peaceful ways. In early days, Gandhi believed that if Indians helped British, they could be regarded as responsible citizens and gain some respect from British. During Boer wars, he led Indians to form Indian Ambulance Corps, which helped to save and attend to the wounded British soldiers. Despite his effort, Britain did not see things like he did. Disappointing as it was, Gandhi did not give up, he continued to seek justice in a peaceful way.

In later years, while other Indian leaders felt force was necessary to gain freedom, Gandhi insisted and taught his followers to use only non-violence resistance to achieve their goals. His people won many 'battles' with Gandhi's leadership - the improvement of social status for resident Indians in South Africa, fairer treatment for the poor farmers and mill workers in India, breakdown of a chain of injustice that stretched back thousands of years for the

untouchable, the lowest and most exploited group in Indian society. But there were also discouragements, such as the Salt March, in which thousands of Indians including Gandhi were put in prison after the trek to Arabian sea to protest the unreasonable salt tax, a symbol of exploitation on Indians. However, with faith, courage and persistence, Gandhi showed us no matter how hard the life was, difficulty would finally pass. Gandhi had faith in peace that it would come up victorious in the end, and he finally did.

At the end of the book, through years of effort, India eventually became independent. Sadly, religious difference soon divided the country. Violence again raged through India. Gandhi decided to fast to jolt the conscience of people. The fast made him very weak and close to death. Nevertheless, he was willing to sacrifice if the society could come together again. Ultimately, religious and political leaders gathered. Harmony once again was brought back to India. This was Gandhi's last fast for his people, before he was assassinated in 1948.

The book provides a detailed chronicle of Gandhi's life, which is pleasant to read. It brings me to think about the world around us. Nowadays the world may appear peaceful but in fact is being torn bit by bit. Terrorism, religion conflicts, political struggles, and other acts of violence occur every second, hurting people and taking away lives. It is sad to see people tangled in wars, people harmed by chemical weapons, refugees run for their lives ... In this desperate time, Gandhi's story reminds us the importance of peace.

Gandhi insisted on using peaceful approach, not shedding a drop of blood, to win freedom. If he can do it, why can't we? Why do we have to hurt others, if peaceful ways can also lead to the same destination? Although Gandhi passed away around 70 years ago, his belief and vision lives on and inspires everyone who wants a better world.

Book Read
Title: Mohandas Gandhi
Author: Christopher Martin
Published by: Minneapolis: Lerner, 2001.

Comments

· Informative. Well connected.

▶ LEE Kar In CUHKFAA Chan Chun Ha Secondary School

Topic The Great Story Of The Greatest Man Of All Times - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

It was once said that a great man is a torch in the darkness, a beacon in superstition's night, an inspiration, and a prophecy. To me, Gandhi, who led his country to independence and fought for its people's freedom his whole life, absolutely matches with all the aforementioned descriptions and was truly a phenomenal man who enlightened and inspired many people.

The name of Gandhi should not be unfamiliar. I first heard about his name from my primary school teacher and later knew him as a peaceful leader who initiated non-violent movements for civil rights in India. But it was not until I read a biography about him called "Life of Mahatma Gandhi" that I realized the minute details of his work and the tremendous contributions he has made.

Gandhi was born and raised in an ordinary family, yet he led an extra-ordinary life. At the age of 23, he set sail for South Africa. There, he witnessed social inequality. Feeling outraged, he audaciously voiced his opinions and led the working-class to protest against discrimination. He also bravely led nationwide demonstrations to challenge the government's several requests for an excessive tax directed towards peasants. However, among all campaigns mentioned in the book, what was perhaps the most impressive to me was the Salt March in 1930.

At that time, Indian citizens were prohibited from collecting or selling salt. Dissatisfied with such a policy, Gandhi proactively planned a 390-km march to the Arabian Sea and collected salt in symbolic defiance of the government monopoly. This daring act empowered those who were being ill-treated at that time. This deeply moved me. Frankly, everyone understood that a long march was not a piece of cake and could be physically demanding. Nevertheless, he completed this journey with his strong will. All the effort he made for his people was ineffable and nothing short of legendary. His determination to fight for justice surely made him a 'Great Man' in history and in my heart.

Aside from helping the underprivileged, Gandhi strived to bring a brighter future to his country. The book mentioned that for the sake of helping India gain independence, he organized a number of mass civil-disobedience campaigns against British rule. He persistently called for boycotts of British goods, encouraged students not to attend schools temporarily, and even urged soldiers to leave their posts. What struck me the most was that all the political means he adopted were nonviolent. It was not easy when he had to confront

guns and fire. It required lots and lots of perseverance. The journey to freedom was long and hard, but I was amazed that there was not even one second when Gandhi thought of giving up.

Throughout these years of turmoil, Gandhi was arrested and sentenced to imprisonment a number of times. It was indeed a lonely fight, but he was never afraid. It only made him stronger. In 1948, during a prayer meeting, he was assassinated by an advocate of Hindu nationalism due to political reasons. All those years he sacrificed so much for his people, eventually even his precious life. I bet no one would ever forget what he accomplished. No wonder why, in the eyes of millions, Gandhi is their role model or even their soul.

After reading the 'Great Story' of Gandhi, I had the 'Great Man' in my mind reshaped. I used to picture that this 'Great Man' should be smart and sagacious, but now I feel like a kind and compassionate heart prevails. Now, I think it does not really matter if this 'Great Man' was eloquent. I now believe, it is rather more important for him to be able to put his words into action. As the proverb goes, 'Action speaks louder than words'. If everyone could use what he practiced to prove people wrong, it would be far more convincing than standing on a stage and presenting a beautiful speech.

What makes a 'Great Man'? I could not help but wonder. I just know that I no longer think merely being powerful and influential makes a person a 'Great Man'. It is only if one could utilize his prominence to serve the society and speak for his people, that person is the real hero. Mahatma Gandhi was definitely one of them.

Book Read
Title: Gandhi: the Father of Modern India
Author: Pratima Mitchell; illustrated by Mrinal Mitra
Published by: Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.

Comments

· Well structured.



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▶ MAK Wing Hei Prudence Tak Nga Secondary School

Topic Biographical Book Review

For my entry, I am writing about the book "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education And Was Shot By The Taliban" written by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb which is about the life of Malala Yousafzai. I choose to write about this because not only does it inspire me a lot to look at things from a different perspective, but also to be grateful, not taking everything for granted.

Malala is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate. She was even invited to give a public speech at the United Nations. However, her success did not come easy. Swat Valley in Pakistan, her birthplace, was taken over by the Taliban when she was small. The Taliban is an organization that fights against the Pakistani Government. They think that girls should not go to school and get an education. Malala did not agree. She refused to be silenced and fought for her right to receive education. She started to write a blog for the BBC about how the people in Pakistan discriminate against females. When people in the world learned that there was such a country, everyone wanted to help the females. The people of Taliban did not want anyone to work against them, so they wanted to hurt Malala.

She paid the high cost for what she believed. On 9th October 2012, she was shot in the head on her way home. The bullet did not kill her but went near her eyes, and at the moment the bullet entered her face it traveled down to her neck. She was sent to hospital where the care was substandard. Luckily there was a foreign doctor in the hospital, and she took over Malala's treatment. Malala was then sent England to get a better treatment and rehabilitation. She survived miraculously. No one expected her to survive. After the shot, she became famous worldwide. Heads of State and many celebrities sent her flowers. Malala resolved to use her fame to crusade for education and rights for women.

The book ends in 2013. Malala and her family have taken up residence in England. She attends school at Birmingham, focusing on her studies in spite of her enormous fame. Meanwhile, she was emerged from her shooting stronger and more determined to fight injustice than ever. As the book ends, she reminds readers that they are lucky to be alive and to be loved by God.

Reading this book made me reflect on myself. In Hong Kong, every one of us has to go to school. Nevertheless, most of us are not really willing to go to school. We complain about the huge amount of homework, quizzes, tests and exams etc. But have we thought about how many people do not even have a chance to go to school, like girls in Pakistan? Many people want to go to school, but they cannot. For some of them it is because of the lack of money, for some because of the wars there, but some of them cannot go to school just because of their sex, because they are girls! Most of us are blessed without knowing it.

Even though Malala was shot, she did not give up. Although she knew that she was under threat, she still stood up to fight for the right of girls to have a chance to study. I was totally inspired by her courage and determination.

In this civilization of the 21st century, I cannot believe that there is such a feudal country. The fact that we can be born in Hong Kong makes us very lucky, as we can have free education for twelve years. Every day we go to school we should not blame, but say thank you to God. When we meet some problems that we think are very serious, we will feel threatened, we do not want to face them, and some people even commit suicide! They feel they are under tons of pressure and the problem cannot be solved, so they settle the issue by ending their lives. Death is regarded as the most horrendous thing in one's life. If people are not even afraid of death, what will they be afraid of in their life? In this case, if they can accept even death, then they can accept all the things in the world including the problems they meet. From my point of view, every one of us should follow in Malala's footsteps, learning her perseverance and determination!

Book Read

Title: I am Malala: the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban
Author: Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb
Published by: New York: Back Bay Books, 2015.

Comments

- Well structured with self reflection.
- Well organized. The student could link up what was learnt from the book with the social phenomenon / problem in Hong Kong and gave one's own criticism.

▶ MAN Lok Tin CUHKFAA Chan Chun Ha Secondary School

Topic Great Man, Great Stories

This New York Times bestseller, "#Girlboss", is a biography and a self-help book written by American fashion entrepreneur, Sophia Amoruso. Sophia Amoruso is the founder and the former executive chairman of Nasty Gal, an online fashion retailer with clothing targeted for young women. She also founded the "#Girlboss" Foundation, which awarded women in the design, fashion, music, and art industry and financially funded them for their future projects. This book, "#Girlboss", is Amoruso's first book. It quickly became a New York Times bestseller, and was published in over fifteen countries.

The book tells the journey of how Amoruso went from a broke and rebellious young adult to a millionaire who founded a ten-million-plus dollar online fashion retail company with over three hundred employees, the lessons she learned from the journey, and how the reader can become a '#girlboss'. So what exactly is a '#girlboss'? "A '#girlboss' is someone who's in charge of her own life. Amoruso writes. She also identifies herself as a '#girlboss' and talks about how she becomes one and how she started her business. She learned how to set up an eBay vintage store from a book and promoted the store by sending friend requests to young girls on Myspace, a popular social networking site back then. She looked at estate sales and at local thrift stores for vintage clothing items to sell. She also looked for models on Myspace to model the clothing and paid them with burgers and 20 dollar bills; she would style and photograph the models all by herself. She styled the models like they were in a professional fashion shoot and paid a lot of attention while editing the photographs, resulting in eye-catching thumbnails for her eBay store. Amoruso took every single item she sold seriously; she paid attention to small details and wanted her customers to have a pleasant experience so they would do business with her again. She launched a website for the company after a few years of hard work and moved into an office. The company started to grow quickly after about three years, so she made the decision to relocate the company to Los Angeles.

Amoruso also talks about her childhood, school life, and family life. She had many part-time jobs while growing up, and said that she gained many experiences while working as a teenager, such as customer services. She describes herself as a terrible student and did not get along with other schoolmates and even teachers. She was diagnosed with depression and ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) when she was in high school, but she acknowledged that school is not for everyone and that her talent lied elsewhere. Her parents got a divorce when she was seventeen so she moved out and started to live on her own. Amoruso was a troubled teenager, and she confessed to shoplifting a lot. She finally got caught by an employee, luckily she did not get in trouble with the law and stopped shoplifting. After she sorted her life out, she embarked on her journey of selling vintage clothing on eBay, which resulted in a wildly successful fashion retail company.

After reading this book, I learned a lot of valuable life lessons from Sophia Amoruso. I think that it's very impressive that a teenager who used to steal and performed badly academically could grow up to be a successful entrepreneur. It proves that if you learn from your mistakes and work hard, you can do anything and nothing is impossible or unachievable. I admire Sophia Amoruso's headstrong personality and how she inspired the younger generation. I was impressed at how diligent she is; when she started the eBay store, she would spend all her time hunting for vintage pieces to sell from different locations. She is a great inspiration to the younger generation as she encourages the readers to find their own place in the world and compete with themselves. The most valuable advice I got from this book is 'you create the world, blink by blink. It is entirely yours to discover and yours to create.' From this quote, I learned that if you wanted to achieve a dream, you had to put all your efforts into making it happen, and if you were unable to do so, then you did not truly want to achieve that dream. If you want to achieve something, you have to make sacrifices and you might fail, but it is important to know that just because something seems impossible at first does not mean it is impossible. I strongly recommend teenagers and young adults to read this book as it is very inspiring and motivating.

Book Read

Title: #Girlboss
Author: Sophia Amoruso
Published by: London: Portfolio Penguin, 2015.

Comments

- Coherent. Clear focus.

▶ NG Huen Kiu St. Paul's Co-educational College

Topic Against All Odds

From time to time, something really strange, really frustrating happens to someone, from time to time, has that someone ever been you or me?

Have you ever seen the sky above you as a monochrome color, like a television, tuned to a 'no signal' channel with a black picture? Have you ever dreamed of being confined in the inside of a nutshell which has got no space for you?

What if we could calm down these discontents once in a while but read the life of the probably most famous living scientist?

As one said, 'I could be bounded in a nutshell and count myself the king of infinite space ... (Shakespeare 1602)', this poignantly evokes the man himself who frees a mind still able to roam the cosmos albeit the motor neuron disease robbing his mobility and voice completely.

He is now known worldwide for his great contribution in cosmology - the scientific study of the origin of the universe.

He is Stephen Hawking who was born on 8 Jan., 1942 coincided with the 300th anniversary of the astronomer Galileo Galilei's death. He was nurtured in an intellectual and accomplished family and his interest in science grew. He eventually studied physics at Oxford University, and later pursued a research in Cosmology at Cambridge University.

When he was 21, he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral sclerosis, an extremely serious degenerative neurological disease. It kills the nerve cells in the brain and spine that allow people to move.

Notwithstanding his brain would not be affected, he was told that over time he was unable to use most of the muscles in his body; and even had only two years to live. That dreadful nightmare tore his heart out. He spent most of time locking himself in his room, listening to extremely loud classical music. But then he began to snap out of it. Whenever he felt hopeless, he remembered the little 'angel', the boy across from him in the hospital who had died of blood cancer and finally realized there were some people who suffered more. With the threat of death hanging over him, he determined to get to work as hard as possible with the rest of his life.

He became even more motivated to work hard when he met his beloved 'angel', Jan Wilde who later married him and supported him despite his serious illness.

Amazingly, he had survived far longer than the doctors predicted, but his disabilities were increasing and his hands were losing control, so he couldn't write easily. He adapted his working methods, learning to do much of his work in his head.

In 1985, he became very sick and almost died. He had an operation on his windpipe in order to breathe, but it meant that he could no longer speak at all. Would this end his career?

At that time, he needed constant care from nurses. He could only communicate by raising his eyebrow when someone pointed to the right letter. Another 'angel', Walt Woltoz, a computer expert, heard about his difficulties and developed a special computer for him. He could select words by pressing a switch and talk using an artificial voice.

These gadgets allowed Hawking to continue working, and his astonishing works from the Big Bang to black holes, had transformed the field. His popular books have reached the layperson and middle school children. Yet 54 years later, he still goes to work every day at Cambridge University, in England.

Hawking's stunning success as a scientist and writer including his very survival are against all the odds. He soars above the storms like these, and his influence across science, humanity, education and even popular culture is infinite.

Hawking inspires us in that, 'although we human beings are limited physically, our minds are free to explore the whole universe, and to boldly go where even Star Trek fears to tread - bad dreams permitting!'

From him, I am ashamed of struggling for trivial matters and have had an epiphany.

Without any doubt, there are many vicissitudes in life, while we are striving, there are always 'angels' around us. They may be some people who soothe our pain, strengthen our weary soul and raise us up. Imagine if we always live complaining, we would end up dying disappointed as we would miss out on something invaluable and on those mindful moments which can pull us out of the 'black holes'. It is a waste of time to whine or grumble about anything outside expectation; we have to get on with life.

He relishes the rare opportunity he has been given to live the life of the mind. Why can we not praise what we have and applaud the golden circumstances we have been granted to live with?

Now the sky above me is the full color of television, tuned to exciting channels.

Book Read
Title: Stephen Hawking
Author: Cath Senker
Published by: London: Raintree, 2016.

Comments

· Nicely presented.

▶ NG Tsz Yuk Ruby Tak Nga Secondary School

Topic Life Without Limits

"Life Without Limits" - such a motivating name! Imagine being born without limbs: you cannot run and cannot play. What would you do? If you think that it is unacceptable, let us embark on the journey and discover more about the extraordinary life of this miracle man: Nick Vujicic.

Nick Vujicic was born to his father Borislav Vujicic and his mother Dusanka. He suffered from tetra-amelia syndrome, a rare disorder characterized by the absence of arms and legs when he was born in Australia 4th December 1982. Both his parents and Nick himself accepted this disease and believed that it was God's plan.

Apart from an incident when he was 10 years old, Nick stated that he had an amazing and wonderful childhood. The event that happened when he was aged 10 years old was touching, if not moving, and it brings tears to my eyes. He was teased at school owing to his physical disabilities, and he suffered deeply from the bullying of his classmates; in one occasion, he was mocked by 12 people at once and all of them thought that he was a monster. At that time, Nick was under great pressure and he thought that he was a burden of his family and decided to commit suicide, putting his head into the bathtub. Luckily, a friend of his eased his anxiety and depression, and he gave up on his suicidal thoughts.

The reason why I am so pleased is that I was also a victim when I was younger. It was the hardest time I had ever had. I was bullied due to my poor exam results in my primary school and also due to my height as I was quite short at that time. By chance, I walked into a bookstore and bought this book, "Life Without Limits". Nick's story supported me when I needed to withstand bullying and inspired me to see that life could be amazing.

I am sure that all of you would have your own dream in teenage years ranging from being an astronaut to winning the Miss Hong Kong pageant. As a youngster, I am not exceptional in the pursuit of my dreams, and there will be heartbreak and setbacks which need to be overcome by courage, but I was always beaten by obstacles and adversities in life.

Before I read Nick's bestsellers, whenever I faced challenges such as being bullied or stress from school I would choose to evade them. When I read Nick's book, I found out that he had the courage to find and do new things. Did you ever think it possible that a man without limbs could play sports? Nick told me that he could; he tried surfing with green turtles, playing golf, playing football, etc. These are activities that even I, a normal person, do not know how to do but Nick, the miracle man, proved that he was stronger than most of us.

Now, whenever and wherever you encounter difficulties, I would recall what Nick said: 'If you cannot get a miracle, become one.' Never give up and know that there is always someone out there that believes in you. You will not be defeated if you have the courage to persist. I realize that no man is an island, and there are always people that will support you.

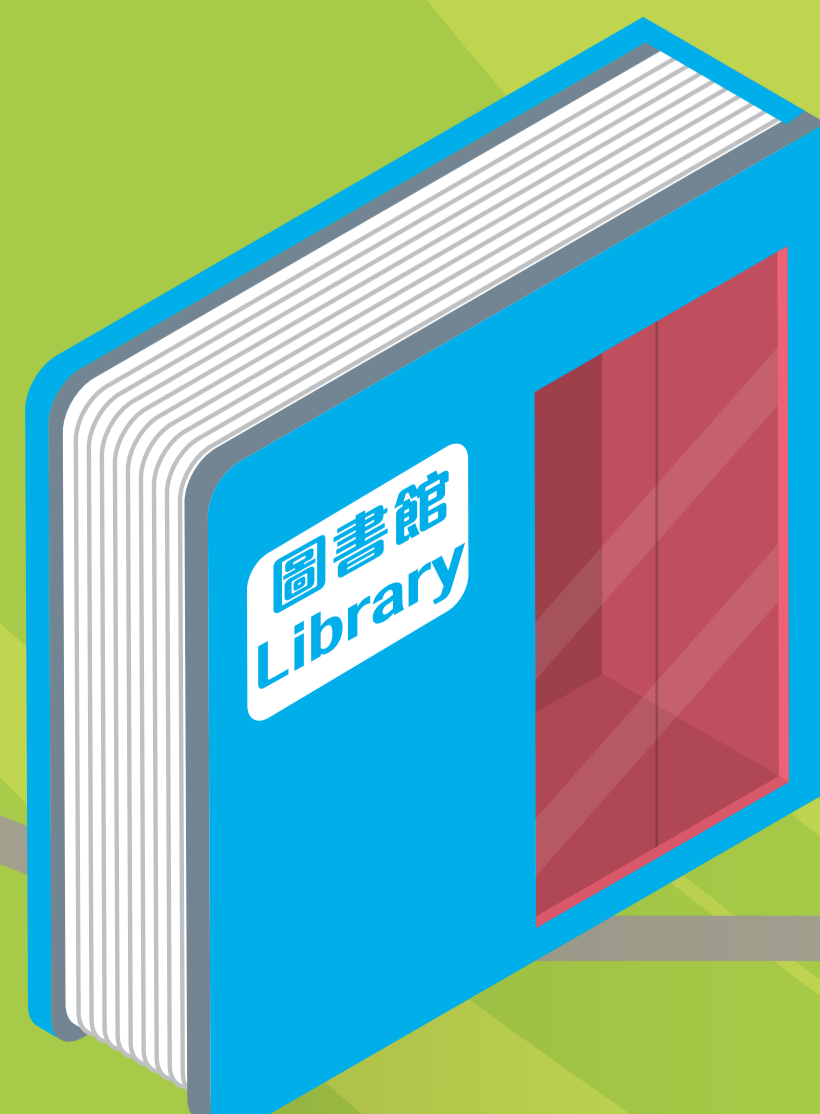
Nick is renowned for being an orator and writer. His goal is to encourage people, and he set up a non-profit organization. Even more astonishing was the fact that he went to more than 25 countries and organized about 1,500 lectures, naming himself the 'hugging machine'. He has held his lectures in schools, prisons and slums. As a positive person, he always encourages people to be optimistic. Not only does he have a wonderful life, but he also found his love. In 2012, he married his Japanese wife Kanae Miyahara, and they have two sons: James born in 2013 and Dejan born in 2015.

"Life Without Limits" is an exceptional, uplifting book which appeals to readers of all ages. I strongly recommend it as it is definitely worth reading. Remember that you cannot even stand without risking falling. Be confident! Pursue and achieve your goals.

Book Read
Title: Life without Limits
Author: Nick Vujicic
Published by: Colorado: Waterbrook, 2012.

Comments

· Consistently clear focus. Effectively communicated the key ideas to the audience.



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Topic Discretion & Discipline

Who is the most powerful female politician? What is her secret to success? Angela Merkel, the leader of the European Union, the chancellor of Germany for over 10 years, the most influential woman in the world ... and this book talks about the inner stories of this exuberant chancellor and her world.

Angela Merkel was born Angela Dorothea Kasner in Hamburg, West Germany. She joined the political party Democratic Awakening and then the Christian Democratic Union when the two emerged into an alliance in 1990. In this party, she started her political life. In 2000, she became the leader of CDU and was elected the chancellor of Germany in 2005.

This bold chancellor can be described with two 'D's – Discretion and Discipline. In Merkel's dictionary, the word 'close' means the inner circle in the chancellery – her private office and her colleagues. They have one in common: they know how to be discreet. In Merkel's world, discretion is a mark of loyalty. In Merkel's policies, she always works discreetly. In her policies towards Middle East, China, EU and more, she always takes into account all the possible ways first before she draws a conclusion. Once she said, 'When I have been lucky, I am always afraid that it will be followed by a bad one.' We can see that Merkel is a very meticulous person as she always thinks ahead.

Discipline. Most Hong Kong students, if not all, are taught to exercise self-discipline. Same as Merkel, being disciplined is a golden rule in her career. This is why Merkel is also famous for being punctual. To meet all deadlines, Merkel will drive herself hard, almost to the point of torment, sit in endless meetings and manage on only a few hours of sleep.

Reading the life of Angela Merkel, I am reminded the importance of being discreet and disciplined. Discretion makes Angela Merkel, and she redefined discretion – behaving carefully, not drawing too much attention. She puts discretion into another level on which makes her become successful. Some may think that this would restrain our creativity or isolate us from others. Yet, a lot of Hong Kong students nowadays 'do before they think'. Because of this, many of them would fail and gain less sense of achievement. Adults also doubt the plans of youngsters, Discretion is essential to help us understand when and how to be creative, driving us to success. When students master this quality, their thoughts will be rational. Their impulsive plans will be turned into gems of wisdom. Besides, discretion is crucial if we desire to build a bond and a mutual trust with others, including people from all walks of life. Discretion will help to bridge the gap between youngsters and society.

Being well-disciplined is another way to let people have confidence and faith in us. Not only will such confidence help us attain our goals but also empower us to make a difference in the world. Like the German chancellor, being well-disciplined can ensure the progress of all her plans and gain support from her people.

Youngsters like us may not be able to understand every policy of Merkel, but we can all be enlightened by her life attitude, being discreet and well-disciplined. The two 'D's will form the lap bar on our life roller coaster and help us reach the sky safe and sound.

Book Read
Title: Angela Merkel: the Chancellor and Her World
Author: Stefan Kornelius
Published by: Richmond, Surrey: Alma Books, 2014.

Comments

· Coherent. Clear focus.

▶ WONG Wing Man Heep Yunn School

Topic Tale Of A Legend

After I have watched the life-changing movie, Pitch Perfect, I have always been captivated by Becca (also known as Anna Kendrick), the main role's glistering blue eyes and her energetic personality. I could not be more thrilled to have known that she has published her very own memoir, and without delay, I rushed swiftly into the bookstore to get a copy at my own pleasure. The book is named "Scrappy Little Nobody", and it details the life of Anna Kendrick before she rose to fame. To my expectations, her wicked humor has been able to capture my attention throughout the book, making it the most memorable autobiography and the most time I have ever laughed while reading a book, could not help but admire her even further with what I have read and what I have been able to learn from her as a role model through her special experiences.

Ever since I was little, I have always looked up to multiple celebrities, and have always wondered what their lives are like. As a kid, I had a feeling that all celebrities lived glamorous and bright lives, but what I had never imagined was the hardships all celebrities had to go through in order to be able to be at such a high and worthy position. In the book, Anna Kendrick mentions her trying to make a living out of acting. Despite her honorable Tony nomination some years back for her supporting role in High Society on Broadway and later went on to appear in A Little Night Music, the fantasy of young girls is not as dreamy as it may seem. She went on to tell the readers that she had only made \$250 USD and had to spend time away from friends and family. Looking back, she really had a hard time stumbling her way through Hollywood, but it is all worth her time now, and we all should be glad that she didn't give up mid-way through. I was truly moved by her determination and passion in acting, and I could not be even more in love with her because of her motivating stories that I read. I liked how she was up-front with her telling her own story and the experiences she had gone through also tell us that she is a human being who goes through tough times and has her fair share of difficulties like everyone else, making her a down-to-earth figure.

Other than her acting experiences, there were other parts that also kept me going and I was not able to put the book down for even a short time. I admire her as a person and also for what she believes in. I believe that after reading her own biography, I have learnt more about a celebrity's life behind the scene and all the cameras of the press, which are not all that bright, and I excitedly await the next movie where I will be able to see her star in. This is why I like the book so much and why the book is highly recommended to all.

Book Read
Title: Scrappy Little Nobody
Author: Anna Kendrick
Published by: New York: Touchstone, 2016.

Comments

· The essay is well written and the choice of vocabulary is good. Feelings of the writer have been presented clearly in the essay.



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Works arranged in the order of the winner's names.

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