**Prompt 2 - Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side. (350 words)**

The class meeting event is a biannual end-of-semester event organized by the student council, where classes get together to compete in friendly sport matches. Students were most enthusiastic for this year's class meeting, since it was the first in-person event after 3 years. That is until the school released a new policy 2 days before the event prohibiting the use of the basketball, volleyball, and soccer fields. This forced me and the other council members to quickly devise an alternate plan.

We created our version of dodgeball and frisbee, where we completely changed the rules to follow the new policy. We also attempted to organize soccer matches using a contraption of bamboo tied to a cone to replace the goal nets. However, most of the students still seemed dissatisfied, wandering off on their own away from the matches.

As someone who liked to play it safe, I decided to gather the courage and improvise. I grabbed the megaphone from the lousy commentator we had and approached a group of people who were loitering nearby. I gave them the megaphone, despite knowing that these students may cause a ruckus. I proposed a challenge: everyone gets a turn to commentate matches over the megaphone, so long as they don't say anything disrespectful or inappropriate. The one who can draw in the most students will be treated to a cold drink. Since they wanted to have fun, they quickly accepted the challenge.

Crowds started to gather around the matches once the students started shouting. Suddenly the event was in a much more lively atmosphere than before, ending in a success. This experience taught me that stepping out of my comfort zone and taking risks may sometimes yield better results. It also taught me to build positive connections with everyone, even the unruly ones, because even they have something they're good at, that we can utilize or learn from.

Hi Samuel,

Thank you for your essay! You have the climax of the story here – being brave and thinking of creative ways to succeed. You can elaborate more on this at the end of the essay and how it has changed your view on stepping outside of your comfort zone. Will you do this more? Did you learn any lessons about being too fixed on a certain way of life?

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