

| Week 5 | | | |
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| Name of the Essay | How to do what you love By Paul Graham | Key Ideas | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In adulthood, we are confronted with tough reality.2. For humans, money is the most essential thing.3. It's difficult to figure out what we like.4. As kids, we live in a fake world.5. People mostly hate their job.6. Whichever route you take, expect to struggle. |
| Useful or interesting Quotes | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do what you love.2. It's hard to find work you love; it must be, if so few do. So don't underestimate this task. And don't feel bad if you haven't succeeded yet.3. The most dangerous liars can be the kids' own parents.4. if you admire two kinds of work equally, but one is more prestigious, you should probably choose the other. | | |
| Vocabulary (5 new words with meanings) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inertia: A tendency to do nothing or to remain unchanged.2. Alienation: separation3. Implicitly: In a way that is not directly expressed.4. presumably: Apparently.5. Faux-pas: false step. | | |
| Course Content Focus: | <p>Write a summary of the Essay within 150 words. Make sure to use APA in-text citation and attributive tags appropriately. <i>[Note: You can use the Summary Checklist from the handouts provided for this week]</i></p> <p>According to graham (2006) To do something well, we have to like it. very few people discover the work they love to do because the process is tough. When we are kids, we think being a grown-up is so fun, but Adults have to work really hard to earn money. Moreover, most of them are stuck in a job they hate. we can do two route jobs, but it will be inconvenient for us. Again, as we grow up, we become increasingly concerned about issues that we did not have to consider when we were younger. Besides, Money plays an important role in human life, as we think money can solve anything. Additionally, life is full of struggles. Whichever route we take, expect a struggle.</p> | | |
| | <p>Choose any one of the following extracts (taken from the essay) and paraphrase it. Remember to follow the APA in-text citation rules appropriately. <i>[Note: You can use the Paraphrase Checklist from the handouts provided for this week]</i></p> <p>Extract 1: I'm not saying we should let little kids do whatever they want. They may have to be made to work on certain things. But if we make kids work on dull stuff, it might be wise to tell them that tediousness is not the defining quality of work, and indeed that the reason they have to work on dull stuff now is so they can work on more interesting stuff later.</p> <p>Extract 2: What a recipe for alienation. By the time they reach an age to think about what they'd like to do, most kids have been thoroughly misled about the idea of loving one's work. School has trained them to regard work as an unpleasant duty. Having a job is said to be even more onerous than schoolwork. And yet all the adults claim to like what they do. You can't blame kids for thinking "I am not like these people; I am not suited to this world."</p> <p>Extract 3: The definition of work was now to make some original contribution to the world, and in the process not to starve. But after the habit of so many years, my idea of work still included a large component of pain. Work still seemed to require discipline, because only hard problems yielded grand results, and hard problems couldn't literally be fun. Surely one had to force oneself to work on them. If you think something's</p> | | |

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| | <p>supposed to hurt, you're less likely to notice if you're doing it wrong. That about sums up my experience of graduate school.</p> <p>Extract 4: It's hard to find work you love; it must be, if so few do. So don't underestimate this task. And don't feel bad if you haven't succeeded yet. In fact, if you admit to yourself that you're discontented, you're a step ahead of most people, who are still in denial. If you're surrounded by colleagues who claim to enjoy work that you find contemptible, odds are they're lying to themselves. Not necessarily, but probably.</p> <p>Answer: According to graham (2006) It must be hard to discover job which you love; since so few people do, it must be. So don't take this task lightly. And don't take yourself so seriously if you haven't yet achieved. In reality, admitting to yourself that you're unhappy gets you ahead of a lot of people, who are still in ignorance. If you're surrounded by colleagues who claim to like job you despise, chances are they're fooling themselves. Not always, but most often.</p> <p>Extract 5: Most people would say, I'd take that problem. Give me a million dollars and I'll figure out what to do. But it's harder than it looks. Constraints give your life shape. Remove them and most people have no idea what to do: look at what happens to those who win lotteries or inherit money. Much as everyone thinks they want financial security, the happiest people are not those who have it, but those who like what they do. So a plan that promises freedom at the expense of knowing what to do with it may not be as good as it seems.</p> |
| | <p>Reference: Graham, P. (2006). How To Do What You Love.</p> |