I always used to perceive life as a challenging journey. My school years, I never quite fit in. I diligently followed the rules and dedicated much of my childhood to supporting my family. It was during the start of my Grade 12 year in high school that I encountered 'Persuasion' by Jane Austen. Being the good student that I was, I decided to read the entire book before classes started.

As I delved into each word, sentence, and page, I felt my imagination expand, giving me a new perspective on the world around me. The novel made me contemplate the significance of selflessness and compassion. Despite being a romantic novel, it conveyed the idea that a woman's role is not equal to that of a man, emphasizing the beauty in the ordinary tasks performed by women. Jane Austen's narrative beautifully articulated that a woman's strength lies in her heart, while a man's resides in logic, yet each should attempt to step into the other's shoes.

‘Persuasion’ greatly impacted me, providing me with a profound understanding of the significance of ordinary things in life.