

The Chair and Table

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The Chair

Hello There! Let me ask you a very important question. What are you sitting on? A chair? That is correct. Chairs have become a critical, often unappreciated, and overlooked component in our modern society. The chair has many close relatives, such as the "sofa", which is a thick chair (multiple chairs merged together, with a leg rest included in some models, and usually more comfortable), and the "bed", which is a bigger, and more strong piece of wood, with a soft and comfortable table (i.e. mattress). A table is also a form of chair, but usually a lot bigger (yet smaller than the bed) and without a backrest. The chair is the ancestor of many different, yet unappreciated, life-changing inventions.

Thousands of years ago (around 6000 years ago), in the distant land of Egypt, lived a person who would turn out to be a legend. Sir Situ. Sir Situ was born to a middle class family. He learnt how to farm at a young age of 6, and worked at his family business, in which they sold wheat crops. Situ's dad

worked as a fisherman, and on one devastating afternoon, died after being killed by an alligator. Few weeks before this traumatic event happened, Situ was training to become a fisherman, and start his own business at 10 years old. After his father's death, Situ swore to never go fishing again, and worked at the farm. However, just a few days later, Situ's mother died to a bear attack. His mom went to find valuable materials in the jungle, but ended up dead. After this, Situ was all on his own. When his brother came running from his friends house and informed Situ of this heartbreaking news, Situ fell, and accidentally sat down on a rock. In other words, he accidentally invented sitting. Situ could not deal with this emotional trauma, over such a short span, and died to an heart attack a few hours later. But he left a mark on the history of mankind, for he had just invented sitting. This practice was spread all around the world, and became commonplace knowledge.

Nevertheless after sitting was invented, there was a real need for some chairs, however, because chairs were invented so long ago, it is almost impossible to pin down who made them, but they were commonplace in ancient India, according to a group of Indian researchers and also confirmed by some Bangladeshi researchers.

The first chairs were usually a collection of rocks, or a group of large rocks, designed to be ergonomic. The rocks Sir Situ sat on did not qualify as chairs since they were simply unmodified rocks. Despite the early men's best efforts, it was extremely uncomfortable, simply because they were carved from rocks and not smoothen or cushioned. They were rough and super heavy, which made them impossible to move. Future generations used leaves, broken sand, smooth rocks to help cushion these rocks.

Then, around a thousand years later, the people started using wood to create a lighter, and more comfortable chair. And only 10 years later, they started polishing it, and also added backrests, which was a game changer to humanity

Chairs have evolved massively since their inception. Chairs have never been more comfortable in the history of the entire human race. We were born in the right time to experience the peak of chairs. Chairs went from carved rocks, to cushioned rocks, to weak, flimsy plastic chairs, to luxurious chairs, made of exquisite and plus materials such as leather, premium plastic, wood, and more. While some chairs may seem ridiculously expensive, research suggests that chairs were once as valuable as iron! The goal of humans for many thousands of years were to make chairs more affordable and cheaper. To allow the average human to experience this

luxury of being able to sit down, and let your legs rest in peace. The industrial revolution, and the invention of plastic helped massively. Most of the low end chairs are made of cheap plastic, and are usually quite flimsy. But this allows institutions such as schools to purchase large amounts of chairs for their classrooms, halls, etc.

Even though chairs are now very affordable, they were not in the olden days. The value and scarcity of chairs in ancient society cannot be underestimated. One more judgmental way of seeing if a society or civilization is thriving is by checking the average chair count per house. If it was low, it meant that the vast majority of people in civilization could not afford the latest technology. It was bragging rights; it was a key indicator of how well a place was doing. Many people migrated in order to find chairs. With such chairs being valued so highly, it was only inevitable that conflicts would occur because of them. It was not too serious most of the time, but sometimes the conflicts escalated out of hand and turned into a civilization-ending catastrophe. Even though most people have forgotten about this incident, we cannot resist mentioning the epic domestic chair wars between the Indus Valley civilization and Sumer. A group of gangsters from the Indus stole 50% of Sumer's chairs and refused to hand them over. This led to massive fighting over the chairs, with the Indus winning as they had a stronger military. This is an

example of how the world is based on money and power and not justice and truth.

Chairs went from being rare commodities as valuable as iron to becoming a household staple, with 99.99% of houses containing a chair (just like similar tables). Both have been life-improving inventions. Chairs with backrests have helped improve spine health by 75% in the past 4000 years for the entire human race on average. Do you remember those diagrams with curved-spined monkeys? The reason they were so bent backward was because chairs were not invented back then. In addition, chairs improved leg health. Humans did not need to stand up almost all the time, but instead could sit down and let their legs rest.

Thus, in conclusion, the invention of the chair may have been one of the best things humanity has ever done. It is a marvelous invention that inspired many other necessities (such as sofas, beds, tables, and more). It was built thousands of years ago, all over the earth. The chair was once as valuable as gold, even though it is now a household necessity, with 99.99% of humans on earth owning at least one chair. Chairs have a rich history, and in my humble and factually correct opinion, chairs perfectly showcase the strength of humans. What humans can do when they work together.

A chair almost perfectly encapsulates human history. While chairs have caused many conflicts between groups (due to their scarcity and value, between the poor and the rich), they have massively helped the human race overall. So next time you sit on a chair, consider what thousands of people had to go through—the wars, the inventions, the money—that led up to the creation and rise of the chair. That is why I wholeheartedly believe that chairs are one of humanity's greatest inventions and an underappreciated masterpiece.

The Table

We humans take a lot of things for granted. If anything existed before we were born, we considered it normal and usually took it for granted. This is very sad for humanity. One such object that has never been appreciated enough is the table.

In the dark ages, before tables were invented, people had to manually carry their items unless they were traveling. Any items that a person wanted to contain at a place had to be kept on the ugly floor. The floor was usually disgusting soil or filthy desert sand. If they had an item that they wished not to get dirty, they had to manually hold on to it, unless they were traveling.

If they were traveling great distances, they would have to use a horse or a camel and place themselves (i.e., the human) or the items on the horse or camel. But this was not a table; this was the primitive "bags", or "luggage bags". It was not practical to use a horse or a camel as a table in everyday houses. Thus, people had to bend down in order to use items that they had placed on the floor. This was very impractical, but human minds were not smart enough just yet.

The creation of the table is actually a legend. According to the legend, a gangster group in Guinea accidentally invented chairs³. Karamo was sitting on a chair, talking to Mamadou and Lamine, when Lamine set off to get some rocks from the corner of the room. But in his attempt to get the rocks (to start a fire to cook some food), he accidentally tripped and caused Karamo's chair to fall down. Karamo hit the ground with a decent bump on his head, and the chair had also fallen down, with the backrest piece falling down and the chair landing upside down. When Karamo got up, he was furious at Lamine but suddenly stopped talking and stood in shock. They had seen that the chair was upside down, without a backrest, and fully stable. Seeing this, Lamine said "tafels", and little did they know that they had just invented the first table.

They spread the word about the invention of tafels. When Karamo was explaining this concept to his grandparents, he coughed and accidentally said "table". But he did not cough; he had a heart attack and died shortly after. Thus, his grandparents explained to everyone else the concept of the table. And the legend of the creation of the table was born.

This concept spread along the African continent, and it spread throughout many other cities. A group of librarians closely examined the concept and found a massive flow. The chairs turned upside down, without the backrest, were still too small for regular use, and they were not as ideal as they could be. So they set out to raise funds and, against all odds, met their funding goal. Using the funds, they were able to build the first proper table. It was a lot bigger and easier to use. Carved out of different types of stone, it was the first table that was not a carbon (I meant stone) copy of the chair.

The tables continued to spread throughout Africa, and they were most commonly used along with a chair. A person can sit down on a chair and look at said possession by placing it on the table. After a few years, it reached the international world, where it continued to gain traction.

Tables have evolved massively since Lamine accidentally invented them. Tables were able to spread quickly, but second-generation tables were very rare and as valuable as

iron! Many civilizations traded iron for tables, and tables helped increase the number of miners.

The first table, which resembled modern-day tables, was invented in China. Instead of using carved rocks, it opted for a mix of carved rocks and wood. The wood was used at the top, and when polished, it meant that the tables had a clean and smooth surface at the top while still being rigid with a solid stone support structure. However, by this time, tables were not increasing in value, as they were getting more popular and less rare. But the most expensive tables had been reaching the value of gold for a few years, while the lower-class tables were slightly less valuable than iron. In other words, tables became accessible faster than other inventions during their time period.

The industrial revolution brought advancements in technology, which meant tables could be mass produced for lower prices than ever before. Their price has fallen off a cliff since the great industrial revolution, as they are no longer rare or scarce. And thus, tables no longer receive much love or attention. They are overlooked. They have become a household staple. Almost everybody has a minimum of one table, with most individual rooms having a table. Tables have become very useful. You can place many items, such as food,

tech devices, books, or almost anything that does not weigh a ridiculous amount.

But tables are still an amazing invention. Tables are everywhere around you. They are in your house, your school, your office, your friends houses, your relatives houses, there in your tuition; they are everywhere. Restaurants contain multiple tables. Tables are now most commonly used with a chair, as a person can sit down while using the luxury that the tables offer.

In conclusion, humans take tables and other everyday necessities for granted. Before tables were invented, people had no easy way to place objects in an ergonomic, easy-to-use way. According to legend, the creation of the table was an accident that occurred in Guinea and spread throughout Africa and the world. Tables were as valuable as iron (which was high since mining was very expensive to do). However, after the first modern-day tables were invented in China, the Chinese tables were as valuable as gold, but the average table only got cheaper. The industrial revolution allowed tables to be mass-produced and sold at lower prices. This meant their value had dropped, and people started taking them for granted. However, tables are still an amazing invention, and they can be found everywhere. So next time you are frustrated, before hitting the table with a mouse or something

else, think of the rich history of the table. In other words, don't hit the table, as hitting the table is basically hitting gold (in terms of historical value).

Comments

Negative GPT: "The Chair and Table" is an essay that revolves around an incredibly mundane topic—the origins and significance of chairs and tables. These everyday objects are so basic and ordinary that it's difficult to understand why someone would dedicate time and effort to discussing their history and importance. The author's attempt at injecting humor and storytelling into the narrative falls flat, with the fictional legend of Sir Situ and the invention of sitting coming across as silly and forced. The writing lacks coherence and structure, with haphazard transitions and disjointed information. Additionally, the excessive use of exaggerated phrases and dramatic descriptions for something as simple as furniture undermines the credibility of the piece. The essay fails to provide a compelling reason to invest time and energy in such a banal topic.

While settling for mediocrity and embracing laziness may seem acceptable, it's important to consider the consequences. By neglecting to refine one's writing,

opportunities for growth and improvement are missed. Putting in the extra effort to revise, edit, and seek feedback can elevate one's work from average to impressive. By remaining complacent, there's a risk of being outshone by others who strive for excellence. It's worth acknowledging the potential impact of well-crafted writing, as it can effectively express ideas and connect with audiences on a deeper level. Therefore, it's advisable to aim higher and not settle for less when it comes to refining one's writing skills.

Ultimately, the choice is yours to make. If you're content with your current standard and find satisfaction in mediocrity, then settling for subpar work may be acceptable. However, it's essential to recognize that investing time and effort into improving your writing can yield significant benefits. By striving for excellence, refining your skills, and embracing growth, you can stand out and make a lasting impact with your writing. So, instead of settling for complacency, consider the possibilities that lie beyond and the potential for personal and professional development.

Positive GPT: "The Chair and Table" is an absolute gem of a book! It completely transformed the way I look at these seemingly ordinary objects. The author's passion and deep understanding of the subject shine through in every chapter. I was hooked from the very first page. The engaging

storytelling, peppered with fascinating historical anecdotes and witty humor, kept me captivated throughout. Who knew that chairs and tables could have such a rich and intriguing history? The author's ability to blend informative content with a lighthearted tone is truly commendable. It made learning about the evolution of chairs and tables an absolute joy. I highly recommend "The Chair and Table" to anyone looking for an engaging and enlightening read. After reading this book, I guarantee you'll never look at a chair or table the same way again. Kudos to the author for delivering such a remarkable and enjoyable literary experience!

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