W6A – Lesson 1, Journal 1-2, Draft 1

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Do you enjoy writing?

I started writing since first grade. My Chinese teacher asked us to write diaries everyday. Sometimes I wrote about what happened in school or at home, sometimes I wrote a novel that I imagined. Writing is the best way to express feelings. I enjoyed it so much that I even wanted to become a writer when I grew up. In the fifth grade, I became an editor in chief of our class magazine. A lot of work, but fun. Writing is an important way to record our childhood. I am sure we will enjoy reading it in 10 years.

I would like to change one thing about myself

If there’s one thing I would like to change about myself, that’s time management. For example, when I played Tik Tok, time flies by. I felt that I only played for 5 minutes, 30 minutes went by. When I read novels, time seemed to freeze. Perhaps I should consider using alarms to help track time.

W6A – Lesson 3, Journal 3-4, Draft 1

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**Journal 3 Prompt: What unexpected thing happened to you recently? Why?**

My arm was broken last Friday. It was the last school day. I was ready for a fun summer break, after Covid-19 and final exams. I wanted to start the summer break with a basketball match. Then, boom, I felt hard and was injured. Now my right arm was wrapped in hard plastics. I still hope to have a decent vacation after all.

**Journal 4 Prompt: What are three reasons why the global pandemic is good?**

First, due to quarantine, we spend more time with our family. Second, we spend more time to do our hobbies. Third, because of the quarantine air quality has improves。

W6A - Lesson 5, Journal 5-6, Draft 1

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**Read the given article and write the journals.**

**Journal 5 Prompt: Write a 200-300 word summary, using at least 3 direct quotes.**

The article is about a group of monkeys from Thailand that were trained to pick up coconuts. “The monkeys are snatched from the wild and trained to pick up to 1, 000 coconuts a day”, according to People or the Ethical Treatment of Animals (“Peta”). Monkeys in Thailand were treated to be “coconuts-picking machine”. Monkeys were used to supply two of the best-known coconut milk brands. Peta reported that there were eight farm that trained monkeys, it also appeals the stores in the UK to not buy coconuts from Thailand farms. The group also discovered monkey schools that trained monkeys to do sports and activities.

**Journal 6 Prompt: You opinion of the situation. Do you agree or disagree with the writer? What do you think?**

I agree with Peta that people should respect animal rights. We shouldn’t snatch animals from the wild and force them to work for us.

W6A - Lesson 6, Journal 7-8, Draft 1

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What character traits are most important to you? Why?

I think the most important characteristic is kindness, people should be kind to themselves, to others, to the nature.

Why do some people struggle to do the right thing?

Because people are all selfish and they want their heads up, so they struggle to do the right thing.

W6A - Lesson 7, Journal 9-10, Draft 1

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What does it mean to have integrity?

My mom is the Chief Compliance Officer of GE in China. Her work is all about integrity. She told me that integrity means one shall be honest, not only to others, but also to himself.

What is the hardest lesson you’ve ever had to learn? Why?

Last week, mom and I walked to the man who pushed me to the ground during basketball game. He first denied that he did it. After mom threatened to sue him, he reluctantly apologized to me. The lesson I learned is that I need to be more cautious about who to play with. Apparently this is a guy with no integrity.

Climate Change Issue

Today the north pole and the south pole is getting warmer, the ice is melting，The arctic is warming twice as fast as the rest of the world, At current rates, sea levels could be as much as 0.6 meters higher by 2100 than they were in 2005; This means that many of the world's coastal areas and small islands face an existential threat. Species there like polar bears wales and penguins are losing their homes. They are in great dangers. Although the world's glaciers are disappearing at the moment, most of us are not too worried about the problem and seem to feel that all this is far away from us. This means that climate action is being delayed, perhaps until a catastrophic event triggered by global warming reminds us of what is at stake.