Prompt: What is important? Why?

It was my first day of high school, a start of a new life and what was going to be a very different one. One difference being having to ride the bus home every day. Driven from the images I saw on TV when I was just a child, I had a deep trauma of riding the bus, but at the same time I wanted to conquer that fear and try something new. The bus arrived and I was shaking as I entered. The air felt cold, and I was really anxious. However, unexpectedly, the ride slowly became an enjoyable one. I met a wise, old, working-class man who shared his life stories and ended up teaching me a couple of life lessons during the ride. I came off the bus feeling rejuvenated after discovering my new favorite ride.

Weeks later, I sat at home thinking: what would’ve happened if I had listened to my fears and not ridden the bus? It was a question that triggered a sparking realization. The biggest discovery wasn’t my new favorite transportation, but it was the courage that I built up in doing so. Before I rode the bus, I didn’t know I could find my own way home.

It’s about the discovery of unexplored parts of myself that opened up whenever I encouraged myself to dive into something new. At that moment, I realized that this act was and will be most important and crucial throughout my life: the act of having the courage to jump into the unknowns of life.

HI Danendra,

As a reader, I get that you’re trying to say that the most important thing is to try, explore, dive into new things and have the courage to do so despite the unknowns and fears. This is a good start! However, I think you should allocate more words and focus on that, and the reason why.

It’s good to include the background and the experience that led to your moment of realization, but that should just be briefly mentioned for the sake of context.

In terms of structure of the essay, here is a suggestion that I think could help:

-Straight away mention what is important to you (what you said in your last paragraph).

-Answer the why through the story of the bus experience you had. Make sure to include details such as:

* what happened in the bus
* what you learned
* what you could have missed if you did not decide to ride the bus
* the importance of it
* the impact

A few phrases you could use:

* If I had not ridden the bus…
* Since then, I realized that it’s important to be courageous despite the fears I have because….

-Concluding paragraph

All the best!