

**1. Submit a short synopsis of your thoughts on the Last Lecture. Answer the following questions - what affected you the most? Did you identify with any of his messages? 1/2 page to 1 page.**

In the beginning of the Last Lecture, Randy talked about how he had a good and healthy childhood. I believe that his childhood fostered the environment for him to dream and the journey to achieving those childhood dreams. There are many people, myself included, that did not have a great childhood like Randy. So, I don't believe that everyone has their dreams sorted out as a child. However, I couldn't agree more when Randy said, "We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand." For those who don't remember their childhood dreams or their circumstances hindered dreaming, it's never too late to chase your dreams.

The area that resonated with me is that the most of what we learn, we learn indirectly. This also correlates with our mindset. If we allow ourselves to see the big picture and not stop at a failure, we will continue to grow and learn. There are countless teachable moments every day and it is up to ourselves if we see them or not. It was very interesting listening to the football example Randy gave from his perspective. As a child, I never played sports or was a part of any school group. The lesson that football teaches teamwork, sportsmanship and perseverance was something that I learned from watching movies where the child wants to quit the team but the parents teach them giving up is not an option. I may have not personally learned that lesson, but I did indirectly learn that from watching mindless movies.

Overall, I was surprised to identify with a lot of what Randy said. I learned from a young age to accept criticism, learn from my mistakes, look out for others and never give up. But I learned all of that from failing and figuring out to get back up. The most moving part

of Randy's message was hearing his interactions with his children and students. I have also been envious of "normal" or "good" parents. My peers always seemed to know more, do more and think more than I did. That was until I played my cards differently and now my biggest dream is to teach my children all the things, I wished I was taught.

- 2. Submit a short synopsis of your thoughts on Mindset. Answer the following questions - what was your result from the Mindset quiz. Do you have a different perspective on Mindset now? Do you think it will affect your outlook moving forward?**

My mindset score was a 57, which is a strong growth mindset. I do my best to always have a growth mindset and this was a great reminder to keep putting in the effort to achieve my goals.

- 3. Submit your learning style document. Was it what you expected? What do you think you will do in this class to optimize your learning? What can I do to help you?**

My learning style result was exactly what I expected, mostly auditory and visual. The way the class has been delivered so far is a perfect combination of the two and optimizes my learning.