**I Don’t**

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I don’t know how to live by natural rhythms waking up when the sun rises, but getting up to an alarm clock blaring telling me to go to school at 5 A.M.

I don’t live knowing how to appreciate a book for its literary value as I curl up with it during a snowstorm on a cold December day, all I know is how to effectively use Sparknotes the day before my test to not fail my quiz

I don’t live knowing what’s going on in the world around me yet I know the casualties of Jamestown in the Starving Times of 1616

I don’t live learning basic facts; I live memorizing them two nights at a time only to forget them the following week

I don’t live knowing how to help my friend who wants to kill himself, yet I live reciting the quadratic equation –b +/- squareroot b^2 – 4ac all over 2a

I don’t live knowing what a job is or how to buy a house but I know the currency used in Ancient Egypt

I don’t live knowing how the current political system works, yet I know all the people that attended the first Constitutional Convention

I don’t live knowing how to give basic first aid treatment, but I know the Mitochondrion is the powerhouse of the cell

I don’t live knowing myself, because all I know is how to study