

The Last Lecture - Randy Pausch

I really enjoyed this lecture./ It over all had a very positive tone and message about the pursuit of an individual's dreams, also the humor in it was pretty good. A lot of the ideas and mindsets brought up when trying to pursue a childhood dream was also incredibly intriguing. One thing that really hit home with me was when he was talking about his football career as a kid. The concept of learning the fundamentals by playing football without a football genuinely hit home. I want to be an animator and one of the most crucial things to have a grasp of before you can make (in my opinion) a quality animation is understanding the fundamentals of drawing. I still do not have a controlled enough grasp on those fundamentals yet, but this video has reminded me how valuable and necessary they are in order to make the right plays in my creative pursuits. The main moment that I really identified with personally was his story about disneyland. The way he said that he did not want to just experience the parks, but rather create what was in the parks is something I greatly identify with. The moment I learned that cartoons were not actual worlds but rather an illusion of life created from drawings, I have wanted to create animations. I made a pretty large amount of flip books as a kid, trying to find out how to make the images move. Overall, this lecture gave me hope about my future and achieving my goals. I know that with enough work and dedication I can push past the brick walls that stop those who are not as determined as me. I guess that was a key thing I took away from this particular lecture too, smash through brick walls.

Mindset

You agreed with 0 of Fixed Mindset statements and 8 of Growth Mindset Statements.

You have mostly a Growth Mindset. The book will show you how to apply that mindset most effectively.

Above are the results from the mindset quiz. However, I still feel like I have some more fixed mindset traits that linger within me. When I was younger, everyone told me I was smart and so I never put in any form of hardwork and just skated by. But after entering college I realized, I am stupid now. There were so many kids I knew from when I was younger who knew more information than me and were more successful. Then it hit me that I have to put in work in order to get anywhere. The readings you had us do has now confirmed this belief in me. Hard work is the most defining characteristic of a person, and it determines the success of an individual. I hope to continue developing a more open and growth oriented mindset as I move into the future.