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Story of My Search

My topic for my I-search paper is tattoos and being a tattoo artist. What I already knew about my I-search topic was that a majority of people who have tattoos are judged on a daily basis. Even when the tattoo has meaning the person is being judged because of the ink on their skin, not the meaning behind the tattoo. What I also knew was that people can get tattoos to cover scars or even birthmarks. I chose this topic because I am fascinated with tattoos. The way I was brought up was that tattoos are a good thing; it shows a creative side in you. Both of my parents have tattoos along with my brother. To me tattoos are a way of expressing yourself and many people judge tattoos based on their appearance. Tattoos do not define you, your personality does.

I am researching by reading articles online. I also interviewed a tattoo artist and I watched some videos on tattooing. I am finding a lot of information on my topic. This topic is a hard topic to research because there was a lot of information online. It was hard to narrow down my topic because of all the facts that were available. I decided to really focus on the stereotypes and prejudice surrounding having tattoos because I strongly feel that it is wrong to judge people based on how they look.

Research

Behind every great tattoo is an experienced tattoo artist. What it means to be experienced is that you have some training under your belt.one way you can do this is to become an apprentice, The tattoo artist Chris “Crash” Midkiff says “GET AN APPRENTICESHIP! And get that apprenticeship from someone who’s been tattooing for more than 10 years and has quality work to show for it; not the kid down the street who has no experience” (How). An apprenticeship is very important because you want to know the do’s and don’ts of the workplace. Whether you want to work in somebody else’s buinsness or if you want to start your own business. When you want to become a tattoo artist you want to have a good artistic ability. Midkiff says, “The very best advice I can give someone interested in a career in tattooing is to first focus all your effort on becoming the best ARTIST that you can be” (How).