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Last Lecture Reflection

When I first opened the page to watch the video, I was surprised that the video was over an hour long. I thought it would be some kind of TEDTalk type video that only lasted 20-30 minutes. I feel glad to say that I watched the whole video, actively paid attention to it, and even teared up a little at the end. I really liked his idea that we have these brick walls in life and that the walls aren't supposed to keep us out, but to prove how badly we want something. The brick walls are there to help us propel ourselves over it while everyone else gets stuck at the wall. The metaphor changes the way I look at some past decisions I made. Perhaps if I thought of the brick wall, I would have made a better decision and could have done something to lead to a better outcome. What affected me the most wasn't some of the messages he proposed, even though they were amazingly said, but it was the idea of his Alice project. Personally, the idea of leaving a meaningful and impactful legacy has always had deep roots in my mind. One of my own life goals is to do just that. When he was talking about how he might not live to see the next evolution in Alice, but that it was okay because he was still leaving a part of himself in the original versions of Alice. That hit me really hard. I desperately want to leave a part of me behind that can help people and this man's words really cemented that it doesn't have to be something huge or something that I've done by myself. One of the messages I identified most with was that you should bail out of doing something because all the gold is at the bottom of the barrels of crap. When I have ideas of projects I want to accomplish or ambitious creative elements for assignments, I always strive to accomplish them. Whether I need to ask for help from friends and family or whether that be leaving out some nitpicky details to actually finish the main goal of the project, I strive to make my creative ideas a reality. I never want to bail out of my ideas because I know once I finish them, all the work, sweat, tears, and setbacks will all be worth it to feel like I accomplished something that I am proud to call my own.