

Of Most Worth Paragraph

The thing that I valued most from this class was the lesson we had surrounding Emma Smith and D&C 25. I have always felt a connection to Emma Smith and it was really special to read about her experience and hear about the way she faced challenges. I am astounded by Emma's bravery in the face of trial and struggle. I was able to study her words for my primary source assignment and I loved the way she trusted in the Lord while acknowledging the suffering she had been through. I was impacted by her connection with Joseph and her dedication to him. She was able to fill a special role as a support and strength to him. I was impacted by this role she played as his equal and eternal companion. It made me excited for the opportunity to fulfill a similar role in my life and support my future husband through his endeavors. Emma Smith often receives unstated or inferred criticism in the church for the way her life ended, and the decision she made to stay in the east. Overall I gained a lot of empathy for Emma. I'm not sure if God wanted her to go West and she disobeyed his wishes, or if it was Gods plan to let Emma keep the little world she had built in the East. Either way I am sure it does not matter. I know God works with us where we are at, and he does not end our stories until we return to him. I am amazed my Emmas persistence despite her imperfection. She is not the perfect model of a saint or a prophets wife, but she is an accurate model of a daughter of God doing all she can. That example of truth and effort is the greatest takeaway that I can have.