

“A” Work

“Yikes!”

“ What happened?”

“ I give up!”

“ What , Why!”

“ Life Sucks !” “ This school year is so sad.”

“ Why do you say that?”

“Didn’t you just hear what Mr.Carlo said?”

“ Yes, but that shouldn’t bring you down,you can do this.”

“ Wow, yep I can totally do this 20 pages by the end of the week hooray.”

“ Okay okay, I get it.” “I’m not that good of a writer myself, but my confidence level is through the roof right now.. I’m so pumped!”

“ yea, your right I can do this!” “There is a lot of kids out there that can’t even pick up a book.”

“ Yes, you are right!”

“ Well, I guess we better get started.”

Never doubt yourself , always be confident even when you feel something won’t go your way.

Ironically I was never a good reader or writer. Growing up as a kid was the death of me. I was bad at everything. I couldn’t spell to save my life. I got bullied and punished for not doing a requirement for example when I was in preschool my teacher wanted everyone to say their alphabet and that was your exit ticket to having recess. I was a very shy kid and I didn’t like to talk out loud when I don’t have to and I am still kind of that way today. Anyways, time went passed everyone had a turn and it was on me. I got to the middle of the alphabet and froze up because everyone was staring at me. I knew my alphabet, but I was just a scared kid. As I grew older each day my fear started to tremble beneath me and now every opportunity I get, I am thankful for it because I know my background. Currently, I like to read and annotate because it

makes the text more interesting to read. I always love to write because that was another way that I speak my mind. I feel that there are a lot more benefits to writing than reading even though you need to read to be able to write. I have most definitely been influenced by all my writing teachers since I've been here because they are inspired by my writing and I want it to continue to be that way. Readers are provided with text which has artistic insights; however, Challenges are when readers fail to have a clear understanding of the text when reading words or phrases.

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“Do the essay!” they say.”Read the book!” they growl threatening to fail us. Reading isn’t supposed to be so critical. I believe ‘critical reading’ is depressing. As does Ms.Toni Morrison. Reading and writing are artistry using figurative language. It’s for all minds and walks of life. I’ve read most of my life but, I read for enjoyment and to expand my imagination. As Morrison stated, “... the difference between reading as a skill and reading as an art.” This proves my point that critical reading is depressing. Most teachers would force the imagery and figurative language down my throat. Yes, I passed with hard work. I spent a lot of nights reading and crying because I couldn’t understand the words. Some nights I gave up, others I sat and read with a dictionary at my side. But there was rarely a time when I could fully *enjoy* the reading. It was always History; boring, flat and daunting.I’m not an avid reader but, I’m fairly close. My point being is that being able to freely read and possibly relate to the characters setting or situations within a story is amazing. Reading is fun when you can put yourself in the place of the character to better understand the characters' thoughts and behavior but, the analysis of characters can be a formidable task. Artistic reading fuels the imagination with figurative language.

Surrendering to the story is to listen and be alert, rather than only hear. Morrison (2017) states, “Listening required me to surrender to the narrator’s world while remaining alert inside.” This statement proves to be a challenge for most. To remain alert but surrender sounds like an odd combination. But what it means is that the reader or listener should; give in to how the words make them feel, but not get too relaxed with the story. Morrison also gives insight into what it was like listening to the stories. Morrison states, “...when being mesmerized by the dramas and reenactments” She is telling the reader of this article that she was fascinated by the stories she heard and read as a child. Morrison also alludes to a lot of imagery.

“B” Work- Reading & Writing Then Vs Now

How do texts offer different insights and challenges? What is text and interpretation? How are we affected by texts in various ways? Well, read along as I describe my experience with reading and writing. I remember at the age of 3 my mom used to bring me books to read and notebooks to practice writing my name and my family names. I was homeschooled for preschool because there were no close preschools where I lived which was Southbend, Indiana. My mom and I used to read books together like Winnie the Pooh, Cinderella, The Jungle Book, and more. It was kinda easy for me to read words because my mom used to tell me to describe what the picture is trying to tell me which made me believe that the words must mean what the pictures are doing. However, big words were challenging my mom used to tell me to sound each syllable out and we practiced the same word over and over until I was finally able to pronounce the word. Reading now, I am more able to read at a fast pace pronounce words clearly that I don't even know the meaning of or never heard before. I enjoy more writing than reading, I will read a book with a lot of chapters only if it is interesting. I don't read often because it bores me now I feel like it's not enough of entertaining books around me books are now more about information and knowledge. I can say that reading and writing is very beneficial because reading gives your brain knowledge and more things to think about in different ways. Insights and challenges of reading and writing are understanding what the reading is about and challenges could be words that you are unfamiliar with that are in the text.

“B” Work-

When I was younger and I first started school, I was pretty good at getting my work done. I always stayed on the honor roll, and I never needed clarification with doing my work. I was always the top student in my class and my work stayed on the board. But once I transferred I started to slack. I went to an all latino school. I really didn't understand the work I was doing there and my grades started to drop. I remember my teacher telling my mother “she reading on an 8th grade level” and I was only in 3rd. But once I transferred my teacher started telling my mother “She needs more help”. I transferred from that school my 5th grade year. My grades started to come back up. But all of a sudden I got lazy. I started to get interested in “boys” and making groups of friends. I stopped worrying about my work and completely slacked. By the time it was time for me to graduate homework or reading a book would never be an option for me. I then got a phone, and in a blink of an eye I was on the phone 24/7. Once I started High School, my freshman year was a breeze. I did all my work and I also got back on track and I made sure my grades were excellent. Until I got my group of friends(once again) , I started to slack just a tad bit. But not to much. Then towards the end I picked myself up and decided I was never going to slack again and I am determined to get better grades, because I have a future ahead of me that I want to accomplish. So for now on I was determined and what i mean by determined is that everyday I went in the house and did my homework. I decided to change my sleeping schedule. I also started doing my work that was due at a later time. I did face a challenge I really couldn't get focused well even though I was determined and doing everything I had to do. I just could not stay focus for some reason. It was like my body would automatically shut down once I stepped foot in my home. I just got so lazy.

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Wow this is something that I'm not used to writing a long essay for my English class I never really in my life wrote a long essay before not even my freshman or sophomore year. I have another thing that I do outside of school such as sports like basketball, football, and volleyball. It's going to be hard to play sports and go home and work on the essay. Ms. Baltis has us doing a 3-6 page paper that can impact my grade so I have to get it done. My head is going to be hurting but I am a risk taker so I'm going to get it done plus I can learn something. The famous book writer Dr. Seuss tells us a quote that states "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." His message implies that the more things that you read will help you understand more things that you want to understand. Also, the more things that you learn will impact as many places that you want to go. Some benefits that you can get from reading is that you can learn new things that you never knew. I have experience from a book I read called Enrique's Journey was about a young boy at the age of 17 who went through many problems trying to make his way to the United States to find his mother.