

I'm reading Twilight series which have four volumes. I found that they are a little boring to read because of too much detail on the heroine's feelings. I'm a woman, and women are sensitive, and have a lot to think of or talk of all the time. Nevertheless, I don't like those long winded description. I wish the author would have made them into one volume. I don't like vampires and zombi things. The bloodsuckers on these books look so fabulously attractive with pale, crystal-sparkling skin, beautiful face and stunning body as well as its speed and strength. These images of vampires may mislead the readers to have crush on them, which I think is a very silly thing.

I've been to two cities, New York and Paris, which have their own characters and attractions. I had thought that New York was too far away from Korea and it would have taken too much time to get there, so I hadn't wanted to visit it. My friend told me how great it was and I changed my mind to travel to New York. It took more than 20 hours to fly to New York, driving me almost crazy. My friend was already in New York, and we were going to stay at different places. We used our cell phones to keep in touch and that was so convenient. I visited a few museums and did some shopping, which my friend's good at and she really helped me with my shopping a lot. I met my other friend who went to highschool together. She worked at UN and offered me to stay with her. With my friends in New York and English-based system, I could enjoy staying in New York, and someday I want to visit it again.

Two winters ago, I visited Paris alone. My friends had wanted to visit France, but I hadn't wanted to travel to the country but to one city like Paris. I made up my mind to travel alone to Paris, which I hadn't wanted to visit.

Who do you side with?

I saw 'The Mission' with my friends at a theater around 20 years ago. I was touched by the film and so were my friends. The final scene drew tears from us and we didn't have any tissue with us, so we just wiped away our tears. The movie was based on a true story and its background was around the Amazon in the 18th century. Robert de Niro and Jeremy Irons, character actors, starred in it. Furthermore, Enrico Morricone composed the soundtrack 'Gabriel's oboe', which was written later and known as 'Nella Fantasia'.

Robert and Jeremy, catholic priests, lived with an Indian tribe and preached the gospel. They found that the government tried to make the Indians slaves. In the ending of the movie, Father Robert decided to fight against the army to free the tribe, but Father Jeremy didn't agree with his violent method. Father Jeremy and other Indian followers held the Cross up and marched into the field, where the soldiers with guns and cannons and Indian warriors with bows and arrows faced each other. As soon as they fired guns and cannons, many Indians fell and died. Only a few Indians could survive the battle but they had to leave their home and go to a remote place.

I think that the final scene is so impressive because two priests tried their best to save the Indians in their own ways which they believed in throughout their lives. In the end, both of them failed to protect the Indians and died with them. I wondered who I would side with, Robert, who couldn't accept fate and fought against it, or Jeremy, who always believed in human virtue and hadn't trusted in violence. I would keep my faith in any situation if I had to make a decision whether to fight back or try other ways. The movie is a classic and the final scene always makes me think who I would side with.

Britain's Youngest Lottery Winner

Callie Rogers, 26-year-old, was Britain's youngest lottery winner of £1.9 m ten years ago and has just £2,000 left in the bank. She frittered away £1.9 m fortune on drink, drugs and luxury items. She said she was young, stupid and out of control when she hit the jackpot. She has learned the hard way that money cannot buy happiness. She lives with her partner and her three kids saying she is stronger now.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2364735/Britains-youngest-lottery-winner-Callie-Rogers-My-2m-lotto-win-16-curse-I-broke-Im-happy.html>

My homeroom teacher in the fifth grade

My homeroom teacher in the fifth grade was thin and middle-aged. He had dark skin and didn't smile a lot. He was so energetic at teaching and very strict.

In our class, there was a very smart girl, maybe the best student at school. One day, after an exam, we were checking our scores and answers. She thought that one answer was not correct, and asked her homeroom teacher about it. After she heard why it was right, she didn't agree with him and kept saying she was right. I thought she was wrong. I'm not sure who was right, but an experienced teacher would know better than an eleven-year-old.

Those days many people had some stereotypes that elementary teachers gave preferential treatment to certain students based on their appearances or their parents' contributions. I think that he wasn't that type of a teacher, that's why I liked him. I think every teacher should teach students without bias and without favor, and have tried to do so since I started teaching school. I haven't seen him since I graduated from elementary school and don't remember his name. Still, I remember his face clearly, and he is one of my favorite teachers.

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Dear Mr. Choi:

I highly recommend Park Chan Ho as a candidate for employment. Park was my student in 2012, and served as a class president for a year. He was responsible for running class meetings, supporting students as an assistant to teachers and organizing a class for the sport day and field trips.

Park has excellent communication skills. In addition, he is very organized, reliable and good at computer tasks. He can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done. He is willing to work on any project that is assigned to him. He was quick to volunteer to assist in any areas of class operations, as well.

Park would be a tremendous asset for your company and has my highest recommendation. If you have any further questions with regard to his background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to call me.

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