TOK Exhibition

Prompt: Why Do We Seek for Knowledge?

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Object 1: Glasses

Some people might think that the question is ridiculous, the fact it is not. The society believes that by going to school will make us gain more knowledge without knowing the real purpose. Sometimes, we need to question what we are doing right now, even though most of our society do it. For example, school.

Nowadays, everyone believes that by going to school you will get more knowledge. But what is the knowledge for? I am choosing glasses as my object today. I believe that the object that I choose, has a relation with the prompt. I have made a metaphor that school is the same as glasses. Both has the same philosophy and meaning. Glasses has the function to helps people see clearly and school helps people to see their future clearly.

By doing school, we are getting more knowledge that we probably never get before. The glasses help people to see clearer and the school helps us to see a brighter future, in case you forgot. So, what is the similarity? glasses using lenses to help people, meanwhile school is using knowledge. How can, we be sure? Through the lenses of glasses, we are no longer have difficulties in reading, or seeing things from afar, meanwhile through knowledge that transferred from the school, we are no longer blinded by our own future.

We are seeking knowledge to get a better future the same case as someone who wears glasses to help them. We can’t be blind about our own future, right? The person who has damaged on their eyes is already uncomfortable and then how if we blind about our future? We will left behind by the people who understand knowledge.



Object 2: Coat

On a particular season most people need coat, especially when it is winter or rainy. Coats are made of thick cotton or any warm material. Coat has a function for protecting people from cold, it is also prevented people from getting hypothermia, a sickness that caused by extreme low temperature. Coat is type of warm clothes that mostly used in the continent with four season like Europe and America.

In my first object I was focusing on how knowledge will be able to be the media for us to see the world clearer. But this time I am aiming for protection issue. How am I going to be able to answer my prompt with my second object? Knowledge also has the function of protection.

If coat can protect us from cold, then knowledge will be able to protect us from globalization. With knowledge, we can differentiate what kinds of globalization we should follow and which one we shouldn't. If coat can protect us from the sickness of hypothermia that caused by an extreme low temperature, then knowledge will be able to protect us from losing our direction that caused by globalization. One thing that clear is coat isn't something that cheap enough to buy, right? Just like knowledge. We need effort to get knowledge but when we make it, it is going to be worth it.

The protection that knowledge able to give to us is having no boundaries. It could protect us from everything. We can face our day and life by knowing things. The protection from knowledge gives us, able to guarantee our comfort and the feeling of relief, meanwhile the comfort of coat gives us warmth and safe.



Object 3: L.S Lowry - Matchstick Man, Going to The Match

The matchstick man is a painting that painted by L.S Lowry. He is a famous English painter that painted the matchstick man, one of his series. Titled “Going to The Match”. Overall going to the match is a painted that fulfilled with many people we can see buildings, men, women, and children walking around. It suitable with the title it's about people going to a football match or other match.

From our knowledge we can see that this painting is a bunch of people and buildings but as we know most of the painters are putting another meaning behind their paintings and then how can we know about the meaning behind those paintings this is related to my prompt that titled why do we seek knowledge the reason is simple to know about the other knowledge that we haven't known yet

As a commoner we can understand that this painting is full filled with people but behind this beautiful painting how can we know that there is a hidden meaning behind it this English painter stated that there are some sad meanings behind it among these crowds there is lonely. Whoever thought that this painting told us about loneliness and among crowds there are the other crowds that even feel lonely among many people. that's a deep meaning isn't it from here we can understand that the way we understand this painting has the same function of why we seek for knowledge. This painting also told us that everyone doesn't care about how suffering you are because they keep busy about their own business.

The reason is simple it is because of we want to know something that we don't know yet using the knowledge that we have currently just like we know that this painting is fulfilled with men and building which is that is our knowledge, but we can explore the knowledge that we haven't known yet which is the meaning behind it.