

The Importance Of a Curious Soul

When I first saw the text theme, it immediately came to my mind that I should write about my desire of becoming a forensic expert, perhaps one that was heavily influenced by the murder mystery series I used to watch with my mother. However, I found myself thinking whether or not I should take a different turn on the topic. As much as talking about my dream career is enjoyable and even inspiring, I find that our jobs are not what most define us.

In the book “Sophie’s World”, along the beginning chapters, it is presented to the reader a concept that sticks with me to this day. It is said that children and philosophers see the world as a fascinating thing, they crave to know more about it as everything is new to them, on the other hand, adults live their routines almost on auto pilot, not letting their thoughts linger on events considered unuseful, therefore, not letting themselves grow passionate neither aware of their surroundings.

According to the philosopher Martin Heidegger, fear makes us live without a purpose and direction, we alienate us from our own selves, growing distant of our actions and interests as we grow buried in distractions and obligations day by day. While it is not expected from anybody to be motivated or cheerful everyday, our mind shall remain as curious a kid’s one, as our curiosity leads to knowledge, the greatest instrument of guidance. For that, I wish to maintain a “childish” view towards the world, in a way that I will remain interested in learning more not only about the place we call home, Earth, but about the humankind and what motivates our actions.

Comentário do júri: Além de fazer um uso muito adequado da língua inglesa, o texto trabalha bem com as vozes de outros autores e nos apresenta um desejo muito interessante relacionado ao crescimento: permanecer com a visão interessada das crianças.