

Reflection Paper 1

This course gives me many questions that I've never think of; through various topics and hearing others' experience I have learned a lot of things that I can never learn in the textbook. One of the questions is that "What is the thing that you want to do before you die?", I asked my parents this question, but they said that they don't have a particular thing but just live a normal and happy life, get married and earn enough money. And I asked them, how about other things other than that. They told me that to achieve happiness and earn enough money have occupied all of their time, they don't have time to do other things. After listening to their experience, I feel a little bit hopeless. But I soon change the meaning of the thing that I want to do before I die, I used to think of things like having my own shop or travel around the world. My grandmother passed away last month, and she had came up symptoms of dementia, she couldn't remember me even her son. Seeing my dad feeling upset and sad, I'm afraid that my family will also suffer this kind of situation and I also want to leave evidence to remind me of the memories. After my grandmother's funeral, all family members gathered together to see my grandmother's photo and talk about her cute and warm anecdotes. I think that the only thing that can bring back the vivid memories is photo. So the thing that I want to do till I die is to record my life through my diary and photos attached on it. I've started to do this thing since March and after my grandma's funeral I have a stronger motivation to do it.

This was really touching! There are some things we don't consider until late in life. A simple question to consider may become something more serious to consider as we age. Time lost can never be found. I have a similar feeling as you to record but I am not so dedicated :(