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Essay #1: Option 1

Throughout my life I had only used reading and writing for academic purposes as well as basic communicating. Due to the referral of a friend, I had started to use reading as an entertainment purpose for my newly found love for foreign comics. Originally I would just watch the animated adaptations rather than reading the comics. As I had started to have less time to watch the animated adaptations, I found it much easier to just read the translated comics the animated adaptations were based on. Ever since I gave started to read comics, I have noticed that I have sometimes been influenced and inspired by the comics that I have been reading.

When I was in my senior year in highschool, one of my close friends was trying to get me to read a free online translated comic. The comic that my friend had referred to me was a popular horror / thriller comic. From there I had started to branch out to other types of comics such as one type of reading material called “manga”. Manga is a japanese style of comic books / novels and from the internet I have been reading an endless amount of manga. Even though I would usually not read for entertainment , I would find myself to be reading online comics and manga for long periods of time. Sometimes the manga would have some moments that would be really emotional and cause me to be in awe while in the moment. Even when the story is no longer in its comic form and made into a television show, the emotional moment can still be there. One example that could cause such an emotional moment would be from a manga series called “My Hero Academia” and from volume 11 chapter 94: From Teacher to Disciple, it shows an epic confrontation between the symbol of peace and the strongest villain in history. Once the fight has finished showing it to be the end for both the symbol of peace and the villian but it is what the symbol of peace’s last words to the citizens of the city who were watching in awe. “It’s now your turn.” is what the symbol of peace says as you can see that he is completely drained of his powers telling the citizens and future protectors to rise up and stop future villains. It was very compelling because it felt like someone of Superman status telling ordinary people that they too can become heroes of peace and justice.

A strategy I have learned from reading a lot of comics and manga is to find a genre that you will enjoy. Once you have found that set of genre(s) to enjoy then reading will be a lot easier since you will be reading about the things you are more interested in reading about. Even if it is not about something you do not enjoy, you can always try to find similarities to something enjoy to then make it bit more enjoyable to read. Another positive to reading is that you can recommend to other people the different things you have read so far. Through sharing what you have read, you can even possibly create a community of people who read similar things.

I believe that my experience could be helpful to others because there could be people out there who do not enjoy reading due to not knowing experiencing the different types of reading out there. As people start to read more I believe that they will start to see the fun in it and then make it a form of entertainment for them. Even the types of reading that a reader will read may change due to extensive reading. A definite effect that will happen is that the reader’s reading speed will start to increase.

Reading is something that people will have to do regardless of their activity and occupation. People will end up reading even if it is not something physical such as the things online, just like how I had gotten hooked on manga and online comics. The enjoyment that people can receive once they get hooked on a story can be truly an amazing experience. If the reading is motivational enough, it can make an influential difference in someone’s life.