Jenny Flore Dorsainvil

English 1121

Ever heard of the phrase “Mind needs books like a sword needs a whetstone”? well that is the basis of reading, reading is very important skill to have whether it is for an assignment or just merely trying to boost up your vocabulary. In order to be a good communicator, you would have to build strong relationships, be able to get your point across easily and assert yourself. People now a days don’t understand how reading can have a big impact on your writing. It makes you look at the world in a whole different perspective. In order to become an exceptional reader and writer, there are rules and instructions to follow. First you must want to read, if you are forcing yourself to read or see it as a chore you would not enjoy what you are reading. Take your time when you are reading something you shouldn’t rush through it. When that happens, you don’t have a true understanding of what you are reading. That can lead to misinterpretations of what the author is trying to say. Lastly read out loud that is the most important rule to reading because not only does it develop language skills, but it also helps equip us with communication and thinking skills. We will be able to make connections with our lives and informs the view of ourselves and everyone around us.

When a person wants to read it, it opens their mind up to plenty of possibilities. Wanting to read would help you acquire the skills and knowledge needed in everyday life. Everything that a person read fills their head with new bits of information. When you want to read, it opens you up the other aspects of your life you did not know you had. Reading helps you learn more about yourself as in what you like or dislike. If you feel as if reading is a something that you are being forced to do, there is a strong chance that you won’t enjoy or even comprehend what you are reading. Reading should come within. It could be reading something that you have an interest in already. It’s not only about watching something that pertains to that interest. You can learn more by reading because it opens up a variety of shortcuts and strategies to choose when developing your writing. In Malcom X’s “Learning How to Read” he explains that because he was determined and wanted to read so he could develop the articulation needed to be able to speak to a larger crowd. Malcolm X had a goal, he explained the need to learn how to read in order to be able to write out his speeches the way it was supposed to be. When he says “It had really begun back in Charlestown Prison, when Bimbi first made me feel envy of his stock of knowledge” this demonstrates that X wanted to read so he could become smarter. No matter what you want to do or become, you cannot do it without some more knowledge. That was exactly his goal to do what he loved most and that was giving words of knowledge to the people that listened to him. When I read this short story, I was very much at the edge of my seat because it was so interesting to know how exciting it is to see someone’s world opens up just by the need and want of reading. I too was also interested in reading this before it was thought of as a homework. I was curious as to how he learned and why he wanted to learn. I had questions such as “Is there a reason he wanted to read?” or “Was it because he was forced to read?” hint the title. In order for me to understand the deeper meanings I had to take notes on the side and annotate the text. From doing that I was able to make the reading more meaningful and remember the key information’s. I wanted to know more and more as I kept reading. I just put my attention towards the story and let nothing take me away from that moment. It was as if I was in his shoes experiencing everything he was experiencing too. This just indicates that because of wanting to read it unblocked your mind to want to learn and be able to live different lives through many authors.

Taking your time is probably the most important thing to do when reading. I mean what’s the rush? the book Is going nowhere. When you are reading take your time to be able to think things through, try to figure out what is the authors purpose, the tone and the audience. You may rush and assume the main idea. But you can be wrong. When you slow down it helps you get the most from what we do go deep on. It also makes reading easier to do which can you lead to more consistency. Instead of getting the quick points to the book, you get the deeper meanings. Also, when you take your time you come upon words that you don’t have an understanding of. When you use the dictionary your able to not only understand truly what the book is trying to say but you’re learning vocabulary as you go. This is what helped Malcom X in his learning to read. He was able to become aware of the meaning of book with the use of a dictionary when he says “When I just skipped those words of course, I really ended up with little idea of what the book said” because of his lack of understanding of a word he didn’t really get much from the book he was reading. This just shows that because he took his time, he was aware of the setbacks that gave him difficulty in the process of reading: Vocabulary. X began to develop more language skills due to the fact that the dictionary provided meanings and examples on words that he never knew existed before. This caused excitement on his part because one he learned how to use the words in and improved his vocabulary that way, he would know what words to put out when he was speaking to the people.

Reading out loud is the most important rule to follow when reading and writing. When you read out loud you are able to gain understanding skills of what type of tone, the writing is trying to bring out with the types of words is being used. You are also able to pronounce words out which can give you a realistic feel of the word as it is being used. Malcom X states “I believe it took ne one day. Then, aloud, I read back, to myself, everything I’d written on the tablet. Over and over aloud, to myself, I read my own handwriting.” This helped X acquire fluency. Not only was his goal to read and write better. He also wanted to sound very articulate. By reading out loud he was able to see how different words are pronounced, when to use them and how to spell them. He gained pleasure from this because he would go to sleep and think of the words. It was very enlightening for him. He learned that reading is important and valued when he learned the different words that you might not use in everyday life,