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Reading and writing had a huge impact on me. As a kid I had to learned how to read and write. I usually found it boring but i knew it was necessary to learn. Only when I started high school that i realized how interesting reading books can be. I learned many things about the world and how society functions. I also learned how to write better with the knowledge I gained from reading. I was able to organize my thoughts about a book into a essay. The more I started to read the more my knowledge would expand. I become more aware of things happening around me and less reliant on others. Reading and writing has helped me think for myself and I was more open to ideas that I would otherwise reject.

During my high school years I was unaware of a lot of things. Reading and writing has helped me expand my knowledge which help me understand the things around me. With more knowledge and understanding I was able to think for myself and make my decisions. I was unsure how to plan for the future but with reading and writing I was able to make plans to get a job or go to college after high school. As a student who wants to go to college I need to know how to pay for college and what was required to enroll. Through some research I found out about financial aid and how to apply to a college. Now I was able to decide where I want to go for college without the help of my parents. Many other students would ask for help but reading for yourself can let you see the whole picture instead of looking from one perspective. Some students let their parents decide on where to go for college but it could be not what you like or be the best for you. Knowledge is able to help you understand the things and be better prepared for anything.

My strategy for reading and writing is to expand my knowledge and see everything for myself from every angle. Others should follow this strategy because it allows them to understand things that they otherwise might not have known. My strategy also allows you to think for yourself and make your own choices. An example would be in politics where knowing the facts is important because it can decide who you should vote for. Instead of listening to only one side of an argument, with knowledge gained from reading you can make you own opinion about it. You can also know if the information/facts given by politicians is wrong and if they are trying to paint a false picture of something in your mind. Sometimes media want people to know only one side of a story or issue and have people make very biased opinions. This can lead to the wrong narrative and harm many people who are trying to show us the truth.

From my experience having knowledge on many subjects can help you understand how to read and write better. It allows you to have your own style of reading or writing. As a reader you will know how to look deeper into texts and understand the real meaning behind certain words or phrases. When i first learn how to look deeper into reading i was amazed because i was able to imagine what it's like being in the fiction world. It allowed me to understand the characters in the story and their motivations. It also allowed me to imagine what their world or characters would look like and how they interact with each other. My imagination was built on from my knowledge of my own world and experiences. As a writer you can better understand what you are writing about and how to connect it into a main idea/topic. You can also become better at making others understand your point with words or facts from reading/research. Through many years of learning how to write the most important skill is having the reader understand what you are writing about. With my knowledge about writing and reading i was able to have others understand me and my writing. I usually use my life experiences to explain a point or compare it to a character in a similar situation. This allows my writing to be relatable to the readers and allows them to connect better with my writing. My motto for reading and writing is to not be biased and think for yourself. Being biased would only distorted the truth and being able to think for yourself allows you to have you own opinions or way of thinking. The reason why i believe in this motto is because in my experience not knowing something allow others to take advantage of you or making the wrong decisions which leads to a bad outcome.

In conclusion being more knowledge is my strategy to becoming a better reader or writer. It allows you to think more freely and have a better control on things that happen around you. Instead of following an certain person or idea you are able to be your own person.