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Change of Tone

Nice Title

⊛ Grammatical Editing
⊛ Make sure subtopics are clearly stated in each topic sentence and address the order you listed them in your Thesis

⊛ Open with a Quote to grab the reader's

We as human being often come upon a few problems during our life time, attempting to

learn something completely new is a common one. I myself was given the opportunity to learn

the piano at a very young age. Learning to play the piano involves mental focus, physical

challenges, and environmental problems.

Good Clear Thesis

I obtained the will to learn to play the piano after watching an episode of a Hong Kong

drama where the main character was a famous pianist. I thought it was a pretty cool skill to have

so I begged my mom for piano lessons. It took a bit of convincing but soon I was enrolled to a

music academy in Queens. It was at least an hour drive from where I lived. Every Friday after

school my mom would drive me there and wait ^{two} hours for me to finish. At first I didn't mind it

because I really wanted to learn but soon after I was really bored of it. The effort didn't pay off

from the reward. My mom decided to withdraw me from the program and purchased me a

keyboard piano. After a few week we started getting complains from our tenants who lived

upstairs about me being too noisy. So that plan went out the window quickly.

Playing the piano requires a huge amount of mental focus, I learn that first hand. The first

thing I was taught at the music academy was to memorize the keys. This was a big problem

because I didn't have a particularly good memory. It was a tough start but I stuck through it. I

spent about half an hour each day repeating the keys from left to right and back. That wasn't just

it. I was often frustrated because I either messed up half way through a song or forgot to play a

⊛ Use the same language in your topic sentence that you used in your Thesis

Subtopic (3) "Environmental" or Subtopic (1) "Mental focus"

note. I remember crying once to my mom because I was scared of failing an upcoming piano test but she sat me down next to her and told me a life changing phrase that kept me going, she said "you choose this, no one focused you. You do what you feel is best and in the end at least we know that you tried your best". I studied extra hard that night but I still failed the test that following day. ^{However,} but I wasn't too down about it.

I once heard a philosophy from a basketball trainer ^{who?} "To be good at anything, you must put in 10,000 hours of work" learning the piano was no different than playing any sport. Not only do you need mental strength, ^{but} physical strength ^{subtopic 2} is also required. I was recommended by my private tutor to practice ^{three} 3 hours a day, this was an impossible task for me. First of all my tenants would complain about the noise and second of all my fingers were burning red after just an hour of practice. I would always complain to my mom about it ^{and} kept pushing practice time back to another day. Very often the next day of school I wouldn't be able to copy my notes fast enough and was left behind because my finger couldn't keep up. Playing the piano put a lot of stress on your fingers and forearm.

I gave up the dream of being a pianist after just a year, the pain and required focus was not worth the satisfaction. But I did learn something through this ^{and} I was able to pick up a few good life lessons. The first was to not get yourself into something you don't know much about. The second was to try your best at everything you do so in the end even if you don't reach your expectations at least you tried your best. I was able to transfer these lessons into my academic life and became a better student. As for learning to play the piano I am looking forward to completing my lessons this year and playing a song for my mother, to show her she didn't waste her time and effort on me.

⊛ Revise to make this topic sentence the first sentence in your paragraph

Good Conclusion

⊛ Be sure to restate your thesis then move into your larger idea

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