

Excellent Essay A-

⊗ Some grammatical & Conventions edits

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1 ✓ An article in "The New York Times" entitled, "College's Priceless Value," by Frank Bruni, discusses his most transformative educational experience. He uses an example from his college life. Though you do learn materials while in school, that isn't the only way to achieve an educational experience. Another way of defining an educational experience, is by being ~~to~~ taught a lesson. I was taught the lesson of becoming a grown-up in ~~the~~ terms of, working to support, being a father, and making the right choices.

2 ✓ My father taught me what it means to work just for the support of others. ^{Subtopic 1} For a whole year after graduating ~~high school~~ high school, I worked at a salvage yard. Usually when I would attain money, I would go and spend it on less important things, such as video games, fast food, and movies. ~~But~~ ^{However,} when I started working this time, my dad had me help with finances around the house. He would let me know what bills I would pay each month. ~~He~~ ^{Doing that,} ~~he~~ taught me how to focus on the more important things and finance my money. Bruni states that college was a "stopping stone to a more aware, thoughtful existence" (18), and ~~to~~ ^{to} me working ~~to~~ became my stopping stone.

3 ✓ Another way ~~that~~ ^{Subtopic 2} taught me how to be a grown-up, was when I ~~took place~~ ^{took place} as a father. I was in a relationship with a girl ~~that~~ had a child from a past relationship. We knew each other for years and wanted to take a chance with each other. I knew that if we got into a relationship, I would also have to keep ~~mind~~ ^{in mind} of the baby. I fell in love with the child when I first laid my eyes on him. For months I helped take care of both of them, and ~~putting~~ ^{putting} a child as a priority ~~made~~ made me more mature. The author states, "she taught us how much weight a few syllables can carry" (15). I felt that weight when I was being called "daddy".

Subtopic (3)

4 ✓ ~~I also grew-up by knowing which choices were the right ones to make.~~ After working a whole year making little money, I knew that the only way to get more is by going to college. I decided that I was going to go to college and afterwards, go into the military. I also realized that for me to support others, I would have to focus on myself.



5 In the past year, with me making the right choices from being a father and working to support, I have been able to grow up. ~~It~~ Some people don't grow up as quick as others and that will be a downfall. Maybe one day, everyone will grow up and become mature at a young as so we can all excel together.

Very Nice Conclusion

Bruni talks about how "college isn't just about making better engineers but about making better citizens." (B). Yes, college has helped me become a better citizen, but so has my own out of school experience. ✓