

Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it. Happiness is in fact a choice.

When things aren't going your way, it's hard to keep positive and stay happy, but chances are someone, somewhere has it worse off. For example, my aunt, who recently won her battle with ovarian cancer, remained positive and upbeat the entire time. She could have moped around and felt sorry for herself, but she didn't. When my parents and I visited her, she managed to go out to dinner even though she'd been recently treated with chemotherapy. She stayed strong and didn't let her issues affect her happiness. She chose to be happy.

There is always something good in your life for you to be happy or grateful for. On a lighter note, a character named Larry on the TV show "Parks and Rec" has it rough, but nothing can kill his happiness. He is taunted and made fun of constantly by his co-workers who treat him with zero respect. He may have a hard life at work, but he lives in a beautiful home with a model trophy wife and lovely kids. I think this keeps him going through his office adversity. He chooses to focus on the positive and be happy.

When someone chooses to focus on the positive aspects of life, they choose happiness.

Age is just a number. The way a person acts has nothing to do with their age. Sometimes adults can be less mature than children.

For example, Justin Bieber is 20 and not mature at all. He has many advantages in his life because of his career, but he takes advantage of those privileges and abuses them. He is known to drink, do drugs, and act recklessly. His immature behavior has even got him arrested before. Justin Bieber is a very mature person overall even though he is an adult.

Prim is 12 years old. She is the younger sister of Katniss, a volunteer for the annual Hunger Games. For two years in a row, Prim takes care of her mom and herself while her sister is out fighting for their well-being. Prim acts very mature under the circumstances she is in. This twelve-year-old is still a child, yet she is very mature for her age.

Overall maturity is not dependent on age. Maturity depends on how people handle things and the things people have been through. Someone can be 12 and act more mature than a 20 year old.

Big dreams lead to big accomplishments. When a person has plans for their life, they go after their dreams whole-heartedly. They try to make this big dream within reach.

Fallon Taylor was only 13 years old when she first qualified for the NFR, or National Finals Rodeo, in Las Vegas, something so many professional barrel racers only dream of doing. Fallon had this dream too, and she chased after it. She worked hard and focused until she achieved what no one thought possible. Her big dream pushed her to do better.

Being realistic may seem to be the simpler, more practical way to live, but those who challenge themselves by dreaming big and going after those dreams can really accomplish amazing things.

Write an essay stating your position on whether learning always has a positive effect on a person's life. 2014 English II

Someone once said "too much knowledge is a bad thing." I completely disagree with this statement. I believe that learning always has a positive effect on someone's life.

As a person gains knowledge they gain the ability to do more things, in turn this will positively effect their life. In life, the people who drop out of high school are the ones stuck behind a cash register at McDonalds. But the people who work hard through school and go on to college are the people who have a steady means to support their families. These people earned the knowledge which gave them a better job and income than the people who dropped out. And then there are the people who study harder and learn more to become a doctor or lawyer. These people are the ones who own the big houses and fancy cars all thanks to staying in school and learning all they could. Learning will always have a positive effect on a person's life.

When people learn more, they are able to get better jobs. When people get better jobs, they get more money. When people get more money, they are able to spend it on things they want and the people they love. These things are what make people happy and have a positive effect on their lives.

Is it better to live in a big city or a small town? – 2013 English II

It is better to live in a big city because opportunities are endless in the career you want to pursue.

For example, in the movie, “Coyote Ugly,” the main character leaves her small town to pursue her career as a singer. She leaves her small town to pursue her career as a singer. She leaves to New York. While there she finds out that getting her career started is harder than what she had imagined. Eventually she gets a job at a local bar as a singer. It wasn’t what she had hoped for, but it was an opportunity that she wouldn’t have received in her small town.

Another example is the show, “Dance Academy.” Tara, the main character, wants to be a professional ballerina. This dream is bigger than the population of her small town. She auditions for the Dance Academy, a dance school located in Australia. They accept her and she leaves her small town. The opportunities in the big city make her dream of a career in dance one step closer.

In conclusion living in a big city is better because opportunities are available for whatever career you want to achieve. Whether it’s being a singer, dancer, CEO, actress, athlete, or engineer, the opportunities are endless.