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**Journals 89 - 94**

Journal #89 - 9/16/82 – “The man who looks at the world at 50 the same way he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life.” Explain what the quote means. Use specific examples to support your point. Elaborate on your examples to tie up the topic.

The quote is saying that you should grow and change as you experience what life has to offer. If you don't take things away from life that affect you, then you are wasting your time. For example, when you are 20 years old you might think that it is super fun to party all the time. However, as you get older you might see all the damage that partying can do, like alcoholism or going to jail. If you are a party animal with an alcohol problem and a criminal record when you are 50 you clearly didn't learn anything about life during the last 20 years.

Journal #90 - 9/17/82 - “We don't know what we want, but yet we are responsible for what we are.” Explain what the quote means. Use specific examples to support your point. Elaborate on your examples to tie up the topic.

The quote is trying to express the effects that our current actions have on our future. For example, Frank doesn't know what kind of a job he wants after high school. Instead of trying hard in school and finding a subject that he might like to pursue, Frank just screws around and flunks high school. Because Frank screwed around he's forced to get a job at McDonald's for the next 10 years and work as a low level employee making minimum wage. If Frank would have

been more responsible in high school he might have come across a more meaningful profession.

Journal #91 - 9/18/82 - "Worrying is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere." Explain what the quote means. Use specific examples to support your point. Elaborate on your examples to tie up the topic.

The quote is saying that worrying is a waste of time. There's no point in it other than keeping you occupied. For example, getting into college can be nerve wrecking. However, once you have taken all of the classes you have to take and your grades are locked into place, what else can you do to influence whether or not you get into college? If you have done all you can do there is no reason to worry about what the outcome will be. Your worrying about getting into college doesn't help you get into college.

Journal #92 - 9/19/82 - "Happiness is not the absence of problems but the ability to deal with them." Explain what the quote means. Use specific examples to support your point. Elaborate on your examples to tie up the topic.

The quote is saying that happiness doesn't come from getting rid of the problems in your life. There are always going to be problems in life. Happiness comes for dealing with problems in a way that leaves you satisfied. My aunt Fran would come and visit me sometimes when I was little. She would always talk about her overwhelming workload and what she had to do. She always acted like her life would be so much happier if she could get rid of all of her work. Then she met my uncle and she was able to quit her job. Even though she didn't have a heavy work load anymore she still complained about other problems that she had. My aunt will

not be happy until she learns to deal with problems, not just get rid of them.

Journal #93 - 9/20/82- Free Write Friday!

Tehachapi is getting a lot better for me. I realized that if I actually tried to talk to new people, I would end up going out more. On Monday I'm going to the pool to join the Underwater Basket Weaving Club. I'm extremely terrified because I have never participated in underwater basket weaving before. I am not that strong of a swimmer and I am not too sure how much swimming will be required. I am a huge fan of making crafts like key chains and scarves, so I am sure weaving baskets will be right up my alley. Who knows if I am good at it I might even pursue it as a career choice. Then again I have also thought about being a registered nurse. Last year I joined Health Career Academy (HCA) at Franfort High, and they rank #1 so I ended up accomplishing a lot. I'm currently certified in CPR, I have got to work with all different kinds of special children. It's really an experience you never forget.

Journal #94 - 9/23/82 – “If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.” Explain what the quote means. Use specific examples to support your point. Elaborate on your examples to tie up the topic.

The quote is saying that if you tend to find an easier way to do things it's not always going to have the same outcome. Most things that are easy to do don't provide the same successful result as things that are more difficult. For example, it is easy to get a job at Burger King flipping burgers. However, you might not achieve your dreams of meaning and wealth working that particular job. Being a doctor takes years and years of school and costs tons of money, but if you

put in the time and effort the result is greater than taking the easy road to Burger King.