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Thread: [Knowledge is power. Read! Read! Read!](#)

?????? - February 19, 2015, 10:10 pm

"Every word that you come across that you don't know, look at it as if it was a brick wall closing in on you, not allowing you to breathe." - [??????](#)

Short background of the speaker: Dr. Betances that gentleman in the video was an illiterate man growing up not knowing much how to read or speak. His mentor Mary Yamasaki a Japanese woman taught him everything leading up to him acquiring multiple bachelors degrees.

Books are one of the most amazing inventions of all time. Through them we could learn so much from people that have lived before us. Life in a nutshell is that we're a product of our environment. The people we listen to as kids are our mentors and they teach us things from our everyday life skills to showing us things through life experiences. I think that it's amazing how books such as biographies, auto biographies, non-fiction narratives teach us ALOT! Especially when they're from people who have lived before us, again lived BEFORE us. Books can aid you in having a wise mentor.

Today I saw the user [Gains](#) with a user title "Knowledge is power" I had a flashback of when I was in college and I saw a video that really inspired me to read. Today I want to share with you that video and hopefully it inspires some of you on this forum, because this video changed my life. I thanked my professor at the time in the community college I was attending for showing me this video because it's made a great impact on me as I was never much of a reader. In fact I probably wouldn't be reading as much as I do now, if it wasn't for that time of my life seeing this video that inspired me. Anyway, reading has taught me so much! I can't stress enough to tell people its AMAZING! It's learning things from ones that have lived before you, just as you use to listen to your parents as a kid teaching you life skills, books are your mentors too because they teach you so much from others that have lived before you so just imagine how much wisdom you can gain.

Share your opinions regarding what you just saw. I love reading responses.

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GNARWOLF - February 19, 2015, 10:24 pm

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Foundatons - February 19, 2015, 10:26 pm

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FRANKIE - February 19, 2015, 10:26 pm

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That wasn't what I was trying to share. Sure we have all heard "Reading is amazing, go read more." Watch the video, I promise it's not a waste of 4 minutes of your life. I personally promise you that. Dr.Betances that gentleman in the video was an illiterate man growing up not knowing much how to read or speak. His mentor Mary Yamasaki a Japanese woman taught him everything leading up to him acquiring multiple bachelors degrees.

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Watch the video guys it's very motivational and would love replies regarding the video itself.

MaverickMahdi - February 19, 2015, 10:34 pm

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Thank you for taking your time to see it. I love sharing this with people.

Unturned - February 19, 2015, 11:51 pm

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?????? - February 20, 2015, 12:03 am

(Feb 20, 2015 12:51 AM)Unturned Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I never did read in my life so it means I have low knowledge?

Of course not ??? I don't think you understood the thread.

Ahri????? - February 20, 2015, 12:05 am

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(Feb 20, 2015 01:05 AM)kirino kousaka Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would love to read this and understand what you are asking me to do.....but I don't know how to read :(.

? trolls here in the lounge. I people would take this seriously.

Findus - February 21, 2015, 1:30 am

Great video ??????, thanks for sharing.

I agree with you, knowledge is power and reading is vital to gain knowledge. I think people in general read less and less, especially young people. Well, their loss. ?

DARPA - February 21, 2015, 1:34 am

Here is a Great Representation of Book Learned Rappers.

Mansa - February 21, 2015, 9:29 am

I don't read much but I listen to a ton of audio books instead. Pretty much the same thing, if not then better.

novazze - February 21, 2015, 9:36 am

I read, but not so often only when I have some good book. But, I watched the video, and I may say it's inspirational

Aurora - February 21, 2015, 11:58 am

Knowledge is indeed power. I will not deny that. The things I've learned are because of reading on here.

Dennis - February 21, 2015, 12:17 pm

Idk. I thought the vid was kinda shitty. I got interested in it because I've read your 2nd comment and was disappointed when he had nothing to say that I didn't already know or haven't thought of yet...

?pth?n - February 21, 2015, 12:25 pm

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DISL Automatic, and Steve Grant! We're going to change the world even though they tell us we can't! I also listen PTP, and ASpirit.

I love those guys. I'm not a rap lover but they're an exception.

I've spent a lot of time reading, and listening to books to get to where I am today so I couldn't agree more with this video.

"Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune." - Jim Rohn

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Thank you everyone and your replies :)