



# THE GLOBE

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## Higher Education

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How would life be if an individual lives without a college education? Nowadays, the higher education that one has reflects the higher wages he/she can get in the business industry. Individuals who do not have a high school diploma or higher education will have difficulty in finding a well paying job. There are many advantages of having a higher education. Jobs are more available to those who have college education, which can improve one's employability in the competitive industry; individuals would make more money as long as they get a high paying job with a good position; individuals would also earn a better reputation from other people and it can lead to a better and more meaningful life.



To begin with, higher education makes it relatively easier for people to obtain a job. When individuals come to an interview in a big company, the supervisor will first look at their educational background. If they have a higher education, there is a better probability of being hired than the applicants who do not have high education. Those who have lower education will never get the same things as the ones who pursue a college degree. It is obvious what a higher education can bring to one's life and that it increases employees' survival in the competitive industry.

Secondly, individuals would make more money. Those people who do not have a col-

lege education are most likely to be working at the bottom of our society because the job opportunities are limited for them. Some jobs that are available to them will be at the fast food places, restaurants, and mowing lawns. All these jobs do not pay well and require a lot of hard labor. Those who do not have college education will sometimes only get paid with the minimum wage. They might get \$832,000 for working 40 years. On the contrary, those who get their college diploma would make at least \$2,000,000 or above for the next 40 years. College education would lead individuals to have a higher wage and make more income from the job they are working at.

Lastly, individuals can earn a good reputation from society by having a higher education. For example, the reputation of teachers and garbage men is totally different. Society looks at teachers with more respect because they are more educated than garbage men. Teachers have attended school for years to earn a degree. Naturally, people would not look as favorably upon garbage men. The garbage collectors have the job that no one wants to do. Only those who have a college education can earn the respect they deserve.

Life could be very difficult for one who lives without a college education. Obtaining a higher education creates opportunities for a wide range of jobs. Individuals who have college education will have more opportunities and choices in the job industry. College graduates will also make more money after they get a good job. Higher education will also lead individuals to gain a good reputation. While individuals make more money and have more honor, they are able to achieve both fame and wealth, while enjoying and experiencing the different things in life.



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## Learning Styles

By Arpineh Zohrabian

Everyone has a unique way of studying. In general, learning styles are very helpful for students because they will help students to take advantage of the time that they spend while learning a

subject. These strategies will benefit students to realize the way that suits them the best to learn the subject and remember it during the semester. As a student I didn't know what my learning style was, however after finding the right one for me, I can understand the subjects better and use my style to do my assignments with better results. In general there are three types of learning styles; visual, auditory, and kinesthetic.

The first type of learning style is to learn visually. People in this group are called the visual learners; they take notes, draw charts, use highlighters, and different colors when they are in class. Therefore, it is a good idea for visual learners to pay attention to charts and diagrams in their textbooks, look online for videos, or graphic representations when they are at home. Moreover, it would be helpful to draw some pictures in the margins of texts, or in their notebooks.

The second kind of learners are those who learn from hearing, and they are called the auditory learners. When they are in class, they participate in discussions, listen to the examples, and take some notes in class. In addition, they might discuss readings with classmates after the class. It is a good idea for auditory learners to read their notes out loud. Although they take notes from the lectures, it would be helpful to write notes from study groups.

The third kind of learners are kinesthetic learners. Kinesthetic learners need to be active in the class in order to concentrate. They write, rewrite, and doodle with their pens. Some good ideas for kinesthetic learners are to have scratch papers to write on and be focused on the class, and summarize notes by using pictures or outlines.

Visual, auditory, and kinesthetic are the three learning styles. Getting familiar with these styles would be helpful for student's further success. Even though there are three groups, a student can have all learning styles or just two of them, but one of them is always stronger than the other. In conclusion, these styles can help students inside the classroom as well as while they are home doing their homework. If you want to find out which of the three learning styles you prefer, you can assess yourself by taking a short on-line quiz. The address is <http://usd.edu/~bwjames/tut/learning-style/stylest.html>.

## Work or Study

By QianLei Hua

With the development of the economy, there are more and more job opportunities for both adults and teens. Many teenagers like to work while they are studying so that they can have their own money. Although having a job is an important opportunity for teens to learn the value of money, it causes them to have less time to study and so they feel more stress.

Working gives a great opportunity for teenagers to understand the value of money. Most teenagers get money from their parents, which makes them have no idea how hard it is for them to make money. After students work, they will know they have to work hard to earn money. When they know the difficulty of making money, they will spend their money more reasonably.



Even though having a job is important for teens, study is more important. Working reduces their time to study. If teens spend the time which should be spent studying working, they get less time to study. It can cause them to get lower grades. If they get low grades many times, they may hate to go to school and quit school for work.

In addition to less studying time, working gives students more stress. They can not handle everything well unless they are very smart. If their schoolwork is not good, they may think about it when they are working. Likewise, if they have problems at work, they will think about their jobs while studying. It will have a bad impact on both work and study. They can't study well or work well, resulting from too much stress.

In conclusion, working as teens is a great experience through which teenagers can learn the value of money. However, teenagers who have jobs can have problems too. It causes them to have less time to study. Besides, it makes more stress for students.

# Difficulties that Immigrants Encounter

by Shant Mnaskan

Immigrants have many problems and difficulties in their lives. Immigrants often migrate to live a better life; while some immigrants do end up living a better life, not all are fortunate. There is so much that they have to go through. Sometimes the difficulties may be more than the benefits. To be in a foreign country, immigrants need a lot of potential and a lot of work to establish positive outcomes. These difficulties are language, cultural differences, and making decisions whether to stay or return home.

Immigrants that migrate to England and the United States from countries where English is not the official language face difficulties communicating. They face difficulties not only because they speak no English or little English, but because there is a huge difference between British English and American English. In fact, language might be a massive problem in communicating with people on a regular daily basis. Language is necessary for any activity or movement that the immigrant wants to do. It's also important to make the future flourish in the country that the immigrants are living in.

Immigrants get to experience the difference among various cultures. An example is that in most eastern cultures, guests show up un-announced at homes and weddings and that is acceptable, while in most western cultures one has to call ahead of time. In addition, some western countries have traditions which are unacceptable in the eastern countries, such as drinking, being out after midnight, and many things that are forbidden in the eastern countries but they are not in the west. The cultural differences are considered the most difficult problem that the immigrants encounter in their new homes.

In addition, immigrants would be in a position to decide whether they would be in this country for a longer time or they would return home as soon as they encounter these troubles. Immigrants have hard choices to make when they come to their new homes. Most tend to come with the idea of returning home one day. This tends to be the most difficult decision. Returning home is not always easy, as some may not have enough money to return home immediately. Immigrants are often reminded of the fact that they are not back in their home countries. Whether it's mentioned as a joke, or seriously, that may make someone miss their home country more, which will cause willingness to go back home. In fact, they won't be able to give more to the new country if there's an idea of going back home every time there is a problem.

Immigration is hard in the beginning, but there are many success stories that are impressive and deserve to be mentioned to the new immigrants. Immigrants will have a variety of difficulties in their lives, but learning the language quickly, starting to work, and learning more about the community they are living in would help them to improve themselves, and also that would help to decrease the daily stress in their lives. There are a lot of immigrants that became very rich, successful, and they have a great life in the host countries.

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By Ani Karapetyan

Facebook is a social network that almost everyone knows about and has an account with. On Facebook you can do everything, find new friends, keep the contact with old friends or I know people who found their first love over facebook. People are able to share information and images with everyone on their friends list or even chat with them. It's a great place to find new friends and interact with them or just to take a break from your everyday life. On face book a lot of people pretend to be someone else because of safety or just for fun, I guess. People should be careful who they add as friends or share their information with. Otherwise if they don't like someone they could just block him/her. Other than that it's an amazing social network that has gained popularity in no time. Face book is used all over the world, which also means that people could keep in touch with friends from different countries.



## Steve Jobs

By Varand Sardarianest

“Stay hungry, stay foolish” is a famous quote by one of the world's most creative men in the technology world-Steve Jobs. Steve Jobs was the founder and previous CEO of Apple. His thoughts and inventions have helped the world to get more powerful technology. He changed

the world by creating one of the first personal computers ever, being part of the animation revolution by bringing Pixar and also by introducing iPod, iPhone and iPad, which are some of the best selling products in the world.

Steve Jobs was born on February 24, 1955 in an educated family and he was later adopted by another family. After finishing high school, Steve enrolled in Reed College in Oregon where he dropped out after one semester because he knew there were many opportunities for him out in the community without going to college and getting a degree. After leaving college, Steve started a new path for his career in personal computers. He started his company with the help of his friend, Steve Wozniak, who was a computer engineer. Their company wasn't big. It was Steve's parents garage where they built the first personal computer-Apple I. After the success of Apple I, they released the Apple II which was a huge success for the company. The company which was first started in a garage was worth a million dollars. However, right before their 3<sup>rd</sup> product, Steve was laid off from his own company because of his lack of experience.

Steve Jobs didn't have any position in the company that he founded but it didn't stop him. He bought a film production company by the name of Lucas Film which later was changed to Pixar. Later Disney signed a contract with Pixar to work on the first animation movie. Pixar and Disney released *Toy Story* in 1995. *Toy Story* was a huge success for Pixar and made a huge name for Steve Jobs. 10 years after Steve Jobs was fired from Apple, Apple wasn't performing well enough. The creator and brain of the company wasn't with the company and there weren't any new ideas for Apple to compete with other companies, such as Microsoft. In 1996 Apple brought Steve Jobs back as the CEO of Apple. After two years, they released the iMac which was a better and improved version of personal computers. After iMac, Steve Jobs had ideas outside of the personal computer. In 2001 Steve Jobs introduced the new product of Apple, the iPod which is a portable music player. The iPod was the beginning of Steve's new generation of ideas. In 2007 Steve Jobs introduced “the revolutionary mobile phone”, iPhone. iPhone wasn't just a phone, but it was a portable personal computer which worked as well as a computer. This success of iPhone led Apple for the next project which was basically a bigger version of iPhone with the abilities of a regular computer. iPad was also another successful product from Apple and Steve Jobs.

On August 24, 2011 Steve Jobs sent a letter to his employees —“Unfortunately, the day has come.” This was the announcement of Steve Jobs resigning from CEO of Apple, and he gave the job to someone else. Then on October 5, 2011, the day after the new iPhone announcement, the world lost a genius whose inventions and knowledge have changed the world. Steve Jobs wasn't just a man in blue jeans and a black turtleneck shirt, he was a man full of ideas whose ideas will always be remembered. In one popular speech that he gave at Stanford University, he concluded his speech with “stay hungry, stay foolish”. Steve was foolish enough that he thought he could change the world, which he did, and he was always hungry for new ideas and creativities. Source: “Steve Jobs' Full Documentary.” Youtube.com. 5 Oct. 2011. 21 Oct. 2011. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0epR8Srr08>.

## Merits & Demerits of Computers

By Hiroki Yanagihara



We can not do anything without a computer nowadays. It is very useful in a lot of situations, but it sometimes distracts us as well once we use it in an incorrect way. In the article "Save your Kids from Virtual Destruction" by Trung Hieu, the author mentions some bad influences on children due to the use of computers. She finally concluded the article saying that parents have to teach children a correct way of using technological devices in this technological revolution.

There are two main causes of the problem of the improper use of computers. One cause is that children can not manage time and action well because they do not know the serious problems such as the lack of communication skills caused by too much use of computers. The other cause is that many parents pamper their children buying technological devices, although those devices could trigger a lot of bad situations for their children.

On the other hand, those technological devices also offer many good skills to children. Once they acquire computer skills or get familiar with technological things, they will be able to work for various companies. In short, their range for getting jobs will expand because most companies introduce computers, and they need people who are familiar with technological devices.

Computers help us do things faster, and they make our lives more comfortable. In order to make full use of them, parents must tell their children the proper way of the use of computers such as correct time management. They should also make their children sure of the merits and demerits of computers to persuade addicted children to stay away from technological devices.

## Losing Weight

By Selena Yeon



Nowadays, many people are obese because of their irregular life style. For example, you have to work at night for your company, and you eat at night time. For me, I've eaten at odd times, so I have had a stomachache for two weeks. Therefore, eating habits and diet are very important to our lives. In addition, some people could have some diseases from obesity. Losing weight is a very common problem in modern society. If you want to lose weight for your health, there are some tips for losing weight.

First of all, you should manage what food you eat and time when you eat. If you eat pizza every day, you're not going to lose weight. You should avoid oily food such as fried chicken, but you may want to eat more vegetables and salad. Also, you should check your meal time. For example, if you eat 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., you may try to keep the same time. When you eat irregularly, your body would be confused how many nutrients you need until your next

meal time. Therefore, it keeps more calories than you need.

Next, you can do exercise for your healthy diet. Exercise is very important because losing weight without exercising could cause you to lose your muscle, and you could be regaining weight in the long run. In addition, you can lose weight effectively. When you want to exercise, you can do whatever you want such as yoga or jogging. However, you should keep this rule. You should exercise at least five times a week and at least for thirty minutes each time. This rule is very important when you do exercise. For me, I go to the gym every day, and run on the treadmill for at least thirty minutes because fat starts burning after thirty minutes. Therefore, you should do exercise, and try to do it every day.

Finally, the diet program would be a long term program. For instance, my friend wanted to do a one week diet, named the Denmark diet. She ate vegetables, fruits or salad, and she did some exercise and played tennis. During the diet, she lost ten pounds in a week. She was so happy, and she fin-

ished the diet. However, five days later, she told me she gained fifteen pounds. Now, you may know what the problem of her diet was. Her diet program was too short to lose weight naturally. Thus, when you plan to diet, your plan should be a long term program such as a six months plan.

Living healthy is everybody's goal. And being fit is one part of this goal that every one of us tries really hard to achieve. You could consider these tips if you want to lose weight, and you could follow these tips for your health. Each of us have our own style of living. We have different jobs and also hobbies. The key to success in term of diet is to adjust the program in order to fit our life, which is how we eat and exercise. Also, if you keep the tips for your diet even though your diet finishes, you could maintain your weight and health.



## Shopping Makes Most People Happy



By Sandra Fritzdorf

The largest cultural debate right now regards handbags, but the debate is not about any handbag. It is not about why women have to carry around so much stuff all the time. It is not about lady handbags, nor is it about evening bags or the history of the purse or the purse as a weapon.

The debate is about how much a handbag is allowed to cost. The price of a handbag has become a sort of symbol of the whole discussion about consumerism, about what is morally right and wrong.

Some of the purses that circulate in the debate can cost as much \$20,000! If you are willing to spend that amount of money, you should go to Paris and buy a huge PVC bag at Louis Vuitton. When I was little, we had PVC pants and they were not expensive at all, but that's another story.

What I want to say is that purchasing things excites most normal people. Once I had 100 bottles of whiskey which doesn't make sense since I don't drink. It's like that. We get a little manic



sometimes and start to collect old clocks, sea shells, or anything else that makes life entertaining.

Some people collect stamps. I know a guy who collected 70's jackets. Collecting books is considered more fashionable than to collect stone trolls. The collecting behavior can be traced back to the Stone Age when people collected food. Now we collect stuff.

It is environmentally friendly to collect stuff. Those who say that stuff does not mean anything don't know what they're talking about. We need stuff, our own or others, in order to survive.

My guess is that many poor people in China or India agree. They might collect money for a bicycle or a television or even a car so they can take the family on a Sunday outing. Should that be considered "gadget hysteria"? I don't think so.

They could not protest in the newspaper back then, but I wouldn't doubt that some people were against the wheel when it was invented.

The utility of a commodity is determined by the user. An apartment in Los Angeles now costs about half a million. Gasoline is approaching four bucks. Food prices force families with children into poverty. At the same time the great auction houses sell lots of overpriced stuff that does not serve any practical purpose.

**But is the debate all about handbags?** Where should the line be drawn that separates everyday, normal consumption from shopaholicism? At what price does the purchase of a specific item become a sign of luxury consumption? That is not up to those who whine to decide. Perhaps that is why they feel so frustrated.

## Summary for the Movie "Last Train Home"

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First of all, I think this movie is great. The main characters come from a small village in Sichuan, China. Qin and her younger brother go to school in the village and the parents work in a factory in Guangzhou, which is about 1300 miles away from their home. They only go home once a year to visit their family during the Spring Festival or Chinese New Year. It is hard for people to get train tickets at this time even if they have enough money to buy tickets a month before. The transportation during the Spring Festival is horrible in China. Thousands and thousands of people wait in line to try and get a seat or they will have to stand on the train for 24 hours or more. Then they must take a bus or a boat or walk for many miles before they can get to the village home. It might take them three or four days to get home. The sad thing is they have just a few days to stay with



their family because migrant factory workers really don't get that many days off.

Because the parents are migrant factory workers so far away, the relationship between them and their children is bad. The daughter, Qin, wants freedom and doesn't want to go to school. She wants to go to work and earn some money so she can buy the things she likes, do her hair, and a lot of other things. Her parents are sad and mad about that because they work so hard for her to be able to go to school.

The movie really reflects what Chinese parents want for their children. It also shows us how horrible the transportation system is during the holidays. Deep in my mind, I know the movie wants to tell us about the actual condition of the migrant workers in China who come from villages and go far away to earn enough money for their children's future.



# THE UNITED STATES

By Lorena Corona, ESL 420

The total U.S. population is 281,421,906. It is the third-largest country in the world both by area and population, and the world's largest economy. It is a Federal Constitutional Republic of fifty states and a federal district (Washington D.C. the Capital City).

2.- The area of the United States is 3,794,101 square miles or 9,826,675 square kilometers.

4.-Independence Day: July 04, 1776. We celebrate in the United States **every July 4.**

5.-The country spends 4.03% of GDP on global military spending, and is a leading economic, political and cultural force in the world.

6.-The economy of the United States is the largest among all the nations of the world at 14.52 trillion USD and is estimated to have a per capita (GDP) at U.S. \$47,240, the seventh highest in the world.

7.-The major sectors of the economy are retailing, energy, agriculture, manufacturing, and finance.

8.-The country remains the second-largest consumer of energy in the world. Needs are fulfilled through petroleum.

9. - Manufacturing is not the leading sector of the economy.

10. - Major industries: petroleum, steel, aerospace, communications and chemicals.

11.-Official language: None

Main languages: I. English in United States: 82%.

II. - Spanish 10.7%.

III. - Other Indo-European 3.8%.

IV. - Asian, Pacific island languages is 2.7% and other languages are 0.7%.

12. - Religion is characterized by a wide diversity in religious beliefs and practices:

a) 83% of Americans claim to belong to a religious denomination.

b) 40% attend services.

c) The majority of Americans 76% identify themselves as Christians.

d) 56% Protestant; 28% Catholic.

e) 3.9% non-Christian religions (including Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc.)

## THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

The Golden Gate Bridge was the longest suspension bridge span in the world when it was completed in 1937 and has become an internationally recognized symbol of San Francisco, California. The span length has been surpassed by eight other bridges. It still has the second longest suspension bridge main span in the United States.

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## Credit Cards

By Marineh Zohrabian

When I moved to this country everyone mentioned the importance of having a credit card in the United States, and how necessary it is to apply for one as soon as I can. Now after two years I realized that was true and we live in a country where a good credit score affects many aspects of our lives. Having a credit card is a very good opportunity for people in emergencies or when they want to purchase something but they don't have cash. On the other hand, it has some disadvantages like overdue credit limit. Even though having a credit card can be useful, overusing it may lead us to more debts and a bad credit score.



Having a credit card is useful in emergencies. By having the card we know that we can always purchase something even if we don't have enough cash. However, it's important to keep track of our spending or

we may end up spending more than our credit limit without realizing that. If spending credit turns to a habit, we won't be able to pay our debts and we will fall into larger debts. As a result, we will get a bad credit score which will affect our lives in a country where everyone pays special attention to our credit score. Therefore, we should pay extra attention while using a credit card and not spend our credit on unnecessary purchases so we can take benefits of this opportunity and make a good economical future.

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



## ESL Sequence of Courses

The goal of the ESL Program at PCC is to teach academic English language skills to non-native speakers of English so that they can succeed in classes in other departments and programs at PCC and at colleges and workplaces beyond PCC. The program consists of five levels of required courses in writing and grammar skills as well as recommended classes on reading, oral skills, and grammar and vocabulary development.

Students who are identified upon admission as ESL students are placed in this sequence and required to complete it before taking College Freshman English, ENGL 1A.

	Required Courses	Recommended Courses		
	Writing and Grammar	Reading	Listening and Speaking	Pronunciation
Level 1	ESL 420	ESL 460	ESL 456	
Level 2	ESL 422	ESL 432	ESL 446	ESL 246
Level 3	ESL 122	ESL 132	ESL 176	ESL 246
Level 4	ESL 33A*	ENGL 415	ESL 136	ESL 146
Level 5	ESL 33B*	ENGL 130	ESL 106	ESL 146
	ENGL 1A*	ENGL 133		

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- Join a conversation group
- Watch an English video with classmates
- Play English word games
- Join the book club
- Do extra practice in grammar books & check your answers



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