

104 學年度第 1 學期高中部英文作文比賽

請勿拆開

1. 愛爾蘭詩人 W. B. Yeats 曾經說過 "Education is not the filling of a pail (bucket), but the lighting of a fire." 身處風起雲湧的教育浪潮，身為現代學生的你也多能針對教育政策或理念侃侃而談，請以

"What I Talk About When I Talk About Education" 為題，針對 W. B. Yeats 的名言抒發己見，寫一篇英文作文，字數不得少於 500 字。

2. 比賽時間：13:10~14:50，共 100 分鐘。

3. 不得使用任何形式的字典與電子載具，其餘依本校考試規定辦理。

What I Talk About When I Talk About Education

At the beginning of the human history, the word "education" was about life experiences passing from generation to generation. There were agricultural knowledge, religious customs etc. As ^{the} time flies, more and more wisdom has been accumulated and kept, and receiving education seems to be an indispensable thing in one's life. But, what is ^{the true meaning of} education after all? Why is it so important that we spend more than twenty years of our short lives learning, and even longer to educate others?

Date back to 2009, I was a twelve-year-old girl who spent her entire childhood in Taiwan. I did take English classes in school since the first grade, but I could hardly spell the word "apple" correctly then. Just right when I almost lost my interest and patience in learning English, my mother made a decision that change my life ever after. My mother brought me to the Dream Land, the USA. Instead of sending me into ^{an} international school, my mother, Kay, had me registered in a local public middle school. Everything was new and it was like an adventure every morning I stepped out from my apartment. I cried badly in the first three months, because of missing home and the hardships of making new friends, involving in my classes, and so on. It was really a tough time, but I made it. I worked so hard, and I could even spell the words like "hieroglyphic" and "cuneiform" that I learned from my history class by the end of that school year. There are a number of abilities I acquired in the year in the US, such as the ability to buy groceries on my own, but among all, it was the knowledge I learned from school and how it formed my characters impressed me the most. For example, I gained a sense of fulfillment when I finished an essay individually without any aids. Not to mention the taste of getting

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a straight A grade card after making every effort in studies. Education is such a direct way for one person to achieve a better himself. For me, I have had experience much joy in learning so far, and there is no doubt that I will experience more in the future.

Besides achieving a personal goal, making connections with the world is also appealing to me. A report says it that a person will make acquaintances with about two hundred thousand people in his life, but only about two hundred of them will really walk into it and make some differences. Although I may be alive for ^{only} eighty years, I still want to go as far as I can, to see as many spectacular sceneries as I may, and also to pay as much love as I have. Only through education may all these dreams be attainable. If I hadn't learned the story behind the Taj Mahal, then I wouldn't be moved even standing in front of it. If I'd never known how long it takes to form the Great Canyon, then I wouldn't understand how creative and powerful the mother nature is. If I had ^{never} read or learned ^{then} I couldn't provide my knowledge for those kids in need. If it were not education, I would be a dull and indifferent person, because I would never have an eye for the beauty of the world.

To conclude, it is only when ^{one} receives education and well equipped with knowledge that it strikes him how amazing and wonderful the world is. Human beings were merely passing farming skills or living strategies to younger people at first to make lives easier. Modern people developed a much more intricate system to have knowledge and techniques kept. ^{However,} it makes no difference between two times in educating others and being educated to create a better future. All in all, education leads one's life to self fulfillment and connections with the world, two of which makes living a meaningful thing.