A PAGE A DAY KEEPS IGNORANCE AWAY
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With today’s technology most student are rarely seen holding and reading a book. Most of the time, they are busy with modern gadgets like cellphones, laptops, Ipads and the likes. For the so called “millineals”, reading books is a boring activity since everything they wanted to know is at arms reach through the internet. But the truth is Reading still excites every single cell in our mind most especially books that empower our wisdom. And so, I would like to share ten good reasons why we should read books.

1. It keeps us informed. A book provides very useful information especially if one is involved in research as books contain ideas and well-studied facts. However, with the advent of internet students search for information through the computer has become very convenient and became the primary source of information. What students don’t know is that such data from the internet are somewhat incomplete as compared with information gathered from the books.

2. We get a lot of moral lessons. Stories from the books contain a number of good moral lessons especially those designed to be read by kids. Not only is it entertaining because of the illustrations, children will be able to pick-up life-long learning that will illustrate virtues that they can keep for life.

3. Reading books is an activity that is both entertaining and economical. Millenials are totally obsessed with building their online character and spends not only time and money in creating a virtual self in the game world. It is a fact that computer gaming are highly entertaining, most of them are built on the foundation of violence. And further, you need to exhaust a few peso everytime you go online.

4. Books are highly entertaining. Time passes by quickly when one is engaged in reading books especially if touches the interest of the reader.

5. Reading books adds up to vocabulary building. As one reads, he is exposed to new words. With it, comes education of the correct usage of the word including its spelling. So if you plan to ace a scrabble game, pick up a book!

6. Books provide detailed information. Compared with the information gathered from the net, books provide a much deeper explanation on theories and ideas of various philosophers as they are founded on researches and various applications from years of study. Internet may give you an overview of the said learning as they present only summaries of a much larger information.
7. Books can be used for reviewing your lessons. As textbooks are designed to guide students in their daily lessons, a student can refer back the days discussion in their book to check what he has learned so far.

8. Books are teachers ready to attend to willing students 24/7. Teachers refer to books to teach students and as such these books are excellent teachers who are available at the student’s beacon.

9. Books let you build your own movie in your mind. It exercises your imagination and lets you build your own interpretation of the written work which allows one to create a limitless movie running in one’s mind the graphics of which are much further exciting than those to be seen in the movies.

10. Books are energy saving. Have you ever charged a book before? Or have you ever plugged your books to an electric outlet before you read? If you answered no to both of these questions then that explains it all. Books supply the information at any time you need it and no electricity nor any form of power is needed to open it. You just need to lift your fingers and open the pages!

These are only 10 reasons why all of us should read a book but in reality there are more reasons to read. It’s about time to have a go in reading some books and open a whole new world. Once you do this, you will understand why Belle has her nose down on a book. Who knows, you might even find your own version of the Beast.

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