THE HERO WHO USED A QUILL INSTEAD OF SWORD

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Known as the Philippines’ great hero, Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal Mercado Y Alonso Realonda was indeed an an to revered. Aside from what he did for the country; which by no means any less that heroic and selfless, Dr. Jose Rizal did so many more outstanding things during his short lifetime.

Dr. Rizal’s life and accomplishments were not so much of a secret, especially since his life and life’s work are included to college curriculums. But time and time again, it is still very much amazing to look back at the boy he was, and how that innocent brilliant boy turned into a man, a man who gave his life for the sake of his country.

Jose Rizal was the seventh child in among eleven children born between Francisco Mercado Rizla, an industrious farmer and Teodora Alonzo y Quintos a well-mannered and talented woman. According to his writings, Rizal looked up his father and adored his mother. Rizal spent the earlier years of his life in his hometown, in Calamba, Laguna, where his mother thought him from every young age. In fact, at the tender age of 3 years old, Rizal already knew his alphabets. He was able to read and write at the age of 5 and showed potential and interest for arts at the age of 6. Dr. Jose P. Rizal is a genius, that is for certain. At the age of 8 Rizal wrote the tagalog poem “Sa Aking Mga Kabata” which showcase his love for his mother tongue. With his great mind and the excessive drive to learn, Jose Rizal finished his first degree in Ateneo Municipal De Manila at the age of 16, in May 21, 1878. He studied to be a surveyor and expert assessor, Rizal even passes the licensure exam for the profession just a year later. But due to his age, He was not allowed to professionally practice his line of work until he 1881.
But Rizal wanted to be much more. He enrolled to be a doctor just a few years after, but dropped out because he feels like the Filipino students are discriminated. But still wanting to finish medicine, Rizal sailed to Spain where he continued his studies at the Universidad Central de Madrid. Jose Rizal became an official doctor when he was 23 years old.

Dr. Jose Rizal is also a well-traveled man. He has been to most of the. At that time, when the transportation is not that advanced, that was a huge pit to accomplish. And due to his extensive travels, he learner and mastered 22 different language including English, Spanish, French, Greek, Italian, Latin, Japanese, and Hebrew, to name a few. Dr. Jose Rizal was gifted with the knack for languages. A multitalented genius, Dr. Jose P. Rizal was also an architect, artists, businessman, cartoonist, professor, economist, ethnologist, scientific farmer, historian, discoverer, journalist, polyglot, musician, mythologist, nationalist, naturalist, author, ophthalmologist, poet, psychologist, scientist, sculptor, sociologist, and theologian.

We all knew who Rizal was, how he lived and how he died on December 30th, 1896, in Bagumbayan, Manila. He was just 35, young and could have done so much more. But he chooses to fight for the things that he believed was right, he stood up to the Spaniards when many would just bow their heads or look away. His blood ignited the rebellion which eventually led to our freedom. Those are the core values that are thought to students. Beyond just his bravery and his sacrifices, it is to celebrate his life and its influence to our nation today. To show young boisterous people that they can make the change that the world needs by being the change themselves. No violence, no angsty, no hate, just the sheer will to make a difference.
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