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**Introduction**

Every person in this very planet has a mindset of his own and follows the culture in which he was raised in and brought up. Though we as humans are evolving consistently with every piece of knowledge that we gather and in this very spectrum we change the way we live and see the world. This evolution is present and can be seen in every part of the world. The knowledge that a human gain will never be enough as we spend most of our lives learning new things and in this modern era, there is a lot to learn and experience. Literacy rates a town, city, state or a country has, never falls but it always rises. This enigmatic increase in literacy rate depends on the type of learning that we go through.

**Discussion**

According to Barton and Hamilton, literacy is present all around us, from organizations to schools, there are many literacy events one goes through and experiences these events. Learning events occur when there is a need to communicate and make use of the knowledge that was gained from the event. According to them, the use of written texts that are the main focus of the event is important as it makes the literacy event easy and it can be used to further the knowledge. The events of literacy are always present as we are learning new things at every stage and step of our life. The practices that occur as a result of these events are considered as the factors upon which we continue our lives. Through practices, we are able to carry and execute our daily life tasks. Many of these events are common and are reiterating which can help us in researching many different life events that we experience. There is an endpoint of a task that we execute, and that can be in shape of complete failure or success. This itself is a learning event from which we can learn and make sure that in the future only success is guaranteed. Barton and Hamilton put stress on the concept of literacy events and practices and how these shape up our lives and what importance they hold.

Written texts and spoken language are also a part of a learning event. In a classroom, students and teacher exchange words of wisdom and knowledge. They communicate in written and verbal communication. This event as important as it is, the teacher and students are the factors through which a learning or literacy event is taking place. Furthermore, listening to the news and watching movies is another learning event that is common and happens in our daily life. Women like watching cooking shows and many still adore listening to the radio. Each of these events is providing important knowledge to the consumer or listener. Barton and Hamilton are discussing the same by explaining these events even further as they say that learning events are not the same. They are different for different scenarios and make up a proper literacy event.

Mediating texts are the written scriptures that people use and follow for completing a task or communicating. These can be in the form of text messages, emails, letters, notes, reminders and printed language. From authors to readers, mediating texts are a vital part of communication as they are responsible for making tasks easy in our daily life. Students use them in the form of books, notes, research papers, making assignments. Print media and social media use them in the simplest and common forms. Employees use them in an organization as a part of their job. Authors for writing books and novels, cook for making recipes and cooking. Even in governmental organizations, from the constitution to a written writ all take the form of written texts for mediating purposes. All these people and organization depend on them for completing their tasks and communicate (Barton and Hamilton). these mediating texts can be seen and experienced at any time and any place.

In our daily life, we go through many different things and teach ourselves how a certain thing works or how a certain job can be done. This learning can be mediated in many forms — written texts, graphics, prints, audios, videos and many more. As our world is advancing, so is the concept of teaching in schools and colleges. The art of multimedia and the usage of internet is getting common all over the world for teaching students. In Manhasset, this concept is being followed in every educational institution. Students from an early age are introduced to the world of computer systems. It has been great research that graphical representations of things tend to make a house in the brain, and we remember these graphics or images as part of something that we learned. Following this basic concept, the introduction of multimedia learning in educational learning was evident. Children nowadays do know the usage of cell phones and laptops and educators are using it for teaching purposes. It has become a norm to use multimedia technology for teaching students, and this innovation has become very famous.

As a kid, I was always astonished about the history of the world and how it is so very important to learn about it. How this world came to be and who were the most dignified earth dwellers that left a mark on this planet? This and certain other question always came in my mind and left me in a trance. Now I do have the tools and crafts to learn about history, not just of my country but also of the world. This again is made easy because of the help that I get from the internet. A child learns from his surroundings and environment; there were helping hands and books that gave me information and made me wonder more. The use of written scriptures, images, and blocks that were present for me at that time had a positive influence on me for learning more, and up till now, these practices that I followed have made me a bookworm. Written texts were always available for me as my parents would get me these books on different occasions for me and I would enjoy reading them before going to bed. This is entertainment for me and gives me joy and relaxation. The help I got from many encyclopedias and the availability of public library made things easy for me. I would go to the public library once a week and write notes on the information that I gather. The use of the internet is still there; learning about the world has never been so easy. History in the simplest form is education oneself with all the general knowledge of the world. Going to a search engine, typing a country's name and looking for its history is amusing and then sharing that knowledge with others is as good as it gets. The help of books, encyclopedia, library, internet, knowledge shared by my parents verbally and through gifts all are the medium through which I learned about the history of the world. Written texts, videos, play cards, informative novels, visits to historical sites, exchange of knowledge with people, reading books and blogs all are the practices that helped me with my learning.

Learning about history through many means provided me all the information that I have today. The parents acknowledged my love for history and made it possible for me to learn about history by providing me with tools to learn and keep my desire alive. There were events and seminars to go and listen to the hosts and speakers about the history and how did their research help them in writing novels, papers, journals, articles. There are many events where anyone can go to free of cost. Learn about their favorites or learn about something new. In my experience and through my research, it is evident that one can educate himself or herself without any known or unknown boundary. The art of learning never stops, and I can say that through learning we can achieve something if not anything of great value.

**Conclusion**

Every person has a desire of achieving something in his life. This desire can be a part of him since his childhood or can be forced on him or made a part of him at a later stage in his life. No matter the type, goals are meant to be achieved. How implicit or explicit they are. My personal literacy event has given me the means to learn more and keep adding to my knowledge about the world. This has made me eager to learn about other parts of life too. My studies were made easier as a result of it. Once again, we are in a cycle of continuous learning where events are held on a daily basis, and we are made a part of the event naturally. This phenomenon is driving the concept of life. Going through different phases of life, no matter how harsh or good they are, always have something to teach us. These literacy events and the literacy practices are not new, and there have been many types of research done in order to explain this cycle of learning. These researches in return are paving the way for more literacy events as we speak.

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