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Crabbe

**Introduction**

A person needs to equip themselves with education in order to cope up with the challenges and difficulties of life. It is an important medium through which a person learns important skills and gets valuable knowledge. Education can be divided into two major categories: formal and informal (Broudy). Formal education refers to the type of education that a person acquires in a proper educational institute, like primary school, high school, college or university. On the other hand, informal education refers to the education or knowledge that a person acquires out of a formally developed educational institute. In fact, informal education is much more useful and comes in handy in an individual’s daily life as compared to a formal one (*Using Informal Education Through Music Video Creation - Christopher Cayari, 2014*).

This point or argument is also emphasized in many pieces of writing in English. One of such marvelous piece of writing is “Crabbe”, a wonderful story of a confused teenager, who wants to learn but not in the way his parents or teachers want him to. The story emphasizes that the education gained outside a classroom is much more beneficial and valuable for a person as compared to the education acquired in the classroom. The discussion below explains how this point stands to be valid.

**Discussion**

A person can learn much more when they are left alone to experience things on their own. The central character of the story, Franklin Crabbe, also tries this and tells his story to the psychiatrist through his journal writings that how this experience proved to be extremely helpful for him in his life.

*“The thing about someone who is escaping is this: he's more concerned about what he's leaving than what he's going to.”*

The story tells the tale of a teenager Franklin Crabbe, who is tired of struggling to fulfill the expectations of his teachers, society, and especially his parents. Just one night before his exams, he decides to give up and live life on his own terms. The experiences that he gains after spending a good amount of time in the forests of Canada, teach him a lot about real life. Crabbe notes that education or knowledge was valuable than what any of the books could ever teach him.

*“Where we all alone, in spite of the illusion of comfort from other people? … All I knew was that my loneliness was mostly my own fault”* (p. 88).

Crabbe recalls that he was all alone, in the wilderness. There was no one around him, neither a human nor any trace of life. And this loneliness was scary as well as peaceful.

*“Loneliness crept close, closer with each long, lonely “a-looooooo” of the loon.”* (p. 61)

When the psychiatrist asks him whether he felt scared about these circumstances or not, Crabbe exclaims in the undermentioned words.

*“Fear isn’t the right word, although, fear was a part of it. I don’t know if you have ever felt totally isolated, but that’s sort of what it was like. There was literally no one, but me out there- out in the middle of nowhere”* (p. 87)

**Conclusion**

Hence, it can be concluded that education is not only the one which is acquired in a classroom, it can also be acquired outside a classroom or a formal building and such education proves to be much more beneficial than the formal one. This argument is also supported by “William Bell” in his publication “Crabbe”, in which, the main character of the story, Franklin Crabbe, decides to give up on his formal education and go into the wilderness, where he explores a number of things.

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