

How do you search for meaning in your life?

For this essay, I am doing something a little different. I chose the 11th word in each paragraph from the description of Noah, not including the words; are, a, at, of, to, and, was, as well as 22. I chose the 11th word because the 11th was Noah's birthday, so it has a special meaning. The specific words that were 11th are going to be mandatory in the essay, making them have a large impact of the general concept and theme of the paper.

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"The condition that distinguishes animals and plants from inorganic matter, including the capacity for growth, reproduction, functional activity, and continual change preceding death." This is the definition of life, but if this is all there is to it, what is the meaning? Is there a difference between the meaning and the definition of life? If life is just a definition, what is there to live for? But if it is a meaning, then there are thousands of reasons. There is no point to something if it only has a definition. There is a definition of God, but without a meaning for God, is there a use for a God? No depth.

No point. No spirit. No hope. The same goes for life. You have to find the significance before you can really grasp it. Before you can truly live, you need to understand it's all about the journey, as the destination only leads to death. Is it to live for the most wanted feeling of love, or to feel completely full of happiness with only bright lights ahead, or to feel complete sadness with mascara running down your cheeks? Going through life, I have learned to strive for these and all feelings as you can not have one without the other. Carry two notes in your pocket. On one write, 'I am dust and ashes' and on the other, 'the world was created for me'. If there is only one note, your soul will disappear, as the thought of only dust and ashes consumes you, not fondly but desperately. However, with only the other, the ability to see past yourself fades away, haunting you with thoughts of only yourself. Both must be held tight to keep the balance. To keep the hope. Hope. This is the one word that guides us through our lives. Hope is God and hope is faith. God is the reason people keep hope. That is why we pray and why we sing. The desire and full-body belief that there is something better. That the pain will end and that we the people can change. This is how I search for meaning in my life. I keep my faith that God is looking down on us. That everything happens for a reason, and that, without one moment, no matter positive or negative, nothing would be the same. There is so much more than one quality needed to see the meaning of life. Much more than one year. It takes time and the passion must be present. I look for the sun past the clouds, for the good in the bad, for the God in all. I don't know what Noah wanted in life, but from the description of him I understand how he tried to look for the complete purpose of life and how the view just got a little too dark. I want his memory to live on. To teach others and give them the opportunity to dive deep into themselves to look beyond what can be seen.