Literacy [story writing assignment]

book review

This inspiring story, by Paulo Coelho is about the wisdom of listening to our heart and following our dream. it makes us realize that: if we fall seven times, we will get up eight times.

The main characters in this both, aspiring and inspiring story is Santiago, and the Alchemist.

Santiago was the adventurous shepherd who was destined to achieve his goals. He was the protagonist, but he could not have done it without the help of the alchemist. He helped Santiago achieve his goal and lead him in his journey.

All characters in the story encountered into adventures to fulfil their destiny….their dream…. as Paulo Coelho says, ‘we forget about all the obstacles we overcame, all the suffering we endured, all the things we had to give up to get this far!!

One main problem, I think, that Santiago faced, was love. He was about to forget everything he overcame because of the love of his life, Fatima!! Fatima didn’t want Santiago to stay because she didn’t want to come in between him and his destiny, but, then again, she couldn’t make the choice for him.

My favourite character, undoubtedly was Fatima. Even though she truly loved Santiago, she told him that she feared of nothing because the universe brought them together. She assured him that the deserts never change and that was how their love would be for each other.

My favourite part of the book was the love that Fatima and Santiago shared. It was a difficult period for them as Santiago had to choose between the love of his life and his destiny!! I could not believe that Fatima was so strong to let go Santiago to reach the sky.

My least favourite part of the book was when Santiago was robbed. Scared that he didn’t know Arabic, he met a boy, who spoke Spanish and helped Santiago. He took Santiago’s money in order to buy two camels. After some time the boy disappeared.

If I could change something in this book, I would jazz up the scene where Santiago was robbed so that it could be much more thrilling.

I would surely recommend this book to another person as it teaches us that one failure doesn’t determine what our final outcome will be. It inspires to boost one’s energy into doing great things in life.

I can definitely relate to Santiago in the story. Like him, even I fear of the defeats that I will meet on the path. I want to change that and be more of a risk taker.

I personally adore this book and thoroughly enjoyed it. I believe that it has had a huge impact in my life and has taught me some very important life lessons. I learnt that I should, at all times, listen to my heart, and follow my gut. This book has made me realize that I may fall and lose hope at times but that helps me to get up and be even more stronger and courageous.