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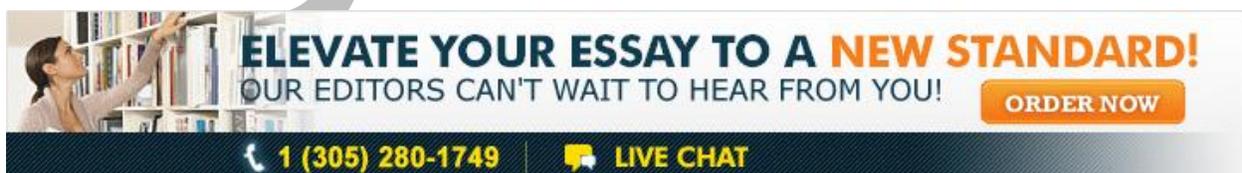
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Observing, analyzing and deducing. Three of my most favorite past times that have helped me in coming to the conclusion that everything can be reduced to psychology. Violence and love, guilt and remorse; All these feelings and emotions can be explained and understood if the mental characteristics of the individual are observed. It is this attraction to learn how the mind works and understand the basics of life that has beckoned me to pursue a degree in Psychology at The University of Chicago. My greatest desire is to learn more about the ways of different humans from all around the world. Yes, this does include cultures and traditions but more than that, I want to get a sense of how these traditions and cultures have impacted the individuals. The persons from the various societies that will come together to not only study, but live in one area for four years will give me the opportunity to pursue my dream at The University of Chicago. I always thought that people just had to be different from each other. In the way they thought, in the way they analyzed and in the way they solved a problem and if given the opportunity to study at the University, I can test my theory first hand. I have worked with many different groups of people in my society. My experience has taught me that unity is achievable. A strong community is one which is united on its similarities rather than divided on its differences. This thinking and

ambition will help me in adjusting to the new state and working together with other students to build a strong foundation.

In this age and era, tensions and stresses have taken over our lives. Being a student, I had to face a lot of these pressures which were sadly often overlooked by my elders. Unhealthy competition, Peer pressure, family honor, financial issues and gender discrimination were some of the issues that I had to deal with all by myself. There are many students like me who do not get the chance to prove themselves but getting a place in the psychology program at The University of Chicago would help me in becoming the person who can guide such future students. I know the future is unknown. But I believe we can save it. We can make it better. The key to securing it is unity. Eight years ago I could not have imagined even applying to a university as prestigious as The University of Chicago. But through my hard work and dedication I have taken this step and I am proud of myself. This university can be the beginning of something new and pleasant for me; a change that I anxiously need and a change that will make me a better person. I am on a journey of finding what I am capable of and I think The University of Chicago is the first of many steps that will take me to the right destination.



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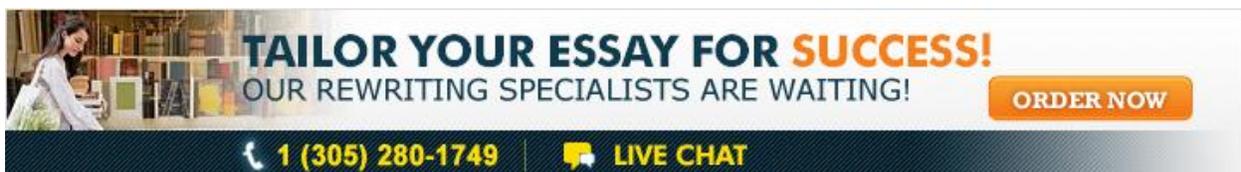
Answer 2:

Reading is my favorite hobby so it's no wonder that I will start with my favorite author. Jane Austen has been my best friend whenever I needed guidance. You might be wondering how that is even possible since Jane was from a time way before ours and her novels contain fragments of imaginative love and perfect romances. But Jane's novels for me have always had some wisdom hidden in the quick witted jokes and the ideal couples. From *Pride and Prejudice* to *Emma*, all the lovely ladies have taught me what to do and what not to do when facing problems related to family, friends, enemies or lovers. Jane Austen is and will always be an inspiration to me and her novels will be a proof of happy endings.

The second thing I would mention here is my favorite book. "The book of loss" is a novel by Julith Jedamus. And such a novel I have never read before. The story is filled with jealousy and all its corruptness. It has rivalry and betrayal and love that never was. But all this is happening in the extraordinary world of majestic tenth-century Japan. The time when the empire was strong, but the court was about to fall apart. I remember reaching the end of the book and thinking "This just cannot finish now". I was at a loss of words. I was at a loss of feeling. I was at a loss thinking. And that is when I realized that this book truly is a book of loss. Everything was perfectly synced and you could imagine the colors and the flavors of the grand empire of Japan.

It is very hard to narrow down my favorite films. There are some films that have impacted my life in some way and these are the ones I like the best. "Warrior" is a film that came out in 2011. It is in no way a classic movie but the story of the two brothers struggling in their own way, trying to make their life better and the relationship they have with each other and their father was very relatable for me. This movie makes you realize that family will always remain family even if you do not see them, hear from them or know them as much as the other person does.

Sometimes struggle is necessary to achieve the best even if it does not come in the form of a prize or win. In life all the greatest wins are not the ones where you are rewarded. Sometimes winning comes in the form of a loss. The movie is also about boxing and mixed martial arts. These sports are two which need a lot of discipline and dedication. I respect things which need such focus and I respect the people who are committed to such sports. In general I like films which teach you to reach your best. Your best and my best can be totally different things. And that is okay.



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