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Studying abroad offers students many advantages. First of all, students have the opportunity to learn a new language by interacting with native speakers every day. In addition the students live in a new culture, so they can learn both in and out of the classroom. Also, studying abroad teaches students that there are other ways of looking at the world. This is a very important part of education. Students learn to be flexible because they have to adapt to different ways of living. In addition they experience another culture in a much more significant way than if they simply took a vacation to another country. Also, Foreign students are far from home. Therefore, they have to become responsible and self-reliant. When they study abroad, students have an experience they will remember all their lives.



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There are several reasons that undergraduate students should not study away from home living away from home is much more expensive than living at home. Families can save money by not paying room and board, teenagers are not mature enough to live far away from their families. Therefore, they often get into trouble. Some students even fail courses because they are not disciplined enough to study in addition they never go to class. Finally many students feel lonely and homesick So they are not able to study. All undergraduate students who stay home with their families get a good education and also a good price.

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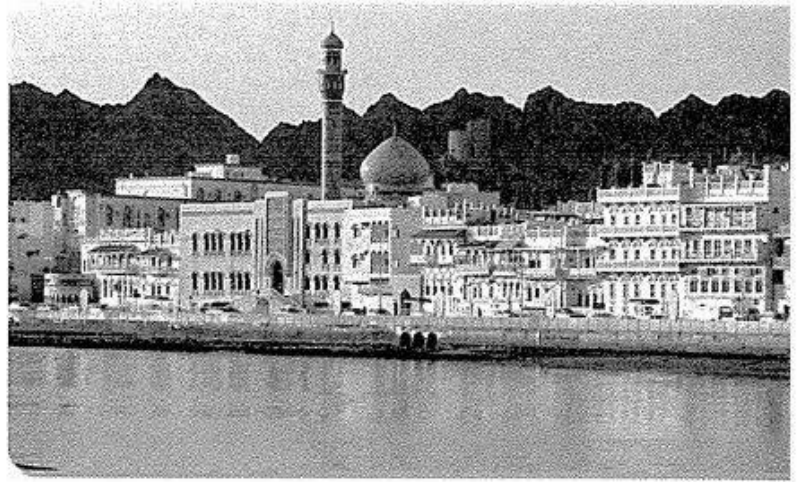


My Neighborhood

My neighborhood is fascinating because people from all over the world live in it. When I walk down the main street of my neighborhood, I can hear the unfamiliar sounds of languages from all over the world. Each ethnic group has its own colorful shop or fascinating restaurant. On a warm evening, I can smell the sweet melons from the Korean produce store and the spicy curries from the Indian restaurant. These smells are free, but for a small price, I can also buy any of 50 kinds of cheeses with strange names from one store, or exotic Asian vegetables and the spices to cook them from another. The people of the neighborhood take pride in their surroundings. On almost every street, they plant trees and flowers from their native countries to remind them of home and to brighten up the dull gray cement and run-down apartment buildings. One of my neighbors plants delicate Scottish flowers every year in memory of her mother's garden in Scotland. Another neighbor has a Chinese vegetable garden in window boxes. I don't need to buy an airplane ticket to experience the world; a walk around my neighborhood can be just as exciting.



Muscat, the ancient capital of Oman, is on a spectacular site. The city lies on a narrow strip of land between the sparkling blue waters of the Arabian Gulf and the rocky brown mountains behind it. Muscat is a wonderful combination of historic sites and modern buildings. Tourists interested in history will marvel

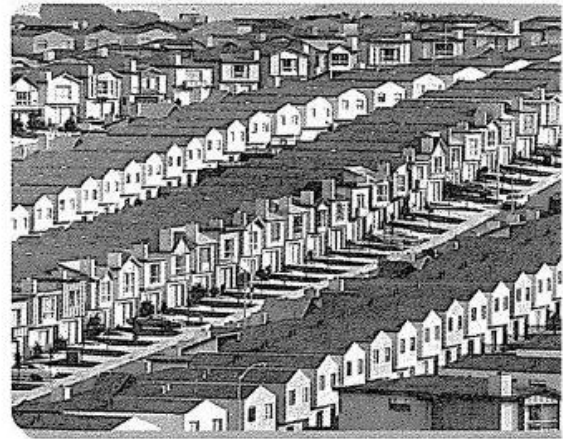


▲ The corniche in Muttrah Souq, Oman

at the splendid forts with their watchtowers and walled gateways. Those with an interest in contemporary architecture will appreciate the simple lines of the Sultan's lovely but unpretentious palace. Directly adjacent to Muscat is the harbor of Muttrah with its beautiful corniche and busy market full of the sights and sounds of this ancient bridge between the Middle East and Asia.

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We live in an ordinary house on an ordinary street in an ordinary suburb, and I think it is terrific! Our house is now about 30 years old, but it looks newer. I used to live in apartments, first in Florida, and then in New Mexico. But I prefer living in our own home. My house is like hundreds of other houses in the suburbs, one story with an attached garage. There is nothing special about the house, and it won't win any prizes for architecture, but it's perfect for our family. The kitchen is big and has new appliances, including a beautiful new dishwasher and a microwave oven. I don't like the heat, but we have air conditioning in the living room and bedrooms, so it is always cool. I don't know why some people I know don't like the suburbs. For the kids, there's a nice yard where they can play. It's very safe, so my wife and I don't have to worry. I am very thankful that we can afford this house and live our ordinary lives in it.



▲ A suburban community in the United States

Fortune or Thievery?

COLUMBUS, OHIO. October 28 was a fortunate day for motorists driving along Interstate 71 at about 9:30 in the morning. As a truck from the Metropolitan Armored Car Company sped down the highway, its back door blew open, and bags of money fell onto the road. When other vehicles hit the bags, the bags split open, spewing over a million dollars all over the highway.



▲ An armored truck spilled bags of money on Interstate 71.

It didn't take motorists long to realize that the paper swirling around them was cash. They stopped on and around the highway and scooped up handfuls of money, gleefully putting \$20, \$50, \$100, even \$1,000 dollar bills into bags, pockets, and purses. When the police arrived, they estimated that over two hundred people had been helping themselves to the bonanza.

Officials hoping to recover the money were not so gleeful. Columbus Mayor Dana G. Rinehart called the motorists who took the money thieves and said, "May they have many sleepless nights." He states the government will prosecute anyone the police can find.

To encourage the return of the money, Metropolitan Armored Car Company has offered a reward of 10% of all the money they receive. So far, however, they have received only \$100,000 from about thirty different people. One man gave back \$57,000. Another man, however, called to say he was set for life and was leaving town. Since the cash was insured and belonged to local banks, many people can't see that they are hurting anyone by keeping it.

Even if the government prosecutes, it will have trouble convicting the thieves. "Probably two-thirds of the jurors would think the defendants should have kept the money," said prosecutor Michael Miller.

I have many qualities that have made me a success as a bike messenger. First of all, I have the ability to persevere when there are difficulties. I also find math very difficult, but I have a tutor now who has been a great help to me. And bike messengers run into many difficulties. I have had problems with drivers who almost run me over, constant rain for weeks at a time, unreachable addresses, and rude customers. I think the drivers in New York are the worst in any city I have seen. In addition, my dedication to the job has also served me well. I believe that you should do your best at even the most routine jobs. For example, I work hard at finding short cuts around the city. And I'm proud to say that when a package needs to be delivered really quickly, my boss always calls on me. Finally, my success as a bike messenger is partly due to my sense of humor. Many times I have wanted to quit, but I just try to laugh at the situation.

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My life was very easy until I was 15 years old. My family was rich, and I never worry about anything. Then one day my father left us. We sell our beautiful house and moved to a small apartment. My mother has to go to work in an office. My brothers and sisters and I have left private school and began attending public school. I was extremely lonely and unhappy. I couldn't make friends at the new school. Everyone thought I was a snob. My life has changed when I got an after school job at a small bakery in town. The owner, Mrs. Garcia, took a special interest in me. She has taught me all about baking, running a small business, and life in general. Two years ago, Mrs. Garcia retired. Since that time, I have been running the bakery on my own. It hasn't been easy to run a business and attend school part-time. I've had to work very hard, but it has been worth it. I can truthfully say that I've been experiencing an easy life and a hard life and, in many ways, the hard life is better.



I have been taking an English class for the last six months. This has been a rewarding but difficult change in my life. Before that, I spent all my time raising my family, a daughter who is now five and a son who is three. My daughter's name is Karen. She is in kindergarten, and my son now goes to day care. Because I did not speak much English, my focus was my home and my neighborhood, where I felt comfortable and could speak Spanish. I spoke only Spanish at home and in my neighborhood. When I needed to take my children to the doctor or speak with my landlord, my younger sisters translated for me. One of them would go with me and speak to the doctor in English and then tell me what he said in Spanish. Now I have become more independent. I have learned a lot from my classmates, and I have also realized that as a mother I have had many experiences that they are interested in. Now my sisters tell me to speak to the doctor or landlord myself. I go to stores where I have to speak English, and I speak English in the clinic where I take my son to the doctor. This was very difficult at first, but I have been feeling more and more comfortable about my ability to communicate with other English speakers. I hope to use this new confidence to get a job.





▲ I didn't want to go to the farm. I wanted to hang out with my friends in the city.

The year I turned 15, my parents sent me to work on my uncle's farm for the summer. It was in South Carolina, and they had peach trees, cows, and chickens. They didn't make much money, and my father was always telling my uncle to sell the farm and come to Chicago. I didn't want to go to the farm, and I didn't like it when I got there. It was very hot and muggy most of the time. My cousins got up at 4:30 in the morning and went to bed at 9:00 at night, and in between, they worked. I had never worked on a farm before, so my cousin Wayne had to teach me everything, like milking the cows, driving the tractor, and so on. We were the same age, but I was bigger than he was. I was already six feet tall. Even so, I couldn't do anything as well as he could. I had a lot of friends at home, and we always hung around together, especially in the summer. I used to think about them. "They don't have to work on some dumb farm," I thought. "Why do I have to?"