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<div align="center">The Importance of Independent Reading</div>

Intro: Hi my name is Evan and the lesson that I will be presenting today will be the importance of independent reading.

Most people do not like to read and learn on their own. This is quite a problem in modern society that I think no one addresses. Reading is one of the best ways to learn new skills and it is also a skill itself. Most students and normal people are forced to read things like books and articles by teachers, and never get to experience the joy and benefits of reading for themselves. The main benefits of independent reading are improved reading and vocabulary skills and joy, learning new skills on your own for jobs and money-making reasons, and better speaking skills. These are skills that are extremely important for life.

First, improved reading and vocabulary skills are very helpful in the real world. When talking and communicating to people, having a high vocabulary is respected and shows people your level of intelligence. It is explained here that "Children who develop a rich vocabulary tend to be deeper thinkers, express themselves better and read more. Improving language and literacy skills early in life will help them be more successful academically and communicatively." (Seifert 2016). Even reading as an adult is very helpful as well for communication. Reading is also a joyful hobby that can be great for anyone. This is because of the great fiction and nonfiction stories that people can write. It can help people understand that way others think and act.

Second, reading independently can create new skills to help students make money. There

are various books that can teach you how to make and manage money. These are not skills that are commonly taught by schools or universities. Financial literacy and management skills are some of the most important skills that someone can have in life. It is quoted here that "What's one habit that financially successful CEOs and founders have in common? They read. A LOT. According to Sales & Marketing Executives International, those who read at least 7 business books per year earn more money. In fact, they earn 2.3 times more than people who only read one book per year. (Natfluence August 6, 2022). Judging by the evidence, reading is something that can make a lot of money, and with all the different skills that you can learn, it is one of the best habits anyone can have.

Third, reading can help improve your speaking skills. This goes with having a high vocabulary and shows the world that you have effective communication skills. It is said here that "Reading about other people can help you understand them better. The same neurological regions of the brain are stimulated when you read about something as when you experience it." (Gower 2019). This is something great for the human brain. Having more knowledge from reading gives you more to talk about when speaking to others. This can be about what you learn from books. There are also many books and guides on how to effectively communicate with others, which is one of the most important skills you can have.

In conclusion, independent reading is one of the greatest and most beneficial habits that you can have. This helps increase your vocabulary and reading skills and comprehension of information, learning high level job skills or money-making skills, and can help improve effective communication with others. Everyone should read independently, and it is one of the least known benefits for the human mind.

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