

Value of Travelling
Or
Importance of Educational Tours and Trips
Or
Travelling as a part of Education

Essay # 1

“Travelling in the younger sort is a part of education; in the older, a part of experience.

—Bacon

Nobody can under-estimate the educational value of travelling. Travelling is a better teacher than books. It confirms one’s bookish and theoretical knowledge. It helps us to learn things in an easier, more lasting and more lucid manner. Think of a student who has actually seen the Taj. Is he not much better placed to write about the Taj than any of his class-fellows who has never been to Agra? Travelling gives first- hand information about things places, persons and events. IT provides an opportunity for acquiring a practical knowledge of men and matters and enables a person to fight the battle of life in a more successful way. Travelling is essential for the healthy growth of the mind. Tagore writes: “The health of the mind cannot be maintained on the ration of books served up in motionless classes within the prison walls of a static school.”

Travelling converts a student into a awakened scholar in the open university of the world. He is able to have a close look at life, grapple with its varied problems and have a first- hand knowledge of the affairs of the world. Knowledge obtained through books is incomplete, imperfect and short-lived. Knowledge obtained through travelling is perfect and permanent.

One who has not travelled, remains like a frog in a well. He is a self-centered. He thinks that his view-point is the only correct viewpoint. He cannot appreciate the view point of others. He is a prisoner of his set ideas. A widely travelled person, on the other hand, comes in contact with numerous

persons. Thus, he gets a new vision of life. His outlook becomes broad; his sympathies widen. He comes to realize that the view-point of others may also be correct.

During educational tours, the students come across different people with different customs and different habits. This is such a knowledge as cannot be attained otherwise or through books. A student of science who is told about atomic reaction outside the laboratory will not learn as much as a student who is taken to the laboratory and actually shown each and everything in practical condition. The latter will not nurse any doubts about it because the impression which is formed in his brain's sensitive plate through real observation is permanent and perfect.

Tours have a great educational value. Students can learn much through these tours. They will not have to bother about books and their knowledge will be more adequate and more lasting. Tours play a great role in the general growth of a student's mind and heart. A student who never goes on tour is circumscribed in his knowledge about the world. Real wisdom can be attained through the educational tours only.

So educational tours should be made a necessary part of our education if we want to produce real and genuine scholars. There are certain students who have not seen a single place other than their own. This creates inhibitions and an inferiority complex in such students. They cannot be successful in their lives. It is through educational tours that their general outlook can be broadened and general standard raised.

Essay # 2

The Value of Travelling

In the event of the world becoming a global village the value of travelling cannot be denied. Sir Francis Bacon had once said, "Travelling in the younger sort is a part of education, in the elder a part of the experience".

Travelling as a form of education is perhaps an important part of human development. For the young travelling helps in bringing to life the texts in the books. Taj Mahal, Leaning Tower of Pisa, the great Pyramids remains a mystery until seen with one's eyes. The anecdotes connected to various historical monuments, cities and civilizations do not form the part of a regular book. These can be heard only at the places themselves. Many times, the sight and sound show at such places bring back to life the era of the olden days. Socio-anthropological studies can never be conducted simply by reading books. A visit

to the concerned area is a must if one has to understand civilization and the people. Travelling by most young people is considered a way to sharpen their wits.

As one grows older and one treasure of information increases, travelling becomes an experience. Simple facets of the place of visit which were earlier overlooked in the youthful enthusiasm come to life. Common courtesies, intricate handicraft, cuisine and the changes brought about by the advancement of the civilization take shape in front of the old and experienced eyes of a grown-up visitor. A person feels the place with all his senses. It is at this age that travelling becomes the means of providing food to the mind and soul.

Travelling is undertaken by different people for different motives. Some prefer travelling as a means of amassing wealth, others see travelling as a necessity, while still others travel because they wish to see distant places.

Travelling is becoming an industry. More and more people are organizing resources to help other people travel in comfort and style. They take care of every need of the traveller like the tickets, the hotel bookings, the transport and the contact personnel. This leaves a traveller ample time to pursue his interests.

Travelling has become an essential part of our lives. We can no longer depend upon newspapers, electronic media and books for our information. In order to know the truth, we must travel and witness the events for ourselves.