

Community College of Rhode Island
The Learner's Journey: Critical Thinking and Learning Strategies for College
LIBA 1000

Excerpts from students' final assessment: When I think about my future Learner's Journey and reflect about what we have discussed in class, I feel...

“Confident that I have grown from this class and will use everything I have learned in my future journey. I learned how important it is to focus on my “rocks” (that which is important in one’s life) and to diminish all of the unnecessary distractions in order to be successful. I learned that I have the power to make a significant difference in somebody’s life and even the world. I’ve learned how important it is to be self-motivated and *want* to learn and further my own education, not to feel defeated by grades. I also made new friendships in this class and realized that it’s important to get to know your peers and how enjoyable class can be. “

“Splendid! Our class really felt like it was one of a kind! There was a connectedness that I’ve never really experienced in a high school level or a college level class before! Without a doubt, our lessons went very very deeply into our consciousnesses and enabled us to interpret situations critically...I’ll always remember and utilize my newfound skills from *The Learner’s Journey* in my regular personal life, Our skills, methods and techniques aren’t (in my opinion) to be used in only a classroom environment. No, no! They must not! I learned, and I mean REALLY LEARNED, that someone who’s completed the first chapter or “phase” of “*The Learner’s Journey*” will undoubtedly use their knowledge, or better yet, wisdom at the proper moments.”

“...like I am out of the cave. I have learned a lot about my classmates unlike in other classes, and it felt like what a real learning environment should be. Before this class, I would hear bad things happening to people and worry about it for a minute, but since it wasn’t happening to me or people directly related to me, I didn’t think much about it. ...I’ve learned to really care more about people than just on the surface. I also would really keep to myself in class, and before this, I wasn’t really used to people talking before the professor came in. Now, I feel that in my continuing journey, I will become more of an extrovert... *If I didn’t take this class, I wouldn’t be where I am today.*”

“I feel proud. I am happy to say that I have the privilege to be on the journey.... I am happy that I chose this class because I have taken away so much from it. I’ve learned how to process my time accordingly and to put that time into my rocks, the things that matter most to me. ...I’ve learned education is a never ending journey...whether it’s found in a classroom, work environment, or even on a real trip, learning will always be a part of our lives.”

“This class was exactly what I needed in what was a tough point in my life. I can say now that I can see personal growth through the duration of this class. This class motivated me, challenged me, encouraged me and most of all, helped me to get out of the pit I was in. In this class, we talked about being perfunctory, and we, as students, will only succeed if we give our all into what we are doing. ...I’m thankful that this class awoke the dreams/desires I’ve had in my heart and made me chase after those dreams. “

“I am going to miss The Learner’s Journey class because I learned a lot about myself. I learned that I can accomplish many things as long as I put the time and efforts into it. I also learned in order to tend to my rocks, I have to leave behind distractions or anything/anybody that isn’t helping me reach my goals. I also learned to give myself credit for all my accomplishments and not be hard on myself all the time. My future Learner’s Journey will be taking summer courses to get ahead...”

“I think about my future as bright. Before I looked down and only saw the negatives. This class showed me I have as much potential...I now see I have unlimited potentials, through resources as my school and myself. I can comfort myself knowing I am not one in this challenge. This class was great, and I made many new friends. I can’t wait now for my academic future now after this semester and class.”

“I am so happy I took this class. I feel more accomplished by doing everything I can. I never realized what I was worth and can do. I think and reflect about everything we did in class.”

“My future Learner’s Journey, I am going to continue with my passions and finish my education. Stay focused on my goals until I complete my tasks towards what I am striving for. When I first came into the Learner’s Journey class, I did not have a clue what to expect, so I continuously returned every Wednesday and every week I was learning something new about myself. I learned about the class and why it is the Learner’s Journey. It fits right in to what I am pursuing – to try to do – to remain determined in doing what I am trying to accomplish. That is to continue to keep my passion, that taste of succeeding, no matter if I stumble sometimes and accidentally slip into the dark cave (Plato’s Allegory of the Cave is being referenced), pull myself out of it and think about The Learner’s Journey, my 168 (number of hours in the week) or Quadrant II plans. ...My Learner’s Journey class gave me inspiration on days when I did not want to be here, but once I was in class...I was happy to be here.”