

# Narrative Essay

It often occurs that meeting a person one cannot even imagine what a great role this person will play in his or her life. All meetings in people's lives are not accidental. The reason is that all of them bring people a particular experience. Sometimes meetings bring joy or life-time happiness, while others may cause pain and sorrow. Nevertheless, time is the best teacher which shows people that any experience in their lives is priceless because it helps people to develop and improve themselves.

I am not an exception, and there were and still are a lot of people in my life who played different roles in it. Some of them played minor roles, while others make a great contribution to my life. I would like to tell about one person who impacted me to a particular extent. We got accidentally acquainted on the Internet. I had never even thought that we could communicate or become friends, etc. I was sure that our debate about rock'n'roll bands on the Internet would remain in the past and we would never communicate again. However, my life showed me another scenario.

To be fair, at the beginning, that person annoyed me much; all our conversations were based on constant debates over various topics and issues. Nonetheless, somehow we continued our communication on the Internet. However, I had no desire to meet that person in a real life. In the course of time, I understood that the reason of my annoyance was our similarity. Indeed, we had too much in common for that period of time, though it seemed to us that we were totally different. Psychologists often claim that people annoy others only because they

resemble them too much. In other words, people simply cannot stand the negative features in other people which they have in themselves. Stubbornness can be taken as an example. As a result of the fact that we both are rather stubborn, we had a lot of arguments and no desire to communicate in a real life. Such communication on the Internet lasted for almost six months.

One day I realized that six months are a long period of time. That day I had a great mood and was thinking about the communication. I became clear that if we had not stopped our communication it would not have been so much annoying for us, but also pleasant as we always had something to talk about. Moreover, those conversations and debates were very interesting; otherwise, they would not be so frequent. At the moment when I realized that, I sent a text message to his profile on Facebook with the following content: "Hi, how do you find the weather? I have a great mood; I think I can share it with you in the park at about 5 pm". Indeed, I decided simply to make an arrangement without asking if he had any time that day or at least a desire to meet. I got a reply: "No. At 4 pm". So we met at 4 pm in the park that had been the object of our recent argument. That day, we spent 7 hours together, and we had not even noticed that so much time had passed. We talked much, drank coffee, ate burgers and even practiced shooting in a shooting gallery.

In fact, this is how our great friendship began. We started spending time together more and more often. For me he was like a big brother, who always gave me advice and provided support. I must admit that we continued annoying each other with our stubbornness, but our friendship became only stronger and stronger. To be fair, we resembled siblings that did everything together. I can confess that we taught each other many things. At our age, it is always too difficult for

people to trust others. So what I can say is that he taught me to trust people. I cannot even imagine how difficult it would be for me to trust others; besides, as one can see, it was difficult for me to trust even him. Perhaps, it was the reason why I did not want to meet him and communicate with him in a real life. Thus, he showed me that it is quite possible to meet a person that has the same principles and values in life as one does. I have always wanted to meet such a person, but it seemed really impossible for me because my worldview for that moment had always been rather optimistic. For instance, I have always believed that people must be sincere with each other and so on. In our case, beside common interests and trustworthiness, we also had even common dreams. More than anything else we wanted to go to Spain and spend a week or two there riding Harleys and visiting traditional Spanish cafes, dancing traditional Spanish dances. We remembered those two weeks in Spain, which were amazing. I still hope that someday we could leave for Spain just for two weeks since it is great when dreams come true, especially when an individual has someone to share this dream.

In addition, we had one more common dream, which appeared some time after we got acquainted. This dream was about the creation of a rock band and becoming good musicians. In fact, this is how I started learning to play the guitar. I am still doing this because I want my skills to be better. I do not think that I will ever become a rock star. I have chosen another path in my life that is connected with education and university, but I must admit that without that person I would never realize that playing the guitar was something that I really needed. I like it, even adore, because people need to have some hobby. This makes them happier and more interesting people to communicate with. As for my best friend, he moved and became a lead singer in one local rock band in New York. I am very happy and proud of him, and I hope

that someday his band will become very popular. Besides, it was he who explained me the difference between playing in a band and education and my necessity of choosing the second one. I agree with him because education is really very important in modern society, so I am very grateful for his advice and everything that he did for me. As for his choice, I can say that it was right because for that period of time he had already had proper education as he was elder than me. Though he moved and we chose different paths in life, we are still best friends.

To sum up, I can say that life is very unpredictable, which makes it even more interesting. Now I understand that there are too little contingency in life. Every person that one meets plays a particular role in his or her life. Even if people stop communicating with each other after some period of time, every person and every experience is precious since it has a particular influence on an individual. In other words, if destiny sends one to another person, then this meeting plays its own role in their lives.