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Essay #3

“I am the sculptor and I am the clay”. This quote, in some way, has to do with each and every one of our live in one way or another. When we are young, we have no choice but to learn how to function in this world. This means we have to be taught, either by a parent or a parental figure in our lives. At that point in our lives we are the clay. However, as we enter our teenage years and experience high school and college. We are the creators of our own success. At this point in our lives we are the sculptor. This is just a couple of the many examples of how we are the “sculptor” and the “clay” in life. We shape our own future.

When I was a young boy approaching the years where I would have to start going to school; I had no idea how vast and exquisite the outside world was. The only knowledge I had at the time was what I had been shown or taught by my parents and those who were around me. I was being molded by just soaking up what I had experienced and seen in to my mind. Even as I entered preschool and elementary school I was being shaped or “sculpted” in to what was the norm in my society. I had no control and almost no say in how I was taught and developed through these years.

As I entered middle school, high school, and especially college, I had begun a process I had never experienced before. Grades were reflected by studying and knowledge as opposed to simply the effort I gave. Now, as I enter the final parts to my first semester in college, that is truer than ever. I love alone with no educational help from my parents. The grades I make are a direct reflection of my studying and my attentiveness in class. I have now become the sculptor of my future.

All my decisions in school now will have a direct effect on my future. One could say that I am now the sculptor as well as the clay in that, I am shaping my own career and future. Myself and only myself is responsible for how I end up when these last few years of school ends. I started off as a simple, clueless individual that was just soaking up information as it was handed to me. Today, I must give forth the effort to learn because if I don’t, I am setting myself up for failure in the upcoming years. My classmates and I are shaping our own future.