

One of the first memories I have of my grandfather is him facing his desk, writing something down at a ferocious speed while thinking hard. He is turning 80 this year, and he still studies to this day. I am still unsure how he can study for a long time, and I doubt that I would still be trying to learn at 80. However, I do have some reasons why I believe people learn.

First, I believe one of the main reasons we learn is to feel and understand the real essence of something. That something could be understanding a college lecture, admiring a painting, or enjoying a classical music concert. By understanding the real feeling of something, you can grow emotionally and be able to imagine and think further than people who don't. If we are able to feel, we can grow and help others.

Another reason to learn is to grow and understand the world around you. I started to live in the USA when I was seven years old. Even though I came back to Japan two years ago, I do not know and do not understand many cultural aspects of Japan yet. Understanding a culture passed down for generations allows you to be more open and welcoming to others. Even though my personal experience and Umeko Tsuda's experience varies, I believe that is why she emphasized that education can help you be more devoted to your home and helping others. The last reason we should learn is that by learning, as Umeko Tsuda said, you can find out what you can gain intellectually and morally. By learning, you can also discover what you are missing as a person, along with furthering your education. During one of my classes at a junior high school in the USA, we had a debate class in which we had to research that topic beforehand. Due to that, I gained more information about different problems in our society. Along with the debate part of the project, I learned that my moral standards differ from those of my classmates. By learning, I was able to gain more information and was able to grow and understand other people's opinions.

I believe that all three of those reasons demonstrate why we learn. If we learn, we can feel and understand the core, the real essence of something, and then we can grow emotionally. If we understand the world around us, we can be more welcoming and more open towards others. By learning, you can grow intellectually and morally and become a mature adult with your opinions. All those factors combined will make you a person who is ready to go out into the world as a mature adult.