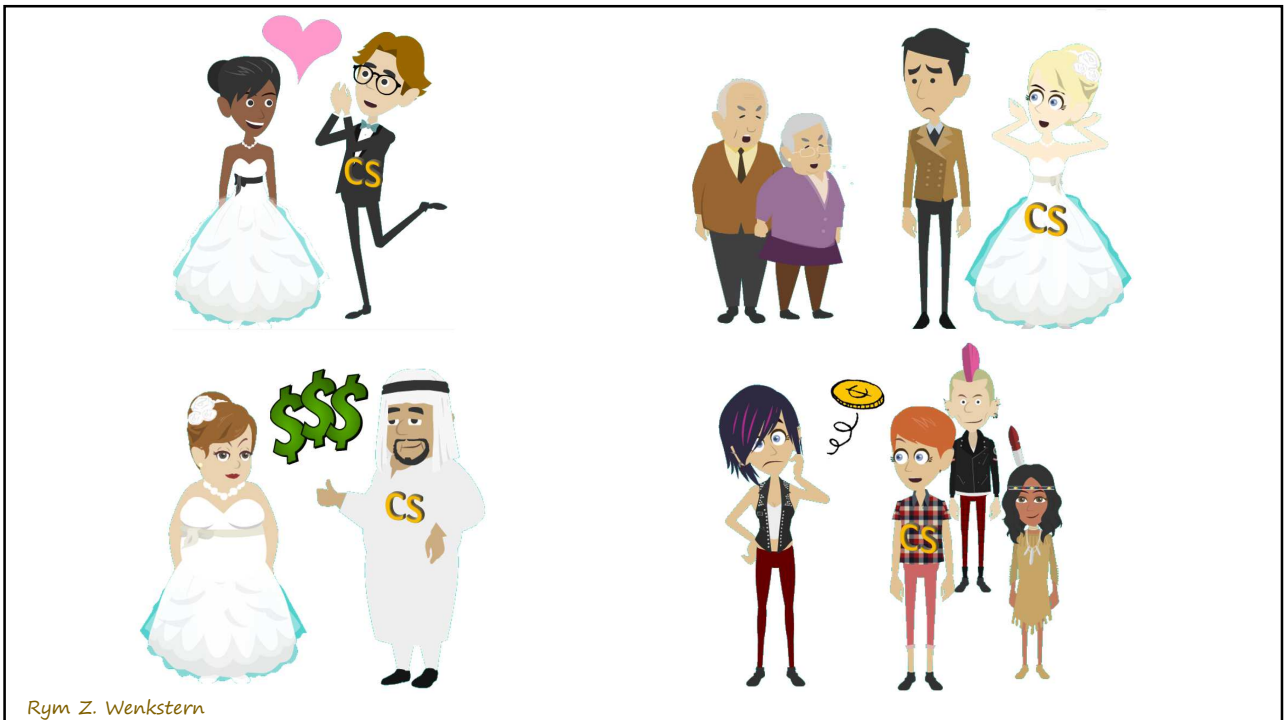
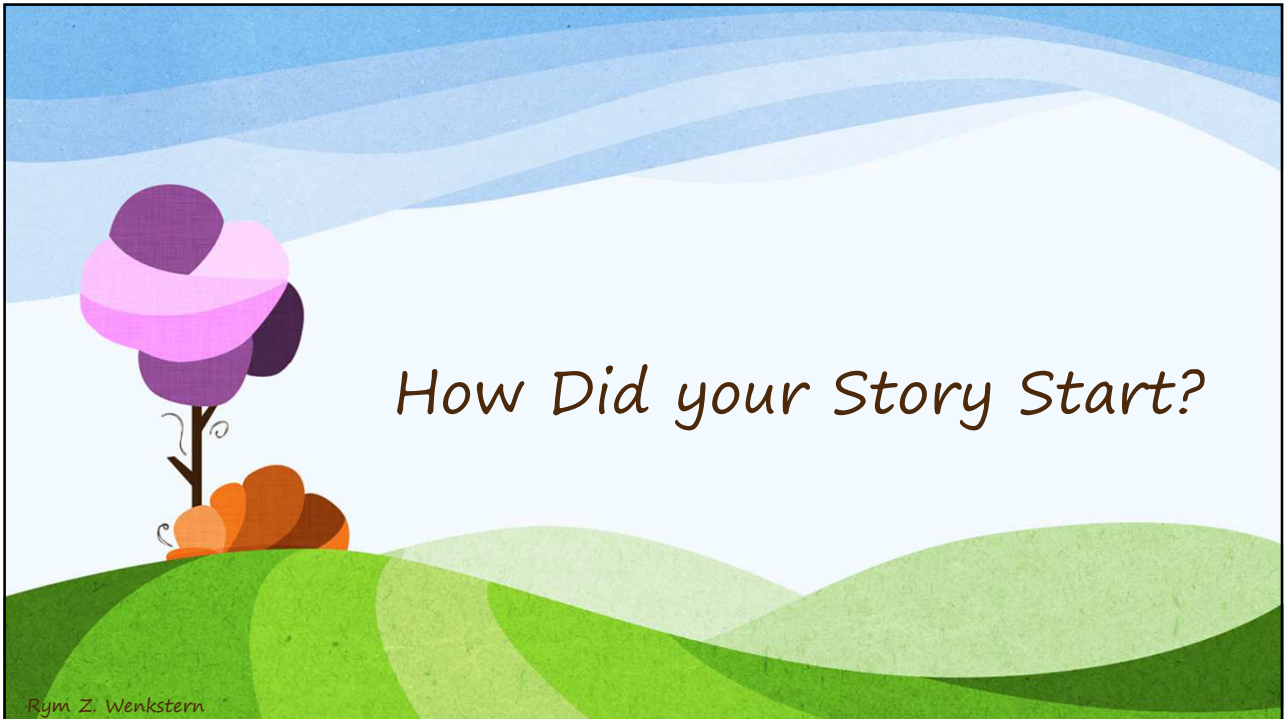


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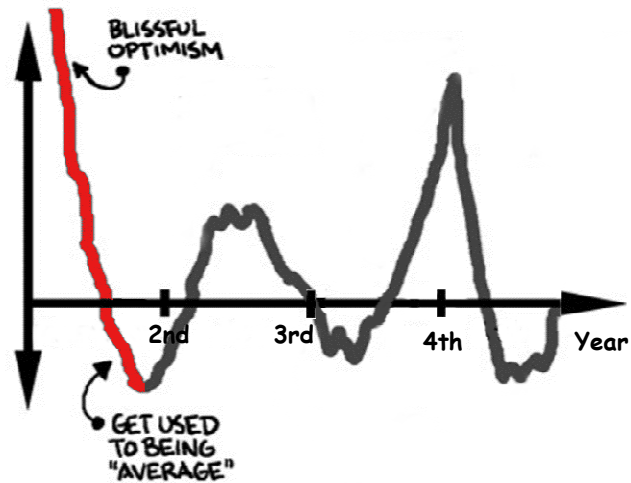
Getting Started With College



Student Motivation Level



**I will be the
agent of
change!**



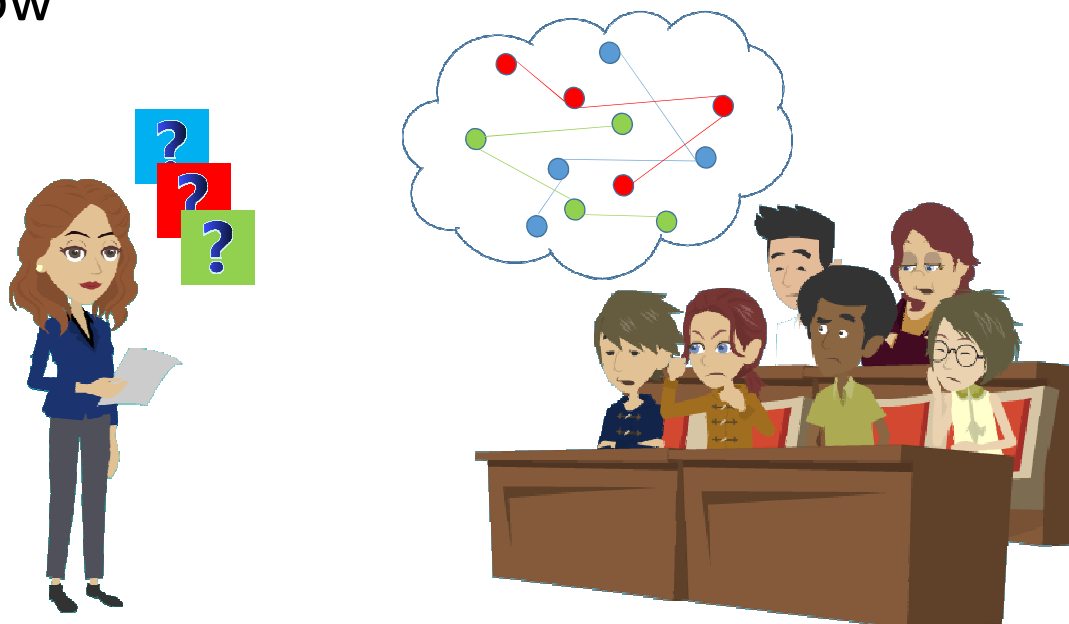
Let's clear some
confusion

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Now



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"I just want to get my degree
and get out"

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You are not here to get a diploma
You are here to acquire unique
traits and skills

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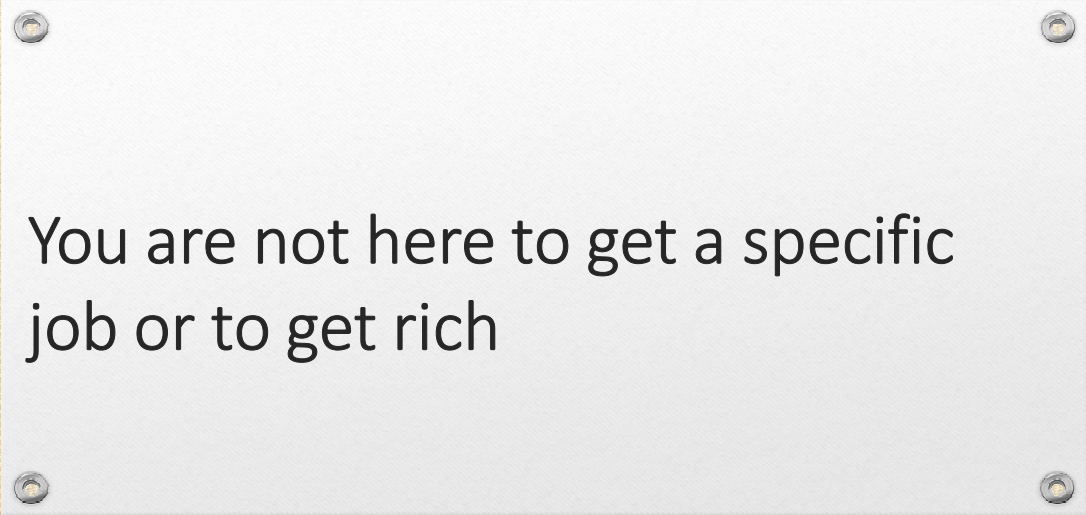
"I have a better chance of getting my dream job and getting rich if I have a college degree"

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Yeah, right ...



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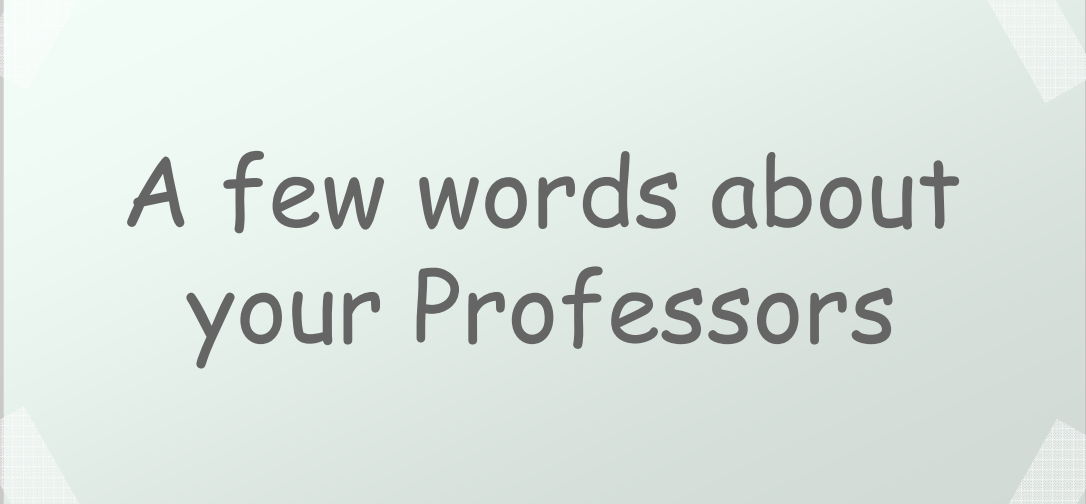


You are not here to get a specific
job or to get rich

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Less than a third of college graduates
end up employed in a field directly
equivalent to their major

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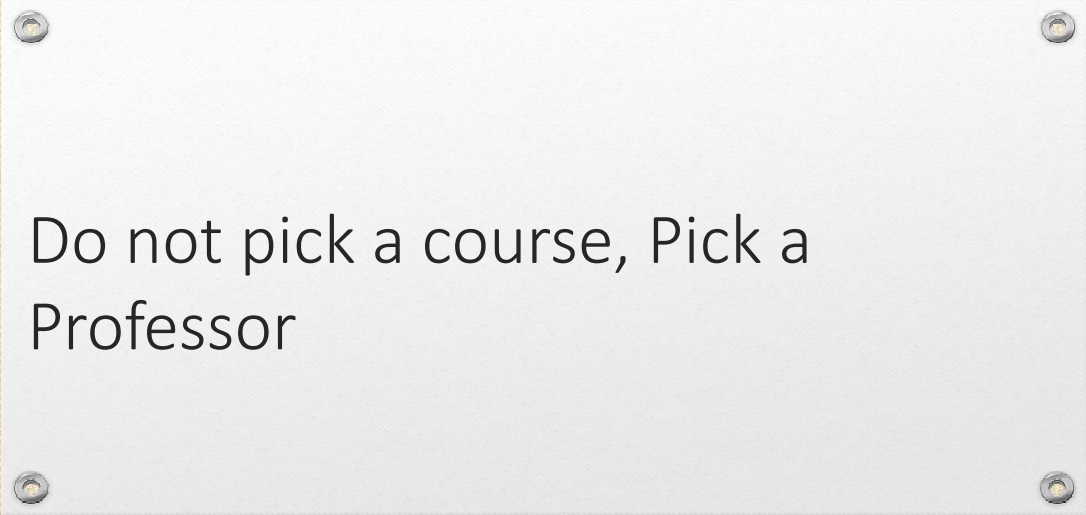
A few words about your Professors

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On registering to classes

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Do not pick a course, Pick a Professor

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A good professor is:

1. Prepared
2. Varies instructional techniques
3. Positive
4. Has Standards and holds High Expectations
5. Fair

6. Has a sense of Humor
7. Respects Students
8. Cultivates a Sense of Belonging
9. Admits Mistakes
10. Excellent communicator.

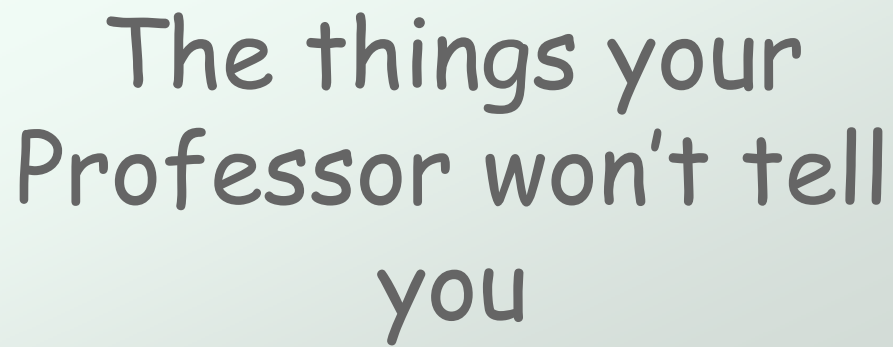
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The things your Professor expects from you

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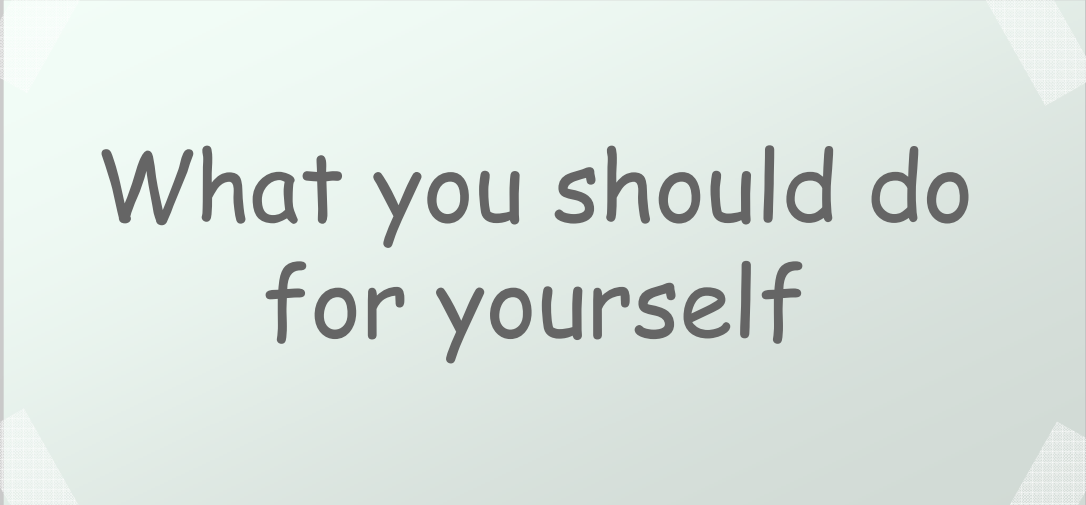
You are as sincerely committed to your learning
Go to class
Do not use your laptop in class
Hand In Assignments on Time
Show Respect
Participate and be curious
Establish a positive relationship
Show up during office hours
Do NOT negotiate your grades
Do not send too many emails

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The things your
Professor won't tell
you

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What you should do
for yourself

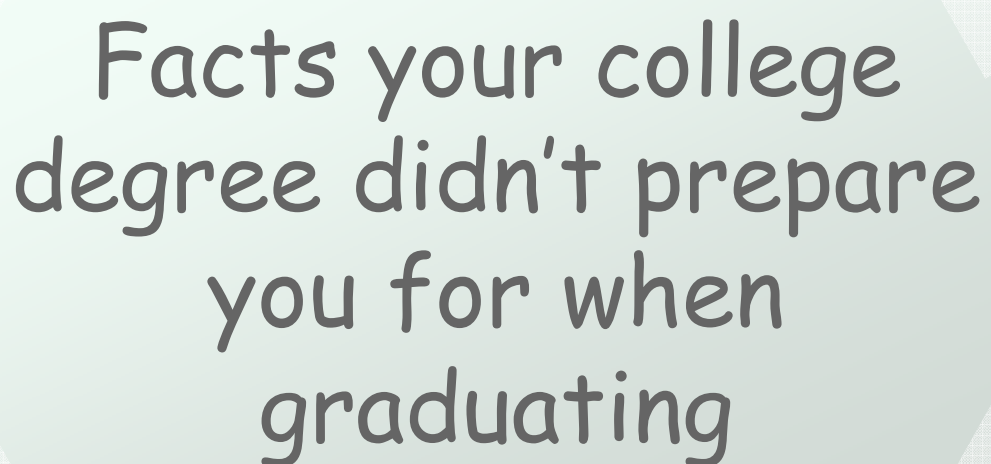
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Find A Mentor

Network

Take a break from school. Find a job or an internship

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Facts your college
degree didn't prepare
you for when
graduating

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The University of Texas at Dallas

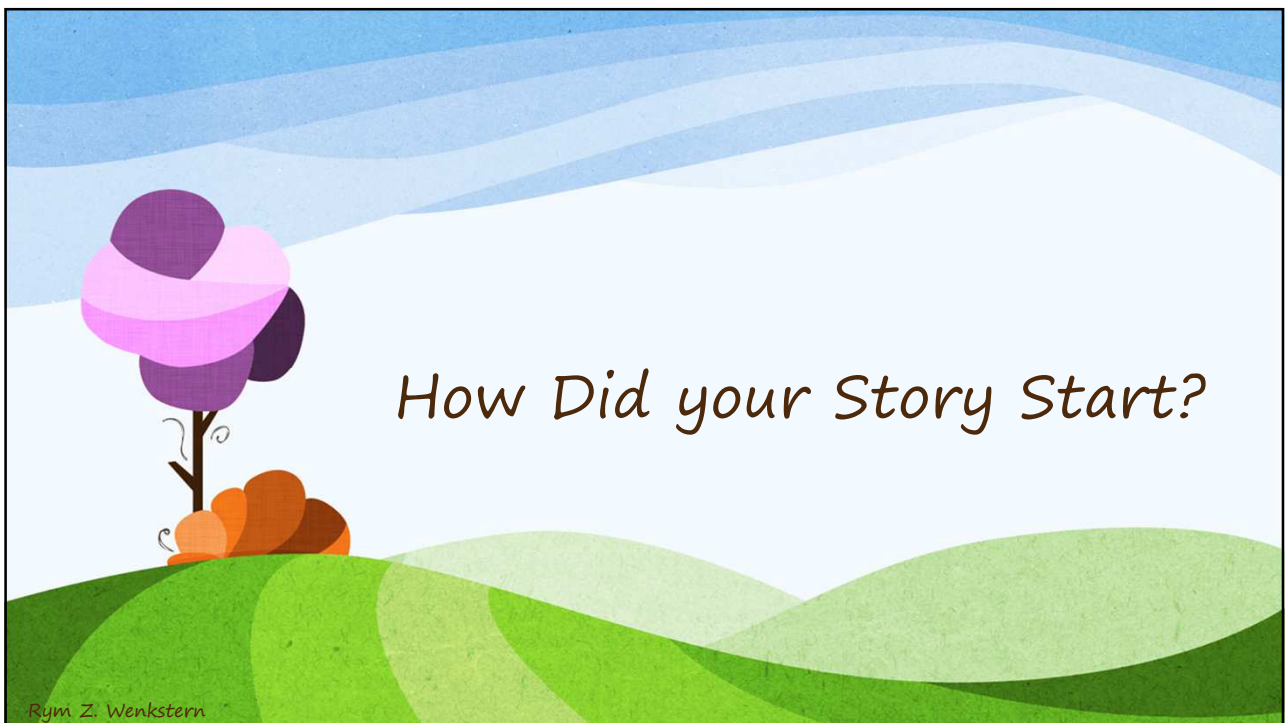
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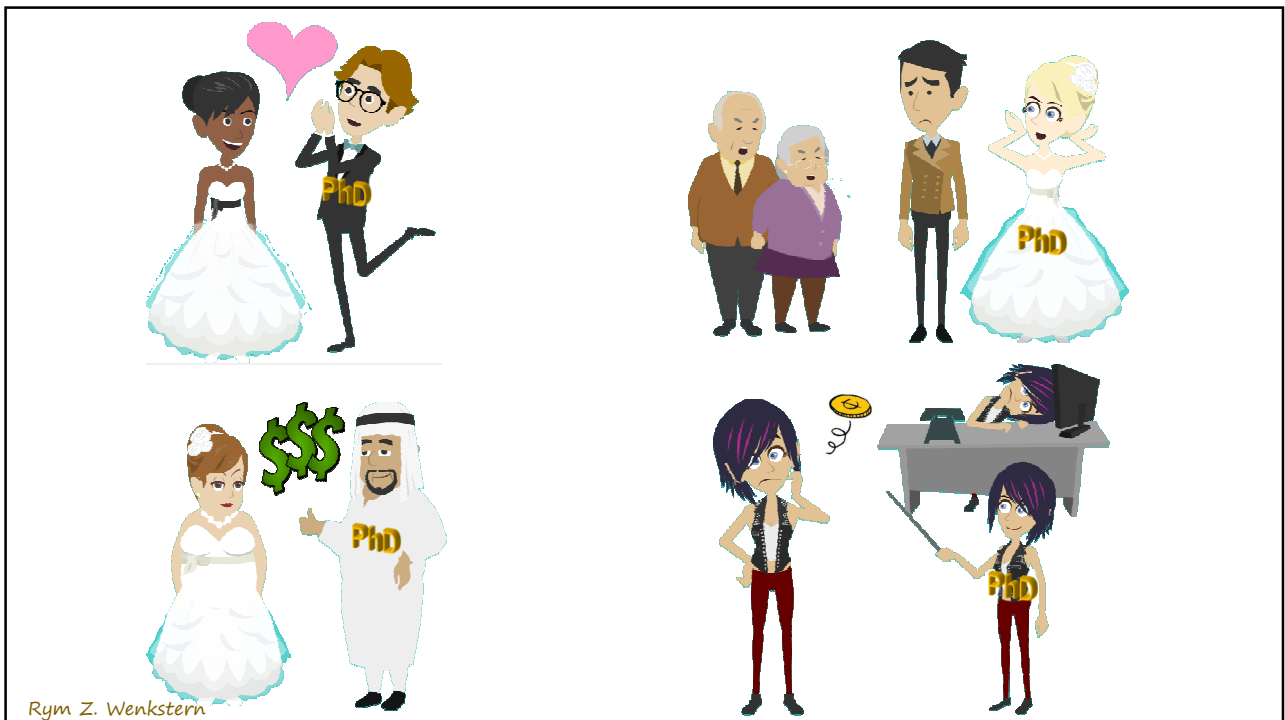
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Choose something you love and
you won't have to work for the
rest of your life

Confucius

Part II On Doing a Ph.D.



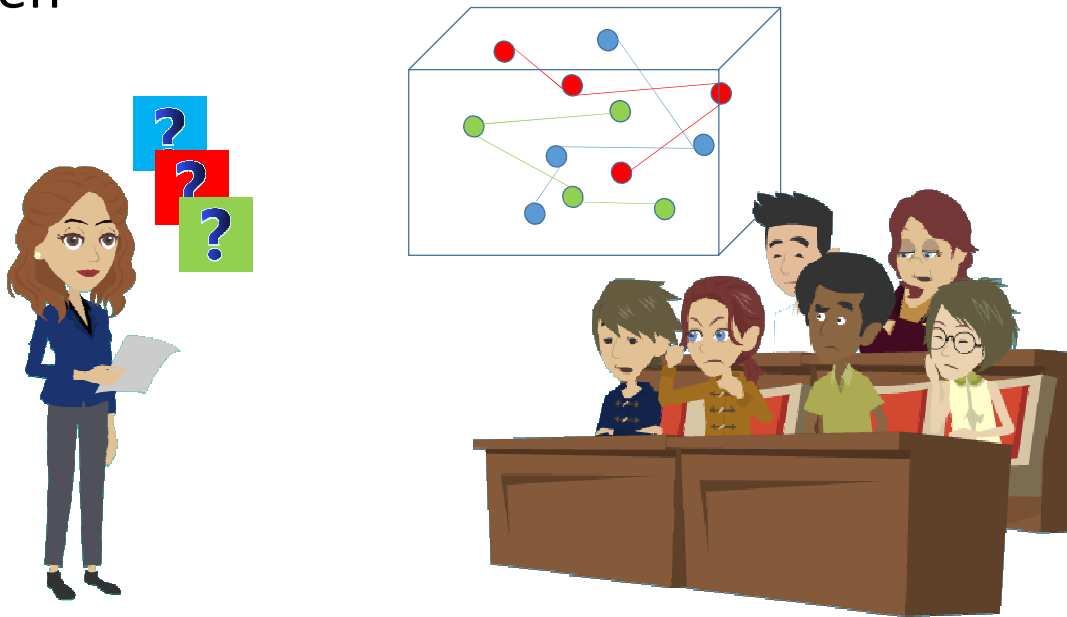


Why a PhD?



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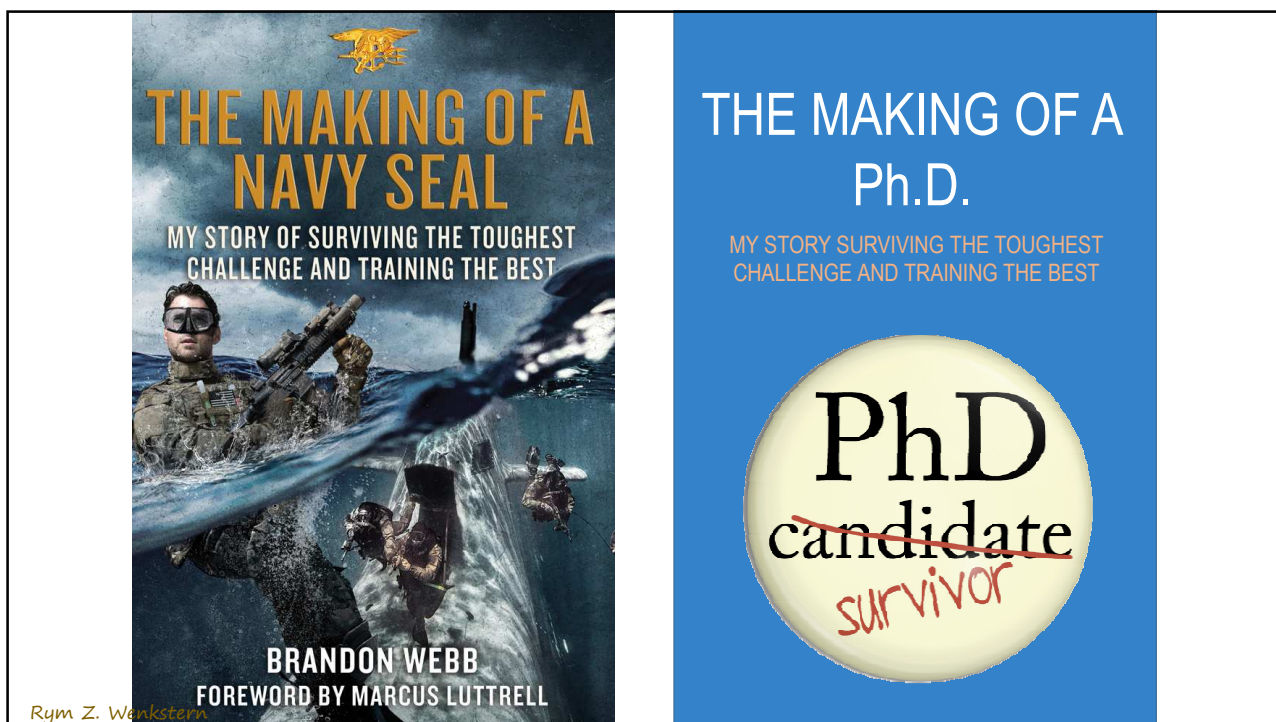


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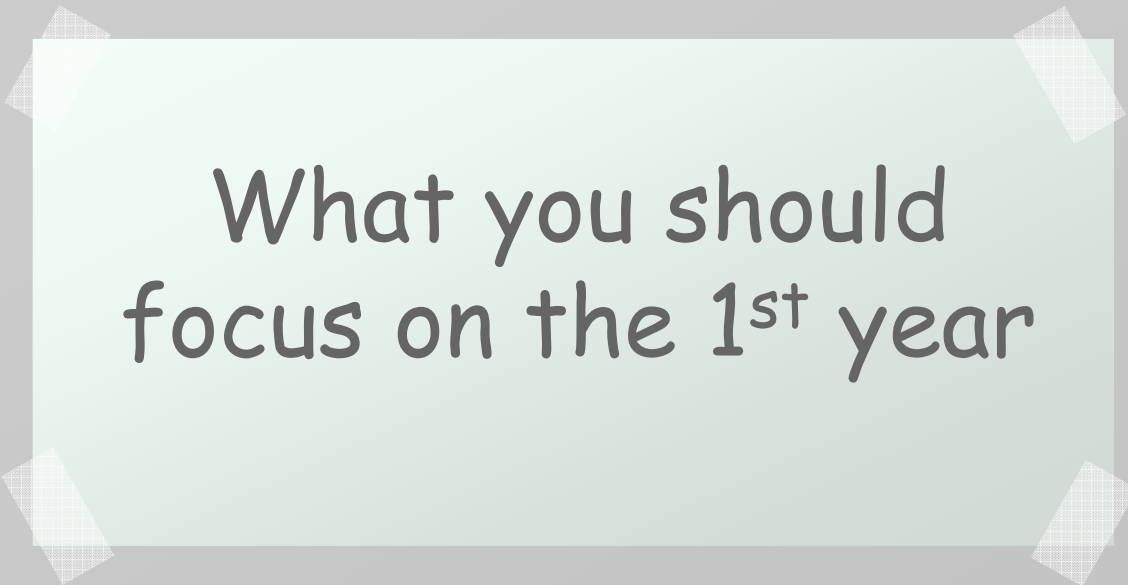
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Seven Ph.D. Myths

1. *Ph.D = Intelligence*
2. *A Ph.D. won't suit me*
3. *A Ph.D. is not for me. My GPA is not high enough*
4. *University rankings are really important when choosing where to study*
5. *The purpose of a Ph.D. is to write a dissertation*
6. *I have to pick my research topic first, then my supervisor*
7. *Ph.D. only leads to Academia*

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What you should focus on the 1st year

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Pass your QEs
Visit one lab per semester
Pick a supervisor

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Getting started on your Ph.D. research

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Defining the Problem is 50% of
the work

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An approximate answer to the right problem is worth a great deal more than an exact answer to an approximate problem

John Tukey

Finding the Solution: the next 50%

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If we knew what we were doing,
it wouldn't be called
RESEARCH

Do NOT be discouraged



The things your
supervisor expects
from you

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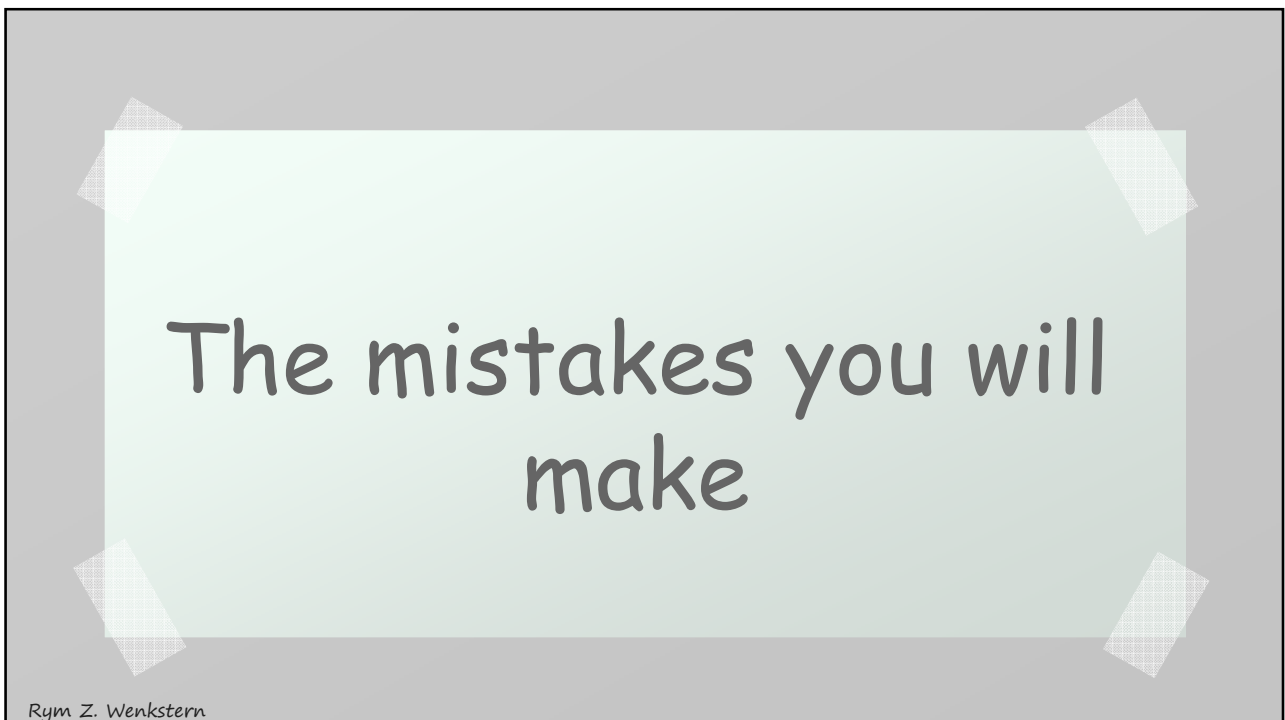
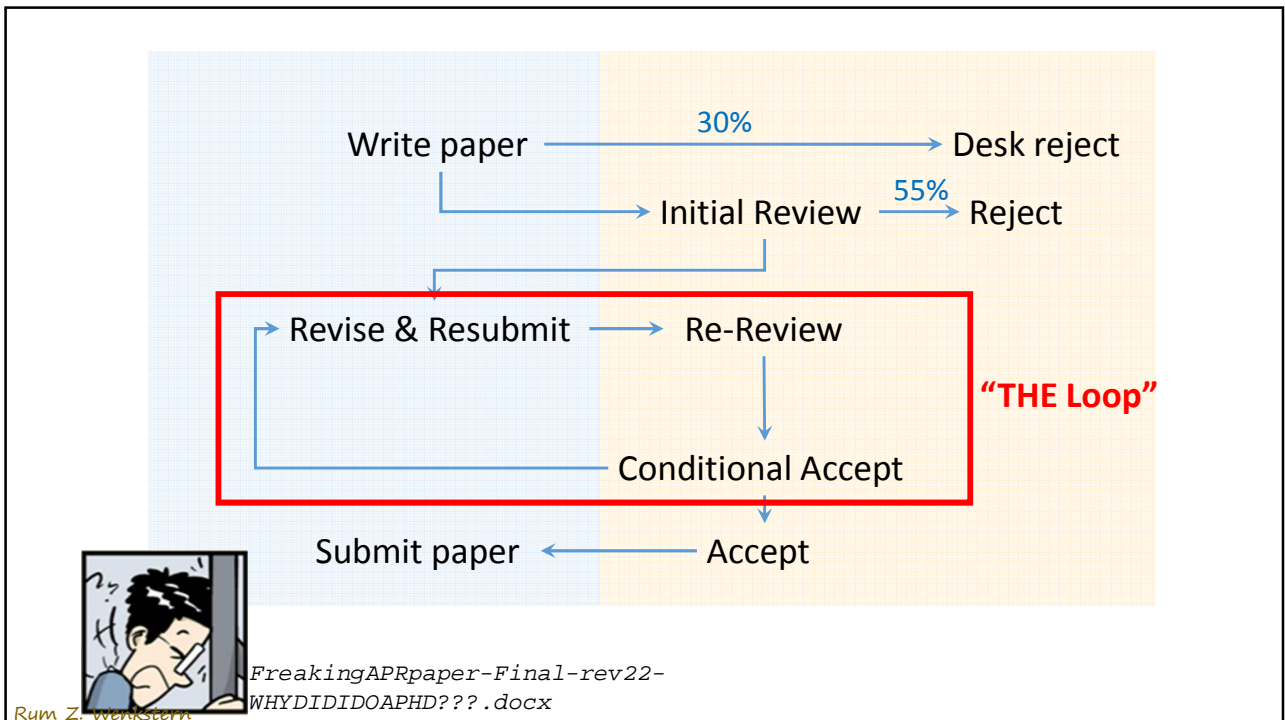


On writing papers

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Be PATIENT, it is a process

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Final notes

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Your life in college is a journey

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Dream **BIG**

Think outside the



and when you are knocked down

Get back Up and **Fight!**

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Thank you and the Best of Luck!



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