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The Mithibai Chronicles is a bimonthly newsletter of Mithibai College Jitendra Library. The main objective of this Newsletter is to provide information about New Arrivals and other library resources to library users. Additionally, it serves as a communication channel between a library and its users. Activities conducted in the library are communicated to the users via this Newsletter. The Mithibai Chronicles will surely quench the thirst of the young, vibrant minds of Mithibai College. We are sure that you will enjoy reading this Newsletter.

***Mrs. Archana Garate
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केवल कुछ समय के लिए पुस्तकों को रटकर ज्ञान अर्जित न करें, बल्कि पुस्तकों को ध्यान से पढ़कर पूरी उम्र भर के लिए ज्ञान अर्जित करें।

Newsletter at a Glance

In the current issue, we are publishing 13 Essays (Essay No. 31 to 43) submitted by students for the Essay Writing Competition organised by Mithibai College Jitendra Library on 16th January 2025 under Vachan Sankalp Maharashtra Initiative. Remaining essays will be published in the forthcoming issues of the Mithibai Chronicles.



**Happy
Reading!**



या कुन्देन्दुतुषारहारधवला या शुभ्रवस्त्रावृता।
या वीणावरदण्डमण्डितकरा या श्वेतपद्मासना॥
या ब्रह्माच्युत शंकरप्रभृतिभिर्देवैः सदा वन्दिता।
सा मां पातु सरस्वती भगवती निःशेषजाड्यापहा॥1॥

अर्थात्

देवी सरस्वती जी अज्ञानाचा समूळ नाश करते ती आमचे रक्षण करो. ती देवी जी कुन्दाच्या फुलाप्रमाणे सतेज आहे. बर्फाप्रमाणे आणि दवबिंदूप्रमाणे दिसणाऱ्या मोत्यांच्या हाराप्रमाणे गौर शुभ्र वस्त्र धारण केलेली श्वेत कमळावर आसनस्थ आहे, तिने वीणा धारण केली आहे, आणि ब्रह्मा विष्णू व शंकरासारखे श्रेष्ठ देव ही तिला वंदन करतात, ती देवी सरस्वती आमचे रक्षण करो व आमच्यातील अहम समूळ नाश करो. (ही प्रार्थना).

**Essays from the Essay Writing Competition
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Books vs Ebooks

Books vs ebooks is such a different experience. When you enter the library, there are hundreds of books calling your name again & again. until you can't resist anymore and give in to the desire of knowledge, thirst & curiosity. The countless books that your hand crosses through, the countless titles that you go through until you stumble upon ^{one} such a book which you pick up. You might also find a bookmark that somebody left there, a dried & hard rose that somebody put there, the rose is old but the memories are still fresh in your mind.

The small patches of saliva that you used to flip the pages through. Someone once "rightly said, "A house without books is like a 'house without windows". Libraries of physical books where I go to explore, to wonder, to daydream or maybe also fall in love with someone at the opposite as me reading the same book as I am. Bollywood has always shown love at first sight through physical books - the accidental falling of them, pages flying everywhere & fingers brushing.

But can you get the same experience in e-books, is it no or a no? I get it, it's convenient, you can read any book from anywhere, just a swipe & my favourite book is in front of me, beaming with its huge screen. But what about the strain that it causes to my eyes, what about the notification that keep peeping, what about

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the my hand which keeps paining after holding the device for a long time.)

Reading books is like an adventure, the laughter that it gives you, the tears of your face which fall on that particular line which made you cry. The rustling of pages with every gush of wind, ~~the~~ playing with books covers, feeling the book as its some smooth bedsheet. Somedays it's in your lap, some days it's in your ^{washroom} toilet and some days in your bag, accompanying you wherever you go.

The satisfaction of reading & completing so many pages, the personal remarks that you put on every chapter, the curiosity when you read a summary of the book. But will you be only carrying your e-book, it's the whole package that comes with it. It distracts not and allowing you to concentrate, as it all apps are competing with each other to grab your attention. Even if you get a kindle, there will be books that won't be available, some will be on rent leaving you forever as soon as you read it, some will be out of budget. (but that's the case with physical books too i)

No battery needed to charge your books, just carry it whenever you want and it will be at your service. The highlighters & markers used to beautify your academic books, you can mark in e-books too but do you get the feel? (Don't answer that, I ~~am~~ Understand)

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With time the e-books may get deleted or moved or corrupted but your book will remain there on the bookshelf ageing with you, it may age a little fast, white pages turning rusty giving it a gothic feel. It will become your friend, your parent, your counselor in multiple ways. During COVID, when everything seemed slow & boring & scary, your books remained one of the many things that reminded you of the past, the day you brought^{it}, the day you read it, etc.

The thrill when you see books of every genre, it almost like butterflies are dancing in your stomach. Some pages glossy, some thick, some filled with glitters, some too boring. Books so heavy, books so light, which books should I buy, why can't I never get it ^{right} right?

The books that you exchange, the books that you ~~see~~ get in exchange with all of with a smile on your face, still aren't convinced with me, what's your case?

But e-books save paper and trees too, avoiding from cutting hundreds of trees, the sustainability aspect too strong. But can't we exchange books too, no but some are too picky about their books not allowing others to even have glance at it, to even fold a small part.

Today there is no accidental pushing of books because there are no books, there is only phone, tablets & laptops and can you

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really afford for it to fall down & fall in love after that? No one in the library because why? When I can get everything at my finger tips.

I think I have said enough & you might have gotten bored now but I won't stop & you also never will, when you know that in the darkest of times & happiest of times, ~~smiling with full of love~~ ^{smiling} ~~at~~ your door will be smiling, full of love and with the same admiration wait for you as it did on that library for so many years until you brought it.

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Reading for fun vs Academic Reading

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"Reading is an essential habit" is what I've heard parents say to their children. By that, what they mean is Academic Reading. Reading is of two types Reading for fun and the other one is Academic reading. People believe that only academic reading is what is required and is important. Well, I do not agree. Academic Reading enhances our critical thinking and helps us to learn and analyse stuff well, but my personal favourite is Reading for fun.

Ever since I was six years old, my mother used to buy me books, ^{based} on cartoon characters, fiction stories, all classics. I have literally grown up reading. While Academic Reading is a must as we need to study those books to clear our examinations and gain knowledge, reading for fun is also equally essential. Books are my safe space. No matter what I'm feeling, no matter what I want to feel, burying myself in stories and hiding in the lives of the characters ^{that} I'm reading, always makes me feel better. I'm a person who reads from a third person point of view, so I get to live so many stories. Isn't it beautiful? to experience so many lives, read about lands that you ~~don't~~ ^{didn't} even know existed, fantasising about things which might not be real for the world, but are very much real for you. Why live only one life when you can experience so many of them in this one lifetime? I absolutely love this feeling, to get lost and find myself again in

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every character I strongly resonate with. I don't find the beauty of this feeling when I don't find the essence of this feeling in academic reading.

Scientifically speaking, Reading for fun boosts your creativity, forces yourself to create vivid imagination, helps you to think out of the box and at the same time comforts you, makes you happy, makes you experience various emotions. Hence, Bed-time stories exist, reading before bed is encouraged whether you are a six-year old going to sleep for an early school the next day or a twenty-six year old reading before bed before an early morning meeting the next day or a sixty-year old... Basically, the point is reading is for everyone. It is not restricted to any particular age group. Anyone and Everyone should read, not just the academic reading but Read for fun, too. While Acad's academic reading sharpens the mind, reading for fun boosts the mind's capacity to absorb & information as well as heart heal the soul.

Understanding about different perspectives, reading about different characters, helps develop 'empathy' in a person, which is a very beautiful skill/quality to have. Meeting different people, knowing every day, starting to know them is such a beautiful

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feeling. One can experience this literally everyday ^{through} by reading.

Academic Reading is irreplaceable of course, one needs to read them to in order to flourish in education and ^{their} careers but in order to flourish in life one needs to read for fun, too.

Textbooks will make you smart and help you pass exams, the books (fiction) will make you street smart and help you pass the exam of life. The books we read, shape us. So if we get to choose the person we want to be, why not choose to be kind, empathetic and creative along with being smart and intelligent.

Both ways of reading are important in their own ways and hold almost equal significance. They are unique in their own ways and cannot be replaced. Personal preferences would differ, as we are all unique species with a different perspective. ^{but} I would stand by what I previously said and believe in, 'Reading for fun' is that one escape door we all must have. Academic Reading is for living it all and making it ^{as a} success in life, running fast in this fast-paced ^{race called} life but when you get tired and you want to rest, ^{when} you just want to be, when you are tired of being you, when you just for a moment want to live like somebody else, reading for fun is all for you! It will always be there. It never was about choosing one of the two, but was always about maintaining a balance between the two, much like life in general.

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Hence, Read, read daily, read for academic validation, read for self validation but most importantly, Read for yourself, read for making your soul happy. At the end, that is what matters.

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Books Vs. E-Books

"Once a reader, always a leader."

Books are an integral part of a person's development. They not only shape thoughts and personalities but also provide knowledge and insights. Everyone has heard that a 'Book is a man's best friend.' The question is why? A book has everything you need, when you need it. Whether it's to pass time or learn how the motor works, need valuable insights on life or debate on how the history goes. A book has it all.

With the improvement in technology, books have evolved over the years. The first books were written on palm leaves called 'manuscripts', then came paper books bound by jute threads. These evolved to paperbacks as we now call them. But as technology enhanced screens came into play and publications saw a huge opportunity for a cost effective way of producing books. Hence, e-books came into existence. This chain of events has led us to the biggest debate of the century among readers. 'Which is better - Books or E-books?'

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Books and E-books, both come with certain set of pros and cons and it entirely depends on the reader's perspective on what is better. The reader chooses according to their own convenience on what is more plausible for that particular time period. For eg- a reader could have a whole library at their disposal, but still chose to carry a Kindle while travelling.

Books have a sentimental value that E-books lack. Most of the books that a reader comes across are either passed onto them by a loved one or found buried in a box. Thus books not only have a story but they also carry a legacy that adds to the emotional value that the book has. This turns into a core memory and makes the reader fall in love with reading.

E-books on the other hand are extremely portable. They can carry multiple files at the same time without adding to the clutter. This makes them very convenient for readers who like to travel with books or have limited space at their disposal.

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E-books are cost effective. Printed books are costly to make hence making them more expensive than their electronic versions. E-books generally have a much lower cost than printed books, which are a little high maintenance.

E-books are low maintenance. ~~and~~ Though E-books increase your screen time, they don't need to be taken special care of, like being placed in a proper shelf or being left breaking the spine or spilling something on them. This makes them very popular among readers who like to read whenever they can. On the other hand people like to collect books as trophies. This is not possible with E-books, so a lot of times readers read a book on Kindle and then buy the physical copy to display it on their shelf as a memento.

Both E-books and Printed books have an environmental footprint. But E-books are believed to be more sustainable in nature. This is because they do not require a lot of wood or other extensive machinery in production. A single device can hold unlimited E-books while every book needs its own print which leads to a much larger impact on our environment.

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E-books have a drastic effect on one's health. This is because E-books lead to an enormous increase in a person's screen time and because you don't have proper lighting to read an E-book it weakens your eyesight. An increase in screen time also leads to lethargy, headaches and drowsiness in the user.

Books have a greater retention value than E-books. In this generation when people cannot concentrate for long periods and have a shorter memory span, it has been observed that when a person reads a book they tend to retain a lot more information as compared to an E-book. This is the reason why schools do not let kids study from T-pads, even though they are more convenient.

What E-books lack in attention they make up in availability. Often a reader comes across a book that they cannot find in local stores or libraries. E-books come to rescue in these situations. Today you have all the books on your fingertips, literally.

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In conclusion, both books and E-books have their perks. It depends heavily on the reader and the situation on what is more convenient.

You need to relax and reduce screen time, grab a book and coffee. Or you don't have space to fit a book shelf, get a Kindle to satisfy your bookworm tendencies. The reader decides what's best. But based on the different parameters we discussed above it is all just a matter of preference and a reader's mindset.

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Reading for Fun vs Academic Reading

'A reader lives a thousand lives before dying'. This statement captures the very heart & essence of what reading presents the human eye with. Human species or Homo Sapiens are the only known species in animal kingdom who can use language to refer to abstract entities which are not present at that space & at that time. An Indian can use language to convey information to other human about let's say, his father's state of his father in the 1960s. Here neither the father nor the 1960s exist but we can still gather information about both of them. Hence the human capacity of language transcend both space & time, an amazing feat of nature that other animals don't seem to possess. On top of ~~this~~ this ability a natural knack for abstract language humans have found a way to transcend their lives & brains when it comes to propagating information. That is through invention of writing & reading. Writing transcends the limited scope of a human's memory & immortalises it in a book, paper, or even paper & presently on electronic screen. This is the value of reading. We read to learn, something or the other about the environment, about the state of the world, about other people but most importantly about ourselves.

~~Argument~~ Now that we understand about reading let's explore 2 two ~~very~~ ways in which we conduct reading. Both ways have a definite & qualitatively ~~an~~ different impact on our thinking, speaking, perceiving & ultimately behaving

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There's academic reading & reading for fun. I don't particularly believe in the most tight divisions between these 2 types approaches to reading as. Academic reading can also be for fun, but more on that later. Academic reading is a method of extraction of ~~text~~ ^{text} in which there's an active effect by the reader to comprehend the text fully & critically. This ~~approach~~ ^{approach} each & every time is analytically broken down & studied with the goal of extracting the text in an unbiased way. Then there's reading for fun, our second suspect. Reading for fun seems deceptively simple & intuitive to understand until one tries to understand it. By now you get into that let's hash out some very common misconceptions one might harbor in one's mind about these 2 categorical methods to approach a text. One might false correlate academic reading to reading non-fiction books & reading for fun to fictional books. This is not true, there are many people who read (including the author) non-fiction for fun. They are called nerds. Now there are many people who academically read many great works of fiction like *Mykonos* by Kafka & *Mahabharata* by Valmiki etc. ~~the~~ One must understand that method of reading (academic or for fun) is & is not has no bearing on the content (fiction or non-fiction) of what is being read.

Now let's delve into reading for fun. What does it mean? Well, more to understand that we need to understand what 'fun'

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means. Fun is a state of being in which the organism derives pleasure of some kind. What kind? Well, ~~the~~ pleasure is of 2 ontological & empirical types - Resting pleasure & moving pleasure. Resting pleasure is satiation which is associated with the neurotransmitter serotonin which is often attained after a task is done. Like the pleasure one derives after eating food. Now this state of being is exactly in opposition to moving pleasure which is derived in pursuit of anything or in the anticipation of it. This is ~~the~~ modulated by the dopaminergic systems of the body which activates an response for motivation & movement & excitement. This is the kind of fun one has when one is in a flow state. which is a finding by a researcher whose name I can say but not write. (Just read it in google, you'll understand). The kind of 'fun' reading for fun gives is closely associated with flow state which is associated to the moving pleasure. Flow state, when stated briefly is a state of being in which one is in pursuit of a task which just so exceeds one's capabilities & allows a person to be highly present in the moment & experience a very positive meaningful experience.

This is what we roughly mean by 'fun' when we refer to reading for 'fun'. Now, reading for fun can be conceptualized as ~~the~~ an ontological method of knowledge seeking or reading. I.e. Reading for reading's sake. Academic reading when there is no fun, let's say for the sake of categorisation, is a

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pursuit ~~of~~ ~~the~~ for some external goal, i.e. ~~the~~ ~~completion~~ of ~~the~~ for some external goal. Reading for fun is a means for an end goal.

Now these 2 processes of reading yield different results for the reader's psyche. Academic reading will be more short term goal oriented learning which will vanish as soon as the goal is reached. On top of that it will lead to an unoriginal & dissatisfied product of knowledge by the reader's part, mostly because it is externally imposed. On the other hand Reading for fun will result in a fairly meaningful & satisfied knowledge product because it is internally driven.

That being said, Reading for fun can be characterized by spontaneity & a present oriented & sort of impulsive state of pursuit by reader. On the contrary, academic reading is disciplined, future oriented & delayed in gratification. If one only engages in the former one's knowledge will be sporadic, passionate & but if one engages in the latter one will be systematic, rigorous but dull in one's situation.

As we can see both modes of reading can in complete on their own. They bring about a knowledge product which suffers from a lack. But if one combines & knows both forms one can engage in a deeply meaningful, present & future oriented, rigorous & playful knowledge product.

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These both are like Yin & Yang, they complete each other, true complementary partners. True soulmates. Seemingly opposite but yet stunningly useful.

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"Every reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... but a person who never reads lives for only one."

The above mentioned lines ^{is} a great saying by a poet which explains once how much a book, a letter revolves around an individual's life.

There are various kinds of books. Books are the square-shaped inked pages bundled together that explain us whole matters of facts.

If we look after the stages of life, starting from an infant to a toddler, the parent try handing over them alphabets books so that they start learning it. Reading it, then till the post-graduate completion it ~~is~~ walks with us in every aspect of life. Till the last breath, reading i.e; even reading a newspaper or reading the medicine prescription plays a role.

Reading can be for fun or others related to academics. Novels, literature books, bibliographies and so many, countless scriptures are ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~best~~ ^{best} ~~choice~~ ^{choice} for a person to read. Encyclopedias, textbooks, graphs and others fall under the category of academic books.

People around in today's generation are into both. Every individual if we look and well around ourselves tend to do some or the other thing in their leisure time rather than wasting it and so, they dive themselves into reading - doesn't matter if it is related to academics or for fun, but something fruitful needs to be obtained.

The students who are not into academic reading but are keen to read the novels. Because interesting interest is something they look upon to and which drives them crazy.

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Academic Reading helps us to gain scores whereas reading for fun, for mental peace, calmness helps us to overcome the stress of academics. But, in each case reading plays a very efficient role.

Humans gets crazy if reading for fun is something that they do because it let him/her feels what is written in the books.

I do have a real life example of my English professor in my school days "Shilpi Mam", where she used to cry while used to shed tears while explaining us any it always created an imaginary scene in front of us about the story we were being explained on. From it, I can say that reading for fun or academic reading makes let people go gaga.

Academic Reading helps us to reach and achieve our goal in our stature life where we want to either become a doctor, an engineer, literature and many. It holds onto responsibilities and also many "k's", where we all struggle for academic reading. Academic readings may become boring if not interested. But it is necessary.

If we don't wish to read books for fun. In some cases, no people around you is bothered but academic reading is utmost important - if it is not something that can be left at any st in between the stage of student lifecycle or it may turn the back towards us. Academic Reading makes us smarter in terms of knowledge whereas reading for fun also plays a major role in emotional supportance, intelligence. Reading for enlightening our mood makes us calm, provides the warmth of the hug if understood properly.

"A book can be a man's best friend" - if understood wisely and read.

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Anything that you read for fun is a remarkable memory, and something that you won't forget because you did it by giving your 100% and you will for sure will make the best out of it in our daily life also.

But academic reading comes with pressure too in some cases. People who are not keen enough to do it but are under pressure because of the examinations and if they end up with the failures - they try to give up on their life because of the academic societal pressure and also not being able to achieve the marked position in his/her life.

In conclusion, the essay I mentioned only wants to convey that Reading needs to be fun either it is related to academics, novels anything that do not end up taking life of a person under pressure but giving new ideas, comebacks to a person. letting them to make the new path for a life and making them clear with the cluttered cloudy thoughts in their life.

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Books - what a commoner would define as a compiled bunch of pages with text and images elaborating details. But are books really the same what they are described as?

The answer for the same vary from person to person. A poet would say that books are beauty - a way to obtained or learn into eternal wealth of beauty describing thing even from the start of the creation of this universe to the flaming of sinners.

A scientist would describe books as the best way to obtained knowledge, to gain knowledge that goes beyond the capacity that one can achieve. A writer will describe books as a story, where he/she can create any character or do the impossible etc.

On the other hand, while all this discussion on different definition of books from different perspective how can we forget the perspective of a child or a student.

Books, although are important and are a deep part of everyone's life but for a child who spends almost 16 years of his/her life into studies / academics / literature, for them books are crucial with their one of the top & most priority.

Coming to the perspective of a child, books are thing which they love and hate at the same time but from different point of view.

There comes the topic or the title of my essay "Reading for fun Vs Reading for Academic".

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Academic reading is the task where, books are described in a child's life as textbook or workbook. Starting ~~the~~ from kindergarden to this level of Graduation or even post graduation, books are something which will never leave the side of that child ever for a second.

Reading academic ~~not~~ will let one to know ~~in~~ about various different subject, it will let one know about the vast ocean of knowledge that is present in this world.

Subjects like history, geography, physics, chemistry, biology, medical, computers, arts, literature, language, these are some of the subject where one by reading their text and understanding the meaning of it will help him/her to be excellent in that field.

Coming to Reading for fun, every child has once in their lifetime or childhood got to know about books ~~not~~ which we call Comics or in countries like Japan, they are called as Manga where text is described along with images which are represented in the form of a storyline.

On the other hand, Novels and storybooks are another form of literature where stories are described.

One can define reading these two form as reading for fun but in my sense there is no task which one can define as reading for fun.

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In my perspective reading is a task which when done at any time with regards to any kind of literature will always lead to increase in knowledge.

Reading is a hobby which is declining day by day, in the modern era of technology and advancement every bit of information is available to every person no matter what area they are at or within any time zone, they can access this information.

Reading academics will help help one to achieve more understanding towards it topic but reading for fun will let one to achieve knowledge about topic that one will never bother to learn it by their own.

People don't consider reading as a useless or time consuming task while reading either for academics or for fun will help them to achieve more knowledge about the language they are accessible to.

Going through middle school or high school a child has a mentality or a perspective that reading is only concern with the academics they are performing. Although it is very important that every child should have a deep knowledge about academics or the curriculum they are performing but the real root cause for reading academics is to make them aware about the topic and help them access

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Knowledge hidden is behind the text or images. No matter what era is going or will get developed in the future, reading is that task which will be an integral part of human life.

Coming to the perspective of the same child who is undergoing academic stress. When a book related to stories or novel or comic which is basically not concerned with that child course curriculum is given to read, the momentum which is developed is that initially the child realizing the task to read another book though not concern with the academics will develop burden on their mind but as they read a book or comic they start developing or creating a world by keeping themselves as a moral of the same.

The only purpose to explain the above description is to explain the mindset and perspective of the child when they are forced to read for academics and or read for fun.

Reading novel, stories, comics may seem fun or being a way to spend time but in my concern, there is knowledge hidden in every descriptive literature of this world.

Some people are expert in the field of explaining topics which are related to academics but are explained in form of stories. For this very same subject it is very difficult to classify such reading as

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either reading for fun or reading for academics.

Munshi Prem Chand - a very renowned and honourable author who belong to India have written hundreds of books having different story line and their every own different concept.

But, his every writing, every book when read carefully will entrest its very own meaning as if every word has its own existence.

Reading a book like that will help one to spend their time after working hard yet their time will be spend by gaining knowledge.

Getting to the same, for me a comparison between academic reading or and reading for fun is not a point of debate or comparison rather it is a point of understanding the real meaning behind the same.

Understanding academics and understanding fun related books although have its very own different application but the ultimate result will be gain of knowledge, gain of experience which one ever after experiencing life may not have achieved.

Academics will help one to develop their ~~pro~~ resume or curriculum vitae but Reading knowledge related fun based

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book will help one to develop their personality
their character.

One can even find the real meaning of life
in reading.

One can find their perspective or aim for or
objective for life in reading.

As of conclusion of this topic, I would like
add that reading matter. Reading
academics or reading fun based literature is
a secondary objective, in this time reading
is a art form which is dying and its
revival is very important.

Reading knowledge and spreading knowledge
will not only help that person but
also will help everyone around him to
gain the same knowledge and this lead to
the development of a brighter future of
the society of this world.

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READING FOR FUN VS ACADEMIC READING

How does it feel to get lost in a story? Where the boundaries of reality dissolves and imagination takes over. Or the over pouring over of dense text, decoding complex ideas and retaining it all for an exam.

Reading for fun and academic reading are the two sides of the same coin, they both have their own charm and their own challenges. Either of them but reading gives us knowledge like nothing else. It's not just an activity but a experience that shape our mind. But why are they so opposite as they seem?

Reading for fun is an adventure, its a private escape, a ticket to a distant ~~world~~ land, without even leaving your room. Let it be a whimsical world of Hogwarts, the romance of the 19th century or the thrilling futuristic battles. You read not because you have to ~~but~~ but because you want to. The whole purpose of fun reading is enjoyment. The main beauty lies in the flexibility. It does not have any rules, no

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deadlines and come with no expectations. You can just pick up a book, abandon it halfway or complete it in one sitting. Reading for fun is a personal experience that goes according to your mood. Imagine sitting in a balcony during monsoon with a chill, whether, a cup of hot coffee/tea and your favourite ~~book~~ book in your hand, doesn't ~~that~~ sound so calming and comforting. It's funny how a mystery book can keep you up all night and a heartful novel leaving you in tears.

Reading is not just an experience it's a mirror reflecting your emotions such as happiness, fear and even your dreams. A funny novel can keep you laughing till your sides ache or keep tears streaming down your face. Ever wondered how it feels, when a book understands your struggles and emotions? The fun part is when you share the book with your fellow reader, debating upon the plot twist and much more which ~~builds~~ builds a strong connection between them. Reading for fun can be very entertaining when you know the genre.

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So the next time you select a book, let it take you where it wants to go, who knows it might lead you back to yourself.

On the other hand academic reading feels like a chore, it is structured, purposeful and needs full attention. Textbooks, research paper, articles and so many more can keep you up all night not for fun but tension.

Unlike fun reading, academic reading comes with deadlines which feels more like a task than a adventure. But academic reading comes with a reward, it builds discipline, shape our minds and provide us knowledge. The pressure of deadlines and task keeps us hanging in confusion. When you reading a book you're not a passive observer, you're a active participant. Reading theoretical books can give us a lot knowledge which can change our way of thinking and others as well. Academic reading is also a good experience, imagine solving a tough paper or analyzing something, it gets to tough to solve the question which keeps you irritated but the moment you figure it out, you're just like "Aha!" as if we have solved

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a jigsaw puzzle, the happiness and relief is immense.

So enjoy while reading a book, because every page turned gets you closer to knowledge.

Reading for fun is entertaining and academic reading is educational. But can't fun reading be educational and academic reading be entertaining? The answer is yes, it can be.

Take for an example reading a historical fiction where it's fun to read but along with that it also gives you knowledge about the past events, their cultures and traditions, which can be used for educational purposes too.

There's no comparison between the both, because both of them takes your equal effort and time.

Both can give you knowledge and both of them can be interesting. It depends on us how

we treat those book, how we read it all that matters.

In the end, Reading for fun and academic reading are not competitors but companions on the journey of lifelong learning.

Every book has its own meaning and a way of providing information rather be it fictional books or our textbooks.

Select a book which gains your interest and try to make

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it more interesting by applying
concepts etc.

So for the next time you
pick a book ask yourself

if its for joy or growth? Each
and every book has its own

meaning, every page turned
lead you closer to understanding
connections and discovery.

So, what will you read next?

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Reading for fun v/s Academic Reading

"Reading is a window through which you can see an unseen world."

Reading is an important part of life. It helps us gain knowledge and understanding the things in better way. Some people reads for fun while other reads for to gain knowledge. Reading for fun and academic reading both plays important role in different ways.

Reading for fun means enjoying books without pressure. It include books like stories, novels, comics and poetry. This book is good for people of all ages.

This kind of books provides happiness and calmness. For example if we read a stories, we feel connected to the characters and enjoys the stories. Research said that this type of reading reduces the stress and keeps mind calm. Children's stories helps them to learn moral values and become creative. This kind of book become our best friend because they don't tell anything to us but makes us to feel happy and relax.

Academic reading is about to gain knowledge and informations. It includes books like textbooks, Research papers, newspapers etc. This type of book is important for students, teachers & Professionals.

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Academic reading feels us boring but this reading is not about just turning the pages its about to learn the facts and impliment them. This type of reading requires focus and handwork, for example when anyone reads science books, they learn different facts and ideas and tries to impliment them in real life to make it easier. This kind of learning helps us to achieve our goals.

Reading for fun and academic reading are different based on their purposes. Reading for fun is enjoying the books and academic reading is to gain knowledge and learn new skills.

Fun reading makes us more creative, enhance our personality like if we read someones biography we linses that persons life and learn many things which could be important for to solve our life problems, while academic reading build our career and helps us to reach our goals. we get lots of information and knowledge. Society likes that person who have lots of information and knowledge.

"Balance is the key to success in life."

Both the studies are important and plays different role. So, we have to maintain balance between them. when we read stories or novels we imagine the things that improves our imagination and makes us more creative. Reading for fun enhances our vocabulary and cleuerness

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which helps us for our academics. Through academic reading we become more discipline and learn hard work and perseverances. After doing lots of hard work, reading a story and poetry reduces our mind mental pressure and we feel happy and enjoys a lot.

Including both the reading in our routine makes our life better. because one of the reading relaxes our mind and other one helps us gain knowledge and succeed in life. we learn new skills which can be helpful for our career.

In conclusion both the learning are very important and it should be the part of our routine. Reading is type of brain exercise and information is acts like a food. Some research shows that the person who reads have less risk to having disease like alzimer and dimensia. Anything to be work properly requires fuel and reading is fuel of mind and brain.

Reading a stories, novels, poetry or textbooks, it is important to read, make reading a habit. Sometieme we feel low and demotivated, books motivate us. If we read book we have lots of information and through information you can identify fraud things.

So, Reading is important and it could be Reading for fun and academic reading, both plays different roles in our life.

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Reading for fun improves our life helps us to be happy, calm and relax and academic reading helps us to gain knowledge and new skills. Both type of learning helps us to grows in our life and explores the world.

"Readers lives thousand lives before they die, the person who never read lives only once."

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Before I even commence, let me inform you that the topic which is "Academic reading vs Reading for fun" sounds to me like - "A necessary pressure vs A much needed Escape!"

If you're ever stuck in a situation between reading an academic book vs a book which is fun, you know what to do!

If you've ever experienced the pressure of memorizing and quizzing with the given information, you know what academic pressure looks like. It's like being invited for a dinner party, where the host starts talking about what 'meta analysis' is while all you want is to finish what's in your plate and run as fast as possible.

On the other hand, reading for fun, keeps you engaged and also calms your mind. There's no pressure of memorizing stuff or understanding the topics which is life questioning! Imagine reading a book which makes you question your entire existence or why imagine? You've already known that. The time when you think you'll finish the entire chapter in 30 mins only to realize that you're still stuck

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on the first paragraph googling what it actually means, far past one hour (sigh).

And then, there's reading for fun! Be it any genre you like - fiction, non-fiction or philosophical, all these novels and books take you in ~~at~~ a different world altogether without having your legs moved.

Academic reading feels like an obligation which you need to complete in a limited timespan. Reading all the complex stuffs only to realize you've forgotten everything during exams. You need to gather all your tools - Pencil-check, highlighter-check but most importantly - Coffee because that is the secret of keeping your eyes opened till the end of the book or chapter.

Reading for fun makes you experience the 'pure bliss' which keeps you excited and motivated throughout your book. Within minutes, you complete 50 pages, even more, sometimes without even realizing. You enjoy each and every character of your book, learn from their mistakes and start implementing all the good things learnt from those characters.

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Academic reading is like eating vegetables which is necessary. We cannot deny the fact that reading academic texts or books is necessary for gaining knowledge about the topics in your syllabus (which you forget after the exam, but that's another matter!).

Sometimes you need to read and memorize stuff ^{that} takes your soul out of your body, but at the same time, provide you marks which is necessary to clear your exams and get promoted to the next class.

Reading for fun is equivalent of binge-watching of your show.

The only pressure you feel here is to get snacks in between but that I think, is a 'better pressure' than reading for academics.

Here, you do not get yourself in the dilemma of summarizing what you've read or explain what you've understood.

Academic reading not just drains your mental energy but also your emotional energy as you stay awake the entire night! Imagine the trouble of people who do this and still fail in their exams but those who manage to clear the exam, - hats off man!

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However, academic reading is necessary for your overall development and enhance your general knowledge, reading for fun improves your emotional and critical thinking and which is why, it is important to strike a balance between these two things.

I would preferably say, that academic reading is important as it prepares you for the further competitions in your life. You learn to deal with pressure of time constraints.

Reading for fun, helps you to improve your analytical skills and enhance your creativity.

You travel into a different world with just one good book and a cup of tea would be a ~~perfect~~ cherry on the cake.

Academic reading helps you to understand the importance of time as it is always @ @ the day before your exam, that you realize the value of time.

Reading for fun can be your relaxing tool after a hectic day as you sit with your favorite book with a blanket and feel the emotions of each character, so 'balance' my dear friend is the key word here. as you do need vegetables and also a delicious piece of cake!

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Read the necessary academic stuff, memorize the important parts and then reward yourself with an aging "fun-reading" book!

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"Reading is losing oneself in the most beautiful of ways.

Reading is finding oneself in the most unexpected of ways."

Books are pathways to possibilities and portals to perspective. An individual can read books for various reasons: 1) To impress ~~themselves~~ their crush. 2) To look intellectual. 3) To escape the world of brutality and cruelty.

Imagine walking through a forest late at night and being enchanted by the beauty of nature. You are walking and the ~~crossed~~ silver rays of the crescent moon is lightening your path. You are stopping and the branches of the trees are whispering their secrets to you. That's what reading for fun looks like. You wonder, You admire and You explore. On the other hand Academic reading is like walking through the forest on a hot, sunny day. The sun like an angry ball of fire is testing your patience. There are birds that you cannot identify and trees that you cannot name but you are still enraptured and mystified because there's beauty in complexity that demands your complete attention.

When you're reading for fun, you've the liberty of CHOICE. You can choose

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to be a detective like Sherlock Holmes, you can choose to be the 'Chosen One' and save the world from all the Voldemort's. You can also choose to enter the world of science-fiction and do time-traveling to meet your favourite personalities. However when it comes to Academic reading your freedom is snatched from you. You're to listen to the voice of your syllabus and your professors. You might come across lengthy descriptions about a red hat or brown table that's not even contributing to the story and if fortune is in your favour you might find one of the hidden gems, the buried treasure in the world of literature.

Taking a stroll in a familiar park. There's wind in your hair, there's music in your ears. You're saying hi to your neighbours, you're playing with the kids. This describes the feeling of reading a book for fun. You laugh with the characters, you make memories with them and then you cry with them. Now, imagine hitting the gym at 6:00 PM everyday. You might procrastinate, you will sweat and you'll develop abs and muscles. That's what academic reading is like except abs, you develop intellectual muscles and reasoning abilities.

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If we use the characters from the classic story of 'The Hare and the Tortoise' then 'Hare' would definitely be a fun reading book because it's usually fast paced, it's fun and you can take your sweet time finishing the story. 'Tortoise' on the other hand would be an Academic book because it's slow paced, your progress at times would look negligible but once you finish the journey you'll feel the reward from within.

Unlike Hare and Tortoise, Leisurely books and Academic books are not fighting against each other because the end goal of reading is to gain knowledge. Reading books for fun will help you with higher emotional intelligence, empathy and would also teach you how to put yourself in other people's shoes whereas Academic reading would teach you how to read a piece analytically, how to give objective and critical opinions. It would sharpen your research skills.

Let's illustrate this with an example. A boy might pick up a book called 'The perks of being a wallflower' because he heard someone mentioning that it's a book for introverts. Once the boy would start reading the book he would feel seen and heard because our main protagonist in the novel, Charlie is also an introvert. This would give the boy a sense of belonging,

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a sense of friendship. He might also follow the advice given by Charlie's English teacher: "Some people use thoughts to not participate in life".

This quote might struck a chord in guy's life and he might start appreciating life more as the saying goes:

"It's just life, it'll be over before you even realise".

SO LIVE.

The same guy can pick a book like

'Catcher in the rye' because he was assigned this novel in high school.

The first time he reads it, he'll think the story is about a whiny teenager hating on everything. The second time when he'll read the same novel with an analytical perspective he'll understand that the main character Holden is actually a pretty depressed guy.

The way he was asking the question to the cab driver, "Where do ducks go when the water gets cold?". This line is a Metaphor for his life, "Where do I go when my life feels so lonely, dark and isolating". Reading academically teaches you to unravel the layers and interpret what the author was trying to depict through the characters.

Reading for fun might feel like a ride through Heaven for it's simple nature.

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Reading Academically might feel like a ride through hell for its rigorous and demanding nature. When Academic reading looks for symbolism, leisurely reading looks for symbol of entertainment and enrichment.

To conclude it all, "Engineers, Doctors, Lawyers these people are essential to sustain life but Music, Art, Literature and Poetry this is what you stay alive for". Be it Academic or Leisurely KEEP READING. Life is too short to not devour the world of stories.

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Books V/s E-Books

"A Book is like holding a dream in your hand & success is achieved when dreamt with open eyes!"

~ Neil German.

This line by Neil German justifies the importance of physical books. The powerhouse of knowledge, Books are the stairs to climb the path of success. It has been a part of life since we first started talking. Every learner evolves through the beauty of books.

It stays with us in every stage of life, the acknowledgement we receive is irreplaceable.

Books are for every one from the young to the old, poor to the rich and so on...

It doesn't have set boundaries as knowledge is deserved by one and all.

From tracing the alphabets into a cursive book to gaining high education the only thing that remained forever constant is our books.

An company that was never acknowledged. As we did know the importance it all flickered around when we got ~~gadget~~ ^{gadgets} ~~gadgets~~ in our hands. We all carry a phone around with us. It has become more essential than a book itself. Every piece of information is available on it. Its convenience which pushes us through it. But can these electronic devices takeover the books?

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Well,

we all got pretty much attached to our devices during the pandemic. The world flipped around and the only choice was to stay back home. These devices such as phones, laptops, ipads etc became the medium to keep learning. We all sat in front of screens day and night forgetting about the world revolving around us. Where we were losing touch with our books every thing, every book whether it be religious, fictional, motivational, self help, ~~etc~~ academic etc. was readily available and this made all of us to rely on these sources.

But for a second thought, Did this make our life more easy or even more difficult?

To answer that, we need to reflect ourselves for the better ^{view} answer! How many individuals have now switched from reading through ebooks? Why is no one appreciating the existence and importance of books? We all need to know!

Realizing that, life could have been more exciting if books are physically read in its original form. It is definitely more interactive. And its scientifically proven that the sense of touch and can improve our efficiencies.

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Apart from any trend going on, sticking to the roots are always the best. E-books are generally supposed to make learning more entertaining, but how entertaining it becomes when we impulsively start scrolling and forget about the do's and don't's of ~~ee~~ learning online!

And that affects us alot, the generation is suffering from less/^{shorter} span of attention. Not only that the kind of blue light we are getting exposed to it is quite dangerous. The level of strain we give our eyes are impeccable. Almost 7 out of 10 teenagers and youngsters have bad eyesight. This will increase as we increase our reliance with the screen. And as education comes to concern its better grasped when we read, understand and write the concepts. The sense of touch is completely lost when it comes to e-books. Will an online book ~~with~~ ever help us achieve the knowledge of lifetime? May be not!

Physical books have an emotional attachment with all of us, as when we learn or read a physical copy of book we are comparatively more indulged, our senses are more active, we realize that we need to fix our aim, it saves our skin, eyes and brain from that evil screen and makes us quite attentive, possibilities of distraction are less and stores in more ~~mem~~ memory when learnt with books!

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Yes! Ebooks are much more easily accessible, light weighted, compacted into a device with its ^{ease} easy to carry around and very convenient but at the cost of our ~~heart~~ health! we should evaluate that!

A book provides more than knowledge, the sense of being know, the understanding and the are the just the peripheral specialties of the book. It can't be replaced by the evolving manking. Some things should remain the same, therefore its said 'Old is Gold' and we should all understand the importance of that Gold!

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There are two ways of entering the world of words in Today's time. One is by turning the pages and another is taping and swiping ~~our~~ the screens. Books vs. E-books, Virtual vs.

Actual, Experience Vs. Accessibility has been a topic of debate for years now. There are people sharing their opinions on how one is better than the other, while a few have equal weights on both the sides balancing out both.

Books :- Books provide a sensory experience. Readers enjoy reading books by physically handling them i.e. because the sense of touch the scent of books, their visual texture and being able to watch them kept and stacked beautifully in one's shelf is a whole different experience on its own.

It helps to concentrate better on the content of the books hence enhancing the experience of the readers. The texture and the feel of a physical book helps the reader visualize the characters better and understand them. While on the

Other hand. e-books provide easy accessibility of content, they are portable and can be easily carried everywhere we go. An one of the most important point is that it is available in cheaper prices than the actual copy, there are certain books that are completely

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free for the readers. And It is available on the screen we adore the most. This is what makes the reader interested in using e-books. Where in with a few ~~clicks~~ clicks we can access the books all around the world of any desired author. There are tabs like kindle that help the reader gain an experience like reading an actual book.

Having said that we can't forget that every coin has two sides. There are pros and cons of both. While we promote the easy accessibility of e-books its disadvantages cannot be ignored. The strain that the screen puts on ~~our~~ our eyes, causing ~~near~~ nearsightedness or farsightedness is a serious issue. Also for the readers who read books as an escape for TV screens, phone screens, or computer screens, e-books is surely not an option for them. Considering its hazardous effect on our eyes or our overall health, can also be an issue for the people having glasses or radiation related issues. It also loses the sense of connect with the book because of the screen.

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Another

Another ~~reason~~ reason why we can't completely shift on e-books is the income opportunity it takes away from the small scale book sellers or libraries. Also it reduces the revenue generation ~~inturn~~ ~~not~~ giving the author the credit and the money of the worth ~~they~~ they deserves.

It also takes away the source of income from the printing companies. ~~as~~ as they are thrown out of the picture when e-books come into consideration. Or

The other ^{hand} Physical Books or Paper backs have lesser effects on health. having said that infact it has good effects on our brain and mind. as it works on hand-eye co-ordination not letting the reader distract from reading. Even though it is a little ~~est~~ expensive than the virtual books, and misprints make waste of pages. ~~which~~ which brings trees into the picture one can't ignore the positive effects it has on readers.

It is scientifically proven that hard copys of books helps enhancing our memory power, and it also builds a sense of satisfaction for the readers. Gives them an escape from thier "Scrolling and Swiping" lives

It overall provides a better reading ~~es~~ experience.

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But what so ever the experience differs from individual to individual. People have adapted to them depending upon their comfort zones, be it comfort corners or comfort skimmers. People have an opinion on both which cannot be declared completely wrong. There cannot be a conclusion to this debate but the take away is what wins is reading and the reader. It is important to read, no matter the format. As they say:-
"Stories know no format!"

Turning the pages,
an experience for ages.
Book vs E-books an issue is raised
But the scent of old books cannot be replaced.

Daydreaming in day or bored at night.
Saying Hi stepping up a buddy grows bright.
portable, accessible a different thrill.
The base of e-books also stands still.

Which one to choose asks my little heart.
a debate going within right from the start.
Whatever it is Reading is the answer forever and ever.

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And ~~don't~~ It makes our knowledge deeper.
I'll like to conclude saying.
LONG LIVE THE READER!!!

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Books or also called as printed books have been a part of many centuries. It has given us immense comfort, knowledge, passion, etc. It has shaped the personalities of various great people, comforted many provided great knowledge etc. Due to the advent of technology the importance and attention towards printed books seems to be diminishing day by day.

This is due to the constant popularity amongst the digital media. Due to entire world's dependency on the internet whether it is of everyone's attention towards online is so obvious. Books will always remain superior to ~~printed~~ ^{e-books} books no matter what in many ways. First of all books the feeling of holding a book in hand, the weight of the book, turning the pages, smelling the ink, the paper, etc. is a very different & ~~satisf~~ ^{satisfying} satisfying experience altogether. But on the other hand when it comes to e-books it's just swiping on the digital files which provides no fulfilling experience.

Secondly and most important is the screentime. Today's world where the information Reading books can provide us break time from the ~~cont~~ constant screentime. In a world where ~~we~~ we are bombarded with information available online, printed books takes us into a world of its own where there is no such eye straining experience.

Constantly reading e-books can strain the eyes and not only that but can ~~make~~

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It can make us sleepy. While reading e-books, the concentration and focus of an individual will eventually shrink and due to the popping up of the innumerable numerous notifications. Our mind will eventually divert and start wasting time on the unimportant things. Also, you will have to keep adjusting the screen light for reading, which will not be the issue with books.

It has been said that people who read printed books more often have sharp memory its due to the turning of pages, remembering the image or any sort of information on the right side of the page, the feel the touch of the paper etc. all brings the concentration and focus on the matter / the story.

Also, e-books which are online must be downloaded in order to read them. Also But in the case of printed books you just need to go to the library or either buy or rent it. There will be no storage problem as well.

Also, sometimes while downloading certain e-books, there might be virus or bugs due to some third party apps. So this can create a huge problem and cause a damage to your device. So protecting your e-books from viruses or bugs is another issue while you can protect a book easily from any ^{physical} damage.

For e-books, you need to have a great internet to access them. Well today's world is entirely dependent on technology.

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technology therefore availability of internet globally is understood. But still there are few areas where the internet availability is scarce therefore, printed books is the only option.

Also, for e-books you will need a lot of internet in order to download it but the same is not needed in the case of printed books.

Reading books is an art, an experience that can be exhilarating and can shape a person's future. Books kept in the bookshelf just not depicts knowledge but also passion, interest and personality. Collecting books, reading them and creating a personal library is a whole new mesmerizing, enthralling, fulfilling experience altogether. This brings confidence in your life, the space brings you motivation also by looking at them you pull others as well to the reading world. While e-books, they are just digital files when you are done reading you just delete them and you no longer keep them.

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