

Excerpts from High School Student Essays –
Liceo Kant, Prof. Anna Maria Sartori

Comment on the following dialogue from the play OUR TOWN, by Thornton Wilder

*Mrs. Gibbs: "...and think only of what's ahead, and be ready for what's ahead.
When you've been here longer, you'll understand."*

Emily: "...I didn't realize. So all that was going on and we never noticed."

Francesca Romana Licetti, 2B

We had the possibility to stop and reflect about what we have and what we live, to identify with the protagonist and to cry, to laugh, to suffer with her.

Did we take something from this experience? I think so. I'm sure that now everybody has something more for himself, particularly me. This contest gave us the possibility to understand deeper feelings and rehearsing together made us more patient and open-minded. Maybe we're not going to win, but we learnt [what the real meaning of collaboration is].

Claudia Radicchi, 2B

Although some did more than other people, I think that we have been all useful and that this experience united us: we all joined this experience and we helped one another during the very long rehears[als].

I'm sure that no one will forget this stressful but beautiful experience.

Chiara Pichierri, 2B

This experience helped us feel the sense of the class, because everyone was essential for the performance.

Francesca Ceccarelli, 2B

We have learnt that human life is beautiful in all its aspects and that sometimes we are so involved in living that we forget life itself and we don't notice how wonderful life is.

To conclude I think that every little thing in our life counts.

Ilaria Zangrilli, 2B

The message of this text is for all human life, for past and present.

Francesco lucca, 2B

This great play helps us understand the meaning of life and the importance and the beauty of little things, because life is made up of them.

Sara Arena, 2B

This is a universal drama. I think also that these sentences in particular contribute to a new awareness and a better understanding of human life because we often concentrate on the

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past and on ourselves, and we don't pay attention to the simple things so with this work I have learnt to live in the present and not to look too much at the past.

Simone Teofili, 2B

I could read the text with different mind and I understood that maybe there is something after death; 'Our Town' has contributed to arise in me a new awareness of human life and human being.

Susanna Gloria, 2B

This experience helped not to feel embarrassed and to become extrovert. 'Our Town' contributed to a new awareness to the human being and human life, it helped to realize the importance of all what we never notice also when it is going on. I hope not to forget this experience, and instead to consider it very precious.

Clara Silvestri, 2B

Every step was funny, but also really interesting. This work helped us improve our English and pronunciation, but first, helped us better understand the meaning of the scene we chose and the meaning of the play. In particular, I deeply understood the human life: people don't realize life while they're living it, as the Stage Manager says.

Antonio Sciurti, 2B

During their lives people don't understand the real meaning of life, but only live day by day without knowing as if they were in a cloud of blindness and ignorance. So unawareness is the main characteristic of the human condition.

Giulia Tiseo, 2B

In fact I understood that during our life we never notice all what is going on, in many cases we are materialistic and we approve the belief that money is more important than moral beliefs. We don't realize that the most important things are abstract.

Elena Loche, 2B

I can surely say that our experience of the Drama Contest helped us improve our English, create closer relationships and understand all that points of life which we usually ignore.

Eleonora Malizia, 2B

'Our Town' is simple, but also full of strong sentiments, and I understood that the event of the play is life itself.