

everything i need to know, i learned from **english 11**

DON'T...

1. Stop eating and drinking to wander the forest.
2. Bate the tip of a sword with poison, then lose the sword during a swordfight and be stabbed yourself.
3. Forge a loan document and get your loan shark fired. Unless you have a lonely friend to date him instead, of course.
4. Watch a play within a play. Especially if you're going to scream through the whole thing.
5. Trade a poem for a kiss. It doesn't work as often as you might think.
6. Hide behind a curtain.
7. Crawl out into the living room, should you find yourself transformed into a giant "vermin." Your sister isn't playing her violin for you. I promise.
8. Draw pictures of birds when you're supposed to be paying attention to the war you're fighting in.
9. Hide your secret macaroon habit from your family. It's not healthy.
10. Date a prince, even if he *swears* he's totally into you.

DO...

1. Follow your own path, even if it leads somewhere other than where you originally planned.
2. Remember that you have sacred duties to others, but also, always, to your self.
3. Take what you can from teachers, but learn from your own experiences.
4. Reach out to others when you are lonely... and invite them to do the same.
5. Know that while life can mean suffering, it can also mean much more than that.
6. Remember that a person or an act is never entirely "samsara" or entirely "Nirvana," a person is never entirely holy or entirely sinful.
7. Never forget that there is the truth, the Truth, and everything in between.
8. Notice injustice. Then try to do something about it.
9. Reserve judgment, so you don't get caught in your own trap.

This above all, To thine own self be true.

Thank you for a wonderful semester. It was a privilege to be your teacher.