

Hello! My name is CharLynne Cather. I am a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I am studying to be an English major. So often, I am questioned as to why I would choose to pursue this career, but what many of my inquirers don't know is that, by studying the humanities, I feel more connected to life than anything else. For me, it was easy to write this submission because it resonated so truly with my heart and my own feelings. As a person who studies the humanities, I am often confronted with questions of intent and purpose, and though these questions are sometimes shadowed with thoughts of regret, I never allow these feelings to shape into actions. Being an English major has taught me many things, but the most important of these are: the world is far greater than anything I have ever accomplished and, at the same time, the world is inherently engraved into each and every one of our souls. Upon the realization of these things, I am very grateful for the opportunities the humanities have provided me and I am looking forward to a lifelong journey, pursuing all the lessons it has to teach me.

Thank you so much for reading my submission. In this piece, I am directly speaking to all of those that face the everyday challenges of doubt among a world where humanities are undervalued and underappreciated. I hope that, above all, it creates a sense of unification and desire for and among the field of Humanities. Without the study of humanities, humanity would cease to exist.