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Layman Summary

Growing up, many kids view college as the end-all-be-all of life. It’s like every moment is leading up to it, and you work hard your whole life to get into a good school and choose a good major. A good major is one that will either make you happy, make you a lot of money, and if you’re lucky, do both at the same time. Getting into college, and having fun while you are there seems to be emphasized so much, but it isn’t until you are rounding out your last year that you realize you have no idea what to expect from life afterwards. Thinking back on my time in college, I think of all the things that symbolized the type of woman I built myself into and was ordained to be in the real world.

Descartes is most widely known for his quest for knowledge, because prior to his discoveries of being, there were not many bodies of knowledge in existence. He began to doubt things because he knew that it was a necessary thing in order for scientific inquiry to develop. When this theory is applied to my life, college in particular, it becomes clear that in my doubt or uncertainty of the future, I was able to discover and strengthen aspects of myself that would shape me into the person I am now.

I am hoping that with the completion of this project, I will have a thorough understanding of how I subconsciously was shaping and preparing myself for entering into the real world. I will also hope to prove how it is sometimes best to throw yourself into novel, uncomfortable experiences, because those are the times that you learn about yourself the most. My artifacts help to highlight different times where I discovered and strengthened certain aspects of myself that I feel will particularly help me after I graduate.