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ESSAY 1-Did your secondary (high) school experience prepare you adequately for college?

Our entire academic life is designed to teach us the main concepts of what we need to know to succeed in a professional job. That is every school's leading point. So how are we that different from each other when it comes to solve problems or write an assignment? We can confirm that each high school has different ideas of what is the right thing to do if you want to stand out from the rest. In this essay I am going to talk about my preparation in high school and how that helped me to be the student I am at this moment.

I am lucky to say that I've been to two different high schools from two different countries: Spain and the U.S. Both are completely distinct: the way I used to be taught, the organization, etc. If I had to choose one, I would not be able to, just because they have taught me different values. However, this change helped me to be how I am right now.

Spanish Education is famous to be very difficult. Teachers are very strict with students, and the amount of work they ask for is big. Although my academic life in my native country was stressful, thanks to that I can organize my time perfectly, and that is something essential in order to be prepared for college. In the other hand, in Spain the possibility to specialize in a certain area of work comes too late in my opinion. It was not until senior year when I could decide what classes could prepare me better for the university major I wanted to study.

Now talking about the U.S, I got enrolled in a public school in Kansas. I found out that teachers here were more involved in helping me. I am not saying in Spain they did not care, but they cared less. I could get registered for classes related with math in my sophomore year, because I wanted to become an engineer, which I could not do in my native country until I became a senior. However, the level of American education, in my opinion, is lower than the Spanish one, so even if I got all the help I could ask for, and the classes were the most suitable; maybe it was not enough.

Finally, I would like to say that both points of view are correct if we are talking about being prepared to college. One was more focused on teaching me the value of self-organization of time, even if the classes were not the most adequate; and the other one was focused on giving me the certain information and the main concepts of the subjects that were related to my future major.