

In his commencement speech delivered at Stanford University in 2005, Steve Jobs, the former CEO of the Apple Incorporation, put forward the idea of connecting the dots. As he said,

... you can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something—your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life.

Jobs attributed the creation of the first Macintosh computer topography to the calligraphy class he attended after he dropped out of college, a class he never thought of any practical application at the time but was purely fascinated by the beauty of topography. He also thought that he made a right decision in dropping out of college, for which he found no value then but had spent all of his adoptive parents' savings to pay the tuition fee.

Write a 500-600 word essay to answer the following questions as a whole (with a title, an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion):

1. Do you have similar experiences like Jobs' that have led you to achieve something spectacular afterwards, experiences that appeared to be irrelevant at the time of occurrence but are, as you connect them now, significant in your life? What were these dots? How did you see them when they happened? How are they connected to your current life?
2. What is your idea of a university? What is the value of higher education in your view? In what ways do you think the dots you previously experienced can help you to map out your university life?