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Hello! My name is Landon and I am an academic graphic and materials designer working in Asia. I have

been in the education field all my career and have held a variety of positions within the industry. I studied acting during my undergraduate studies and went back later to earn a graduate degree in education with a specialization in curriculum design in 2012. I have worked in four different countries and taught a variety of nationalities. My students and co-workers are at the heart of everything I create, and I am always available for support. If you have any questions, feedback or ideas please get in touch with me and I'd be

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"A lot of students these days want to study abroad in countries that are different than their own. There are many advantages and disadvantages to this."

*Write an advantage/disadvantage essay on the topic above.*

Many people think that studying abroad is the best way to propel their academic careers forward; however, there are also some who disagree with this statement. This essay will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad.

To begin, studying abroad can be a very positive experience for any individual because of the opportunity to be surrounded by and learn new things. For example: studying among different cultures and languages can greatly increase your confidence and even your language skills. Moreover, people who study abroad have the advantage of gaining valuable life experience, becoming more mature and responsible. For building strong relationships, this is an essential skill that has great value. To add to this, those who study in new cultures can meet new friends and gain new perspectives. As a result, the entire experience can transform a someone's life and, most importantly, his or her future.

On the other hand, the downside to studying abroad is the expense; it is extremely out of reach for those who do not have the finances. Studying in another country has many costs, both predicted and unexpected. While costs usually can be offset by the family at home, a student in another country has to spend enormous amounts of money on living day-to-day. These can include food and lodging, entertainment, health care, and, not to mention, their studies, costs of which are on the rise. The added stress to a family and person studying abroad can place severe strain on any family, and the implications for this can be far-reaching.

In summary, studying abroad can be a positive life-changing experience for any student wishing to broaden his or her culture horizons but, at the same time, its exorbitant costs can be enough to dissuade many families from taking the journey into the unknown. Therefore, students who wish to study abroad should be sure to weight the advantages and disadvantages before deciding to go overseas. In my opinion, the life experiences that one could gain from travelling are valuable enough to chance any future financial burden.

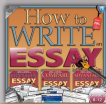
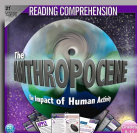
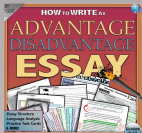
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