

# 3 EXAMPLES OF INFORMATIVE TEXT

## TITLE

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### How To Travel Solo Successfully

## INTRODUCTION

James Baldwin said it best. "I met a lot of people in Europe. I even encountered myself" (Baldwin, 2014). Solo travel will not only reveal colorful new heights, it will also introduce you to yourself - your resiliency, your sense of adventure, your independence. Learning how to travel solo is as intrinsic as tying your shoes, and it is something that can be learned today.

## BODY

The first, most obvious, way to travel solo successfully is to research your area. The number one indicator of a tourist is someone stopped in the middle of the sidewalk scanning the GPS on their phone. According to World Travel News Report, four in fifteen tourists will be pickpocketed if they stand still on a busy street (Parker, 2019). Arrive well-informed on the area. Understand the public transportation system to the point where you can blend in as a local.

Also in line with safety, you may want to splurge on accommodations. You can stay alone in a hostel, but read the reviews carefully. Make sure it is in a safe area and security is a priority for them. You might even want to consider a private room, some of which include a private bath.

In terms of fun, pack for your lack of companionship. Bring a blank journal to record your adventures. Pack a paperback to enjoy while you wait out a rainstorm in a coffee shop. World traveler Samantha Byrnes says, "I never travel with friends. When I'm exploring a new continent, my journal is my only sidekick" (Byrnes, 2018).

This allows her to absorb her new surroundings, make new acquaintances, and focus on the act of encountering herself. Byrnes continues, "We lost sight of ourselves in the day-to-day. We focus on work, family, to-do lists, chores. Solo travel allows us to return to ourselves so that, when we resume our day-to-day activities, we can give our all" (Byrnes, 2018).

## CONCLUSION

Learning how to travel solo successfully is an achievable feat. You can stay safe if you remain knowledgeable on the area and choose your accommodations wisely. Beyond that, you can experience true transformation through the simple act of carrying a tattered old journal. What do you say? Will you explore solo travel? Choose wisely, for it just might change your life forever.

## The Great War

The Great War, more commonly known as World War I, influences F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel in many important ways. The War directly causes Gatsby to lose his lover Daisy and is responsible for his Montenegro medal and significant "Oxford education".

World War I forced many young American men to leave their family to fight a war in unfamiliar European territory. Unexpectedly drafted into a conflict that they had little concern for, the War inexplicably altered the lives of millions of Americans. Faced with terrible conditions and unbridled inhumanity many soldiers returned home insane or permanently shocked from their war experiences. To add insult to injury, the government failed in its duty to assist veterans economically after they returned from the War. For Gatsby, World War I meant that he would have to leave his sweetheart Daisy behind while he fought overseas. Though they regularly sent letters to each other at first, Daisy eventually grows tired of waiting for Gatsby and marries Tom Buchanan; Gatsby literally loses Daisy to the War. When Gatsby returns he is extremely poor, barely surviving from day to day. He is forced to wear his military uniform for months after his return because he is unable to purchase civilian clothing. When offered lunch by Meyer Wolfsheim, Gatsby "ate more than four dollars' worth of food in half an hour" (179). Without money Gatsby could no longer attract Daisy like in his youth. Gatsby's sad story was echoed by an entire generation of American veterans.

When horrible images and nightmares of war haunted a soldier's dreams upon his return, one of the few things he could have pride about were his medals. Symbols of brave, courageous deeds, medals offered a soldier honours and welcome when he returned home. Many decorated soldiers were hailed as national heroes at first, but were quickly forgotten. In Gatsby's case, he fought bravely in a number of important battles and was promoted to the rank of "Major" earning honours from "every Allied nation". Of particular significance to Gatsby was the medal from "little Montenegro" which he carried with him throughout the story for good luck.

Upon their return, some lucky soldiers were offered opportunities for higher education. The U.S. government attempted to compensate soldiers for their time in service with higher education but fell short; hundreds of thousands of uneducated soldiers became "bums" upon their return to the U.S. Gatsby was one of the soldiers fortunate enough to attend Oxford University. However, Gatsby's stay was only five months long and was especially consequential because it was the final event that lost him Daisy.

After World War I, American society enjoyed unprecedented levels of prosperity and entered a period known as the Roaring 20s as the economy soared. However, for many American veterans the illusion of prosperity presented by the 1920s could not compensate for precious time lost forever to the War.

## **Olympic Games**

The Olympic Games are an international sports competition that happens every four years. Many countries join in the Olympic Games. Turkey won 5 medals at the 2012 London Olympic. However, 114 sportsmen and sportswomen attended at this Olympiad. There are many causes of this failure.

The main reason is inadequate ability growth and character development. As we know, generally, people who are children get into doing sports. They learn to play sports when they are at their schools. Then, they decide which sports they want to do. If they do not know their ability and they do not know which sports they do, they will not learn to play any sports and do not succeed.

The second reason is that the government does not have enough encouragement for sports. For example, there are not gyms at many schools in Turkey. Schools which have gyms do not have enough quality such as having no swimming pools and tennis courts. Therefore, children usually play computer games instead of playing sports. They do not find which sports they are interested.

Final reason is inadequate physical education. Many schools in Turkey have physical education two hours per week. Children take the lesson over twenty-five hours per week out of physical education. Doing exercises are necessary for people's health. Therefore, hours of physical education should be increased by the government.

In conclusion, there are many causes of failure about Olympiad Games in terms of inadequate ability growth and character development, not enough encouragement and inadequate physical education. If these causes are not solved, this failure will continue.