



College is Like a Long Journey on Foot

(rewrite)

Below is a revised version of my essay "College is Like a Long Journey on Foot." This revision is much better organized than the original. For comparison, see my original essay on the second and third pages of this document.

College is like a long journey on foot for a few different reasons. For one thing, both college life and a long journey on foot involve a lot of actual walking. Secondly, college and a long journey on foot are both a feast for the senses, with lots of distinct sounds, touches, and smells. Beyond physical activity and sensation, college and a long journey on foot both take up a lot of time.

You could see college as literally a long journey on foot. Most college students walk everywhere. This is because it's almost impossible to get a parking space on campus. Also, most students can't afford a car, or at least can't afford a reliable car. Even if you can drive to campus, the buildings here are big and spread out. You have to do a lot of walking to get through them.

Both college and a long journey on foot appeal to your senses. For a long journey on foot, there's the sound of your footsteps, the feel of your feet hitting the ground, and the smell of the great outdoors. College has its own sounds, feels, and smells as well. There's the distinct sound of your classmate's voices and the chime of the campus clock. You feel your desk as you touch it, and you feel your chair as you sit on it. Smells are unmistakable--- the scent the flowering trees in the spring and the cafeteria food year round.

College is like a long journey on foot because both endeavors are time consuming. A long trip on foot takes all day. So does college. You have classes in the morning and afternoon. Then you do homework all evening. Because of this, college life dominates your life all day, even in the moments when you aren't in class or studying.

College has walking. It has its own sounds, sensations of touch, and smells. It takes all day. College is so much like a journey on foot in so many literal ways. I suppose a journey on foot could be a figurative metaphor for college too. But that would be a different essay.

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College is like a long journey on foot. It's literally like that because you have to walk everywhere. There's no parking on campus or it's too expensive. Also, the buildings are big so you have to spend a lot of time walking in them. Lots of students don't have a car anyway. They can't afford one or their car keeps breaking down. Walking is also not literal since learning is like taking a long walk metaphorically.

College is like a long journey on foot because it goes all day. You wake up early in the morning and brush your teeth and eat breakfast. Then it's right off to class, usually. Classes go from morning until afternoon. Then in the evening you eat dinner. Then after dinner you do homework until bed. You feel tired whether you walk all day or school all day. You do school all day just like you walk all day if you take a long journey on foot.

College is like a long journey on foot because it stimulates your senses. Just like walking, you feel the ground on your feet and the breeze. You smell things when you walk, the smell of outdoors and your surroundings that you don't smell in a car. In college there's the sounds of the campus clock and your classmate's voices. The desks feel a certain way under your arms or hands. The chair feels a certain way as you sit on it. The smells of the cafeteria or the flowers on the trees on campus in spring.

College is like long a journey on foot because of walking, and also because you smell

and feel things like if you were walking. Also like a journey on foot because you wouldn't walk all day for no good reason, and you go to college for a good reason to get a degree and job.