

Rewrite this essay so that there is no direct (quoted) speech. All punctuation, sentence structure, pronouns, verb tenses and verb forms should be correct for indirect speech. In addition, it should be clear to the reader who is saying what.

Doing It My Own Way

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Every new generation wants to do things differently from the generation before it. This problem repeats itself from generation to generation.

When I was younger and living in Russia, my father used to have many problems with me. But his first problem was that he wanted me to study hard in high school and he wanted me to continue my education by going to college. He said, "Look at me." He said that he had graduated from two colleges and that now he had a good job. He was right, but I did not want to study! I didn't like studying. Instead, I went to a factory and got a job as a mechanic. I liked this job and I made good money. I chose to do it my way.

Then we came to America and my father said, "You have to learn the language quickly and find a job." "You don't have to go to college here."

"Since you didn't go to college in Russia, you can't study in America." He said, "Forget about college."

However, again we disagreed. This time, I said, "There is no way that I am going to forget about college." "I am going to go to college because it's very important for my future." In Russia, I didn't have to get a college education because at that time he and I were making almost the same salary, even though he had gone to two colleges and I had only gone to high school.

Life is different in America. I have to live another kind of life here than I did in Russia. And again, like generations before me, I am going to do it my own way.

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