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# The Little Prince Essay

*The Little Prince* is a novel that is most of the time confused for a children's book, but the novel *The Little Prince* is way deeper and has different meanings to certain things we see everyday. There is not just one planet with life in the book *The Little Prince*, he explores different planets and eventually explores earth. While he is on earth he has to confront the unknown. The universal theme 'exploration', 'confronts the unknown' is explored throughout Chapter 6 through the setting, different perspectives, and through symbolism.

To start off with, the universal theme "exploration" "confronting the unknown" is explored throughout chapter 6 in the book *The Little Prince* because of setting. The Little Prince left his planet and started exploring other planets and eventually came to earth. His planet was very small, due to the fact that his planet was very small if he wanted to see the sunset all he had to do was move his chair a few feet. As you know earth is not small compared to his planet so you cannot just move your chair if you want to see the sunset. So because of this when he came to earth he had to confront the fact that he couldn't move his chair a few feet in order to see the sunset. Evidence that supports that the universal theme is explored in chapter six because of setting is found in the book *The Little Prince* where it states "I really like sunsets let's go look at one now. But we have to wait. Wait for what? For the sun to set." This shows that the universal theme "exploration" is explored because the little prince had to confront the fact that he couldn't

see the sunset by just moving his chair a few feet anymore. He had to wait for the sun to set. Another reason why the universal theme “exploration” is explored in this chapter is because on earth you could watch the sunset once a day but on the little prince’s planet he could watch it how many times he wanted to. Evidence for this can be found in the book *The Little Prince* where it says “One day I saw the sunset forty-four times!” This shows that because he explored to earth he can relate to his planet because he states that on his planet he could watch the sunset as many times as he wanted to but on earth we can only watch it once a day. This shows that the universal theme “exploration” is explored in this chapter because he wanted to see the sunset but he had to wait for the sun to set first and because he was stating that on his planet he could watch the sunset as many times as he liked.

Next, the universal theme “exploration” is explored in chapter six is because the little prince and the pilot both had different perspectives on things. The pilot crash landed on a forest where he met the little prince and it turns out that the little prince was from a different planet. Due to the fact that the little prince was from a different planet and the pilot was from earth they had different perspectives on things. Evidence to prove that they had different perspectives on things can be found in the little prince chapter six where it states “I really like sunsets let’s go look at one now. But we have to wait. Wait for what? For the sun to set.” This shows that they had different perspectives on things because the pilot that is from earth thought it was completely normal to wait for the sun to set. But the little prince thought it was strange because on his planet he just had to move his chair a few feet to see the sunset. Another reason why the universal theme ‘exploration’ is explored throughout this chapter is because the pilot and the prince both have different thoughts about how they see the sunset. Evidence for this can be found in the book *The Little Prince* where it states “You know when you are feeling very sad, sunset are very powerful.” This shows that they have different perspectives on sunsets because the pilot thinks of it as a way to tell that it's day time and other than that it's useless. But the little prince thinks of it as something that brings him happiness and joy. He also thinks of it as entertainment because he didn't have anything else to

entertain himself with so the sunset was always there. Yes this shows that they have different perspectives on the sunset but it also symbolizes on how the little prince sees the sunset.

Lastly, Symbolism is explored in Chapter 6 in the book *The Little Prince* when he crash lands and starts to discover new things. He is challenged to change his lifestyle and to accept more things than he is used to. The sunset in the Novel or book is used to describe how the little prince appreciates things we take for granted like the sunset. Due to the fact that he has so little on his planet because of the size he has to appreciate the little things he has in his life and on his planet. It states on page 16, "... how I came to understand your sad little life. For a long time your only pleasure was the sunset." The sunset to the Little Prince was much more than the sun going down it was a pleasure, fastening, incredible that something that fulfilled his life. The Little Prince is like this to the sunset unlike people in society because people know in day have what they want and don't appreciate because they can just buy another but the little prince can't buy. The little prince was alone on his planet with no one else to look for when he needed help. That why he cares and looks to the sunset to empower him or to help him when he is feeling low. It states on page 18, "You know when you are feeling very sad, sunset are very powerful." To a regular person a sunset could just be the sun going down and the end of the day but for the little prince the sunset is always there like if your parents were always there to support you when you feeling sad. But people don't learn to appreciate that because they have friends and other people to look forward to.

In conclusion, the universal theme "exploration" was explored in chapter six in various ways. It was explored by The Setting, Multiple Perspectives, and also by Symbolism. This is important because it shows that you have to explore and try new things sometimes to really appreciate what you have because in the end of the story the little prince found why he loves his rose so much and why he loves his planet so much too. We can relate to this because we have so much in life like our phones, family, food, clothes, and school. We take these things for granted a lot of the times yet they are some people without phones, family, food, or clothes. What if we explored what it was like to not have those things then only then will we really

appreciate what we have and own.