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## **The Place of Reading: THE POWER OF THE WORD**

*"You can never be wise enough unless you love reading."* **Samuel Johnson**

*"Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man."* **Sir Francis Bacon**

*"a man to be greatly good, he must imagine comprehensively; he must put himself into the place of another and of many others; the pains and pleasures of his species must become his own."* **Percy Shelley**

*"Nothing makes a man more relevant than a library."* **Sir Winston Churchill**

*"Leisure without human letters amounts to death, the entombment of a living man."* **William Fermat**

*"Literature is, to my mind, the great teaching power of the world, the ultimate creator of all values, and it is this, not only in the sacred books whose power everybody acknowledges, but by every movement of imagination in song or story or drama that height of intensity and sincerity has made literature at all. Literature must take the responsibility of its power, and keep all its freedom: it must be like the spirit and like the wind that blows where it listeth; it must claim its right to pierce through every crevice of human nature, and to describe the relation of the soul and the heart to the facts of life and of law, and to describe that relation as it is, not as we would have it be..."* **W. B. Yeats**

*"My aim which I am trying to achieve is by the power of the word, to make you hear, to make you feel, it is above all, to make you see."* **Joseph Conrad**