

The Endless Enigma

Student:

What can I do with a degree in anthropology?
My mother says that I should do accounting or psychology.
My father says that I should be a pre-med in biology.
What can I do with a degree in anthropology?

Prof:

I'm glad you asked.

Anthropology is a liberal arts degree:
It teaches you to read and to think critically,
It teaches you to write and to argue cogently,
If you want to learn to read and write and think, try anthropology!

What can you do with a degree in anthropology?
Your mother thinks that anthro is the same as sociology.
Your father worries you'll achieve the height of mediocrity.
But you can find success with a degree in anthropology!

Student:

But are there any jobs?

Prof:

Well of course!

Anthropology offers opportunity:
You can be a doctor or a corporate attorney,
You can work for justice and for world equality,
Doctors, lawyers, socialists all learn from anthropology!

What can you do with a degree in anthropology?
Your boyfriend likes the naked lady paintings in art history.
Your roommate thinks that econ is the path to great prosperity.
Buy you'll be better off with a degree in anthropology!

Student:

Wow, I never really thought about it, but you're right.

I want to do my degree in anthropology.
I don't want to focus on accounting or psychology.
No one said I have to be a pre-med in biology.
I'll do what I want to do, that's anthropology!
I'll do what excites me, that's anthropology!
I'll do what's important, anth-ro-pol-o-gy!