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Assignment 2 Summary

Malcolm X was frustrated by his poor expressive command of English. So he decided to teach himself in prison. Compared with Bimbi, a fellow inmate, Malcolm realized that he was short of knowledge. He started copying the dictionary from “aardvark”, the first word, to the last word. By transcribing the entire dictionary, he not only stoked knowledge that covered different spheres, but enabled him to understand what the book was saying.

As time went by in prison, he came into contact with black history. Gradually, he hunted in library for books that would inform him on details about that. Malcolm was shocked when he began reading about slavery’s horror. As his knowledge accumulated, he knew that the black people played important role in human civilization. What frightened him the most were that the most crime, the sin and the blood done by white man were almost hard to believe, such as slave trade among world’s black, brown, red and yellow people, controlling of China’s customs, and invading in India. After touching all the landmarks of philosophical development, Malcolm thought that the so-called Occidental philosophy was from Oriental philosophy.

From his own experience and stoked knowledge, he thought education was really significant in people’s life. Reading books was like a window to let people know what was happened in the world. What’s more, gaining knowledge was important for pushing civil rights. Malcolm encouraged American black man to think about his human rights and think of himself as a great people and use knowledge to change the unfair current situation.