

Essay Question: What is the most important lesson you learned while working at the theatre that you think will help you throughout your life?

Through my time at Galaxy 8, I have learned a number of critical skills when conducting myself in a business setting. These are traits that can be useful in future situations I may find myself in whether it be at school, work, or otherwise.

First and foremost, is the importance of professionalism. A major component of professionalism includes the ability to communicate effectively with both coworkers and customers. As the movie industry is a field that is solely centered on the experience of the audience, it is vital to provide both courteous and effective customer service. This includes adaptability, conflict de escalation, and general attentiveness. Throughout my time at the theatre, I have encountered constant scenarios in which sufficient communication helped me and my coworkers handle rushes, avoid conflicts, and allow our operation to run efficiently. Giving us the opportunity to provide the best possible experience for the movie-going audience. These are all skills that will help me going forward in life, and when communicating with people in any number of situations.

The next skill I have learned at the theatre is the importance of teamwork. In order for a theatre to function, there must be full cooperation and effort from all members of the operation. From concessionists working at the front counter, to projectionists maintaining the films being screened, all aspects of the theatre are crucial to providing an entertaining and fulfilling movie going experience. Teamwork is an ability which not only carries into an academic setting, but also professional and social scenarios I may find myself in throughout life.

Finally, I have learned the importance of reliability. Whether I am arriving at work, or attending classes, it is essential for a person to be dependable and always remain consistent in whatever role they may find themselves in. During my time at the theatre, I have always made a point of being extremely prompt when arriving for my shifts. This is a habit I have applied to my academics, and which I believe has led to me being a more productive and well rounded student.

In conclusion, all of these critical skills that I have gained during my time at the theatre can be summed up in one lesson: the importance of work ethic. This is a lesson encompassed by the attributes of determination, focus, and ambition. And which I should note have been continuously displayed and reinforced by both my managers and coworkers during my time at the theatre. Skills that will most certainly give me a solid foundation going forward throughout my professional life, college, and chosen career path of Mechanical Engineering.