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Life of Significance

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What a Significant Life is

A life of significance doesn't necessarily have to be a significant life. The reason I say that is because our economy has set a list of norms for us to follow. For Example, do good in school, get into a good college, get a great job ,and then start a family. That's the significant life for a normal person in the eyes of our world but, there are many different ways to have a significant life. People who have made big changes or led movements have made their life significant, People who have served for their community ,and People who have sacrificed their lives for others. All of those examples are a significant life, but In my opinion a significant life is whatever you choose for yourself. It's your life, make it significant to you.

When most people think of a significant life they think about having money, raising a family, and growing old together. Realistically not everyone is going to be a Famous leader or someone with a lot of influence but that doesn't mean your life is just automatically not significant. Your life is as significant as you make it. Raising children is probably the best thing a person could do. Our entire species survives off of having younger and stronger people taking over jobs once the old can't. Most people say there is nothing better than retiring and watching their children grow up and follow the same life as them.

Some of the most significant people to the public's eyes are the ones that have made themselves leaders, started a movement, or made a change. For example, MLK is a prime example of a significant life. He started the Nonviolent Civil Rights Movement. His involvement in the movement began during the bus boycotts of 1955. He organized and led marches for

African Americans desegregation and the right to vote. He dedicated his life to helping an entire race that's why he's one of the most significant movement leaders to have ever lived. In my opinion, Another example of a significant leader is Barack Obama. He became the first black president despite all the odds and then he started many things to help our country while he was president leading him to have a significant life.

Helping others and serving your community can make you feel good knowing you're putting in work for someone else's benefit. It can make you feel significant. Oprah Winfrey is a talk show host known for giving away a lot of money. She even gave away a car to everyone in her audience in one show. It's pretty obvious at this point that she's a very generous persona and uses her money for good. She created a network that raised over 80 million dollars, she built around 60 schools in different countries, supported women shelters, and funded over 200 homes. Overall she has been an amazing member of her community and many people look up to her and try to be like her. Having a following of people who look up to you and want to be like you is a powerful tool that you can only achieve over time and she has. Another charitable celebrity who is helping her community is Jami Gertz. She and her husband donated five million dollars to support black owned businesses. All of these people donate to help the less fortunate which makes them significant.

Members of society that give their life for others should be given the most recognition out of everyone on this list just because of the fact that they passed away a very significant life to let us have ours. For example the firefighters and policemen on September 11, 2001 during the Twin Tower attacks. Of the 2,977 victims killed in the attacks, 415 were emergency workers. Most knew they wouldn't make it out but they still ran inside to help others and that's why they

had a significant life. There are plenty of examples of people who have sacrificed their lives for others, but the most famous has to be World War II. Around 400,000 Americans were killed. They all lived significant lives and they were looked up to. Once again they knew they wouldn't make it back but they still fought for our country and our lives. Especially for the battle D-day. The men that died during the D-day battle knew that their chances were little to nothing as soon as they jumped off that boat.

The last way that you can live your life significantly is by doing what you think is significant. Living a life of significance isn't always about being a good person or sacrificing your life for others, it's what you want to do. If you want to do any of the things listed off in this essay it's what you should do. If you want to risk everything and move to some far away country you can. For example, after college I would really like to live somewhere in Italy for a while because it's what I want to do. I hope by the end of my life I feel significant

In conclusion, A life of significance is what you as a person make it. No one else chooses except you. In my opinion, the most significant people are the ones that sacrifice their lives for others. There's just nothing else more special you could do.