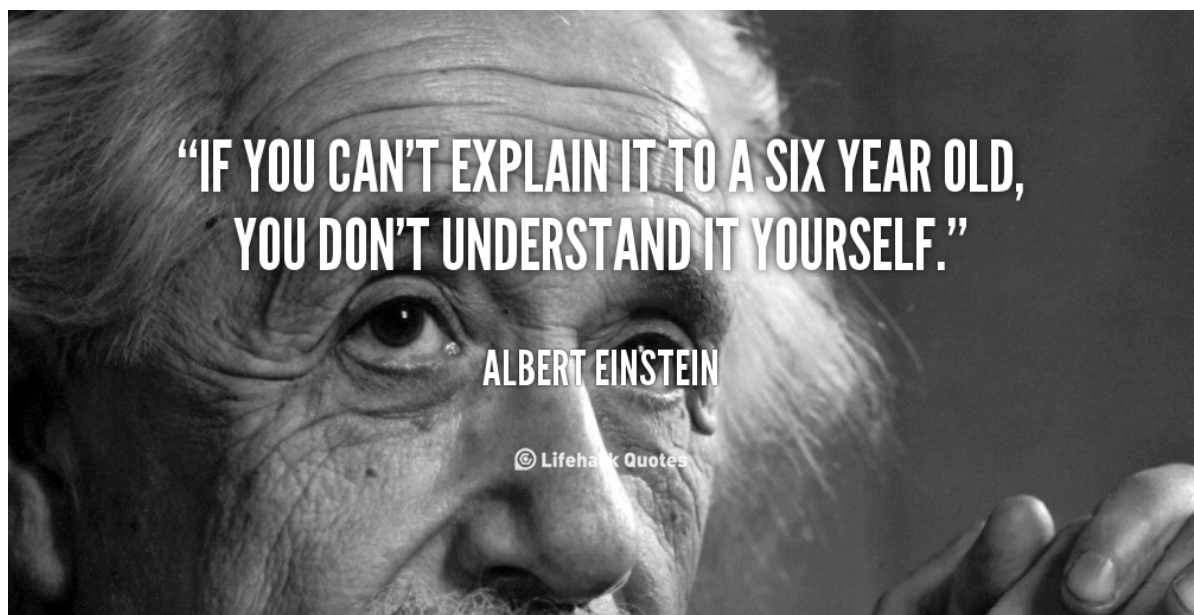


11 Life Lessons from Albert Einstein

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Simplicity

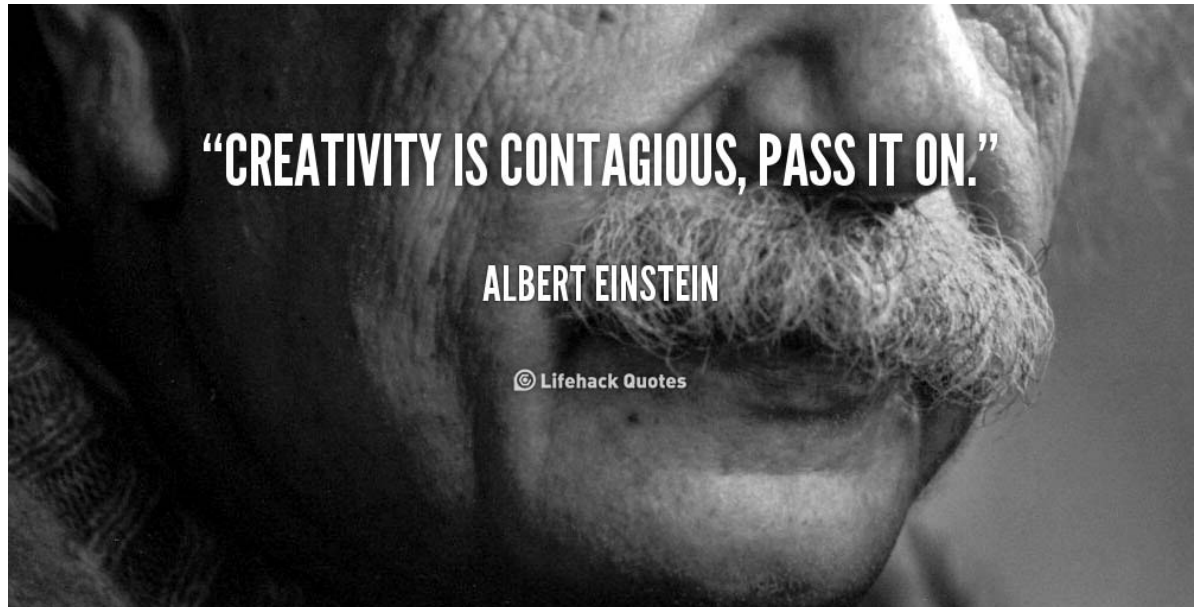
“If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself.” – Albert Einstein



The more complicated you have to make something seem, the more you do not understand the inner workings of it. Think about the best teachers that you have had in your life. Did they make even the most complicated topics full of vocabulary that you did not understand or did they make it easier to understand by simplifying?

Creativity

“Creativity is contagious, pass it on.” – Albert Einstein



Inspire others to do what they love. Use your creativity to create new works, and you never know what others will create. It's time to let your mind create projects and ideas that will have a domino effect throughout the world.

Hard Work and Failure

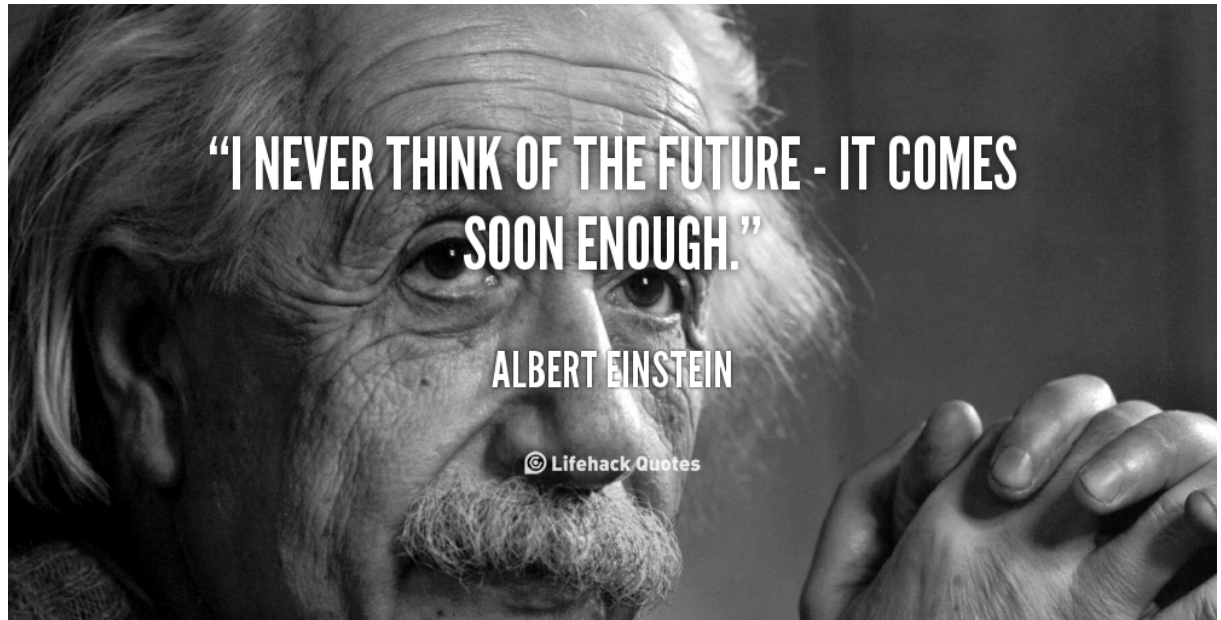
“The only sure way to avoid making mistakes is to have no new ideas.”
– Albert Einstein

“You never fail until you stop trying.” -Albert Einstein

Einstein spent most of his life working on physics theories- some never worked out and others we know today. You never know which one will work out, but persistence is key. You have to keep working hard and keep trying to solve your problem. Failure doesn't exist until you stop trying.

Live in the Present

"I never think of the future – it comes soon enough." -Albert Einstein



You are only guaranteed the moment that you have right now, at this moment. You can try to get yourself worried about the future and make plans that may not work out according to plan. What matters most is living now, today. Do your best right now and do not worry about tomorrow.

Be Unconventional

"I never made one of my discoveries through the process of rational thinking." – Albert Einstein

Everything great took a process of going outside of the box and doing something unconventional. If you continue to do the norm, then you are going to just produce normal, conventional results. Think differently, and you may find your answer.

Imagination

“Imagination is the highest form of research.” – Albert Einstein

“I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.” – Albert Einstein

Imagination is key. When you imagine something differently, you begin to share with others. People begin to see the world that you imagine. Together you can create and help each other. Take time today to daydream, imagine, and share your ideas with others.

Work Towards the Impossible

“Only those who attempt the absurd can achieve the impossible.” – Albert Einstein

If it seems ridiculous to others and you are willing to take the risk, then you are able to achieve the impossible. When you go beyond what others think is reasonable, an amazing thing starts to happen. You complete what was once an obstacle.

Value People

“We know from daily life that we exist for other people first of all, for whose smiles and well-being our own happiness depends.” – Albert Einstein

“Life isn’t worth living, unless it is lived for someone else.” – Albert Einstein

If you put people first, they will value you and look to you as a person who genuinely cares about others. Spend at least a few minutes out of your busy day being fully engaged with people without any distractions. Show them that you value them. Thank them and send compliments their way. It will not only make their day better, but they will appreciate it and remember what you have done for them.

Sharing

“Student is not a container you have to fill but a torch you have to light up.” – Albert Einstein

Share your ideas with others. You may light a spark that ignites someone to do what they have always wanted. If you just hold all of your ideas and knowledge to yourself, you are not helping others at all. What if you held the key that would solve someone’s problems, wouldn’t you want to share it?

Be Open to Learning

“Learning is experience. Everything else is just information.” -Albert Einstein

It’s the journey as you learn and not just soaking up all of the information. It’s fully diving in and learning that some things work and others do not. Learning is not a one-size-fits-all path, but your own customized journey.

Do What is Right

“Always do what’s right; this will gratify some and astonish the rest” – Albert Einstein

When you come to the fork in the road or if your consciousness is offering you a decision, always do what is right. You may feel that the other option will be easier or offer you more money, but when you know that the other option will allow you more opportunity in the future or is the right thing to do, then you have to do it. It’s not going out and choosing the easiest decision, but taking the time to follow your gut and do the right thing will keep you standing out from the crowd.