

## The Last Lecture

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### Introduction

Randy Pausch is a professor of Computer Science, Human Computer Interaction and Design at Carnegie Mellon University. From 1988 to 1997, he taught at the University of Virginia. He is an award-winning teacher and researcher, and has worked with Adobe, Google, Electronic Arts (EA), and Walt Disney Imagineering, and pioneered the Alice project. He lives in Virginia with his wife and three children. Randy Pausch has combined the humor, inspiration, and intelligence that made his lecture such a phenomenon and given it an indelible form.

### Tasks

Set goals: Really achieving your childhood dream  
Determine three life dreams  
Research: Cancer  
Define: The elephant in the room, Power of Enthusiasm, Fundamentals of Life, Brickwall  
Activity: Watch the Last Lecture on Utube  
Take Cornell Notes  
Write three questions about the video

### Process

Step 1: Choose Three Long Term Goals  
Step 2: Fill out a Time Log  
Step 3: Complete the Time Log Reflection  
Step 4: Complete the Time Management Questionnaire  
Step 5: Determine ten factors that prevents you from using your time effectively?  
Step 6: List five factors that could help you use your time more effectively.  
Step 7: Watch Last Lecture on Utube and take Cornell Notes  
Step 8: Self Analysis

### Evaluation

5 points everything completed turned in on time  
3 points everything completed  
1 point assignment turned in

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### Conclusion

Recognize that experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted. Brickwalls are not made to keep you out, they are made to see how badly you want something. Choose one quote and write a \$5 essay about how it affects your life today and in the future.

I chose Randy Pausch for a Time Management lesson because I feel he did an excellent job on connecting time management, childhood dreams, making good choices, and turning brick walls into a positive aspect versus a negative one. As AVID students I want them to understand that reaching goals is not an easy task and that they can not give up when things do not go the right way the first time. To be successful is more than just one chapter: Time Management or Organization, it is a series of several components that work together that drives a person to strive for their passions and not settle for anything less than what they love or respect most in life. Randy followed his dreams and he lived his life to the fullest to the very end. This is an excellent combination of everything AVID stands for: Advancement Via Individual Determination.

## **Standards**

## **Credits**

## **Other**