

# An Essay on Lunch

Humorous monologue by Samuel Stokes

*(Walks up to podium and clears throat)*

Good afternoon, fellow students, distinguished teachers, principal, etc. You may be wondering why I've gathered you all together today. There are many wonderful areas of learning for which we have received enlightenment in these hallowed halls of academia. I want to speak about the subject that has touched my heart, mind, and stomach, most deeply. I am, of course, referring to the subject of lunch.

Lunch – it's not even listed on my course schedule, but I have learned so much from lunch. The many textures and flavors. The nourishment and nutrients. I learned about the different food groups and the food pyramid in health class, but lunch is where we put this learning to action.

In fact, all of the other subjects we study in school find a practical application in lunch. In math class we learned to multiply and divide. At lunch, I put this knowledge to real world use by determining that if I buy 25 cookies with this week's lunch money, I will still have enough to buy a carton of milk, but I will not have enough to eat lunch for the rest of the week.

In lunch, we see social studies in action. There is a caste system that applies to lunch. All the sporty individuals sit at one table, the music people at one table, the academic nerds at one table, and the drama club people have their own table, and let me tell you – there is a LOT of drama at that table.

At lunch, we see scientific experimentation in action. The other day, Timothy created a new substance by mixing his green beans, fries, chicken nuggets, and milk into one mixture in the corner of his tray. Empirical observation showed that this mixture was absolutely disgusting and created noxious fumes that made everyone at the table want to throw up.

And lunch is also a place for exploring language arts. I have learned several words from my table mates that I never knew before. Many of them are not appropriate for class, but they have still served to expand my vocabulary.

And of course, lunch provides me with the energy I need to continue learning for the rest of the day, at least once I'm finished with my post-lunch nap. Thank you for your attention today. During my next lecture, I will discuss the aspects of my second favorite subject, recess.