**G**overnment and current events

**O**bservations and personal experience

**P**hilosophy and psychology

**H**istory

**E**ntertainment and pop culture

**R**eadings

**S**cience and technology

 *Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful. Yet there will*

*stretch out before you an ever-lengthening, ever-ascending, ever-improving path. You know you will never get to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb.*

~Winston Churchill, “Painting as a Pastime,” *Thoughts and Adventures*

Winston Churchill’s description of the process of painting suits anyone approaching a daunting task. Take a position on the value of attempting difficult tasks, particularly when there is a possibility that “you will never get to the end.” Support your position with personal experiences, observations, readings, and history.

Qualified Defense:

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