

Urban Connections Between France and the US

Social capital, a set of shared values supporting human vulnerability, provides resources to achieve realistic goals in the urban life journey.

In the urban life of trees, the urban life in France reveals the possibility of teaching French to college students in Miami. As a product of social capital, Marcus, who is a graduate of Sorbonne University, reflects on teaching French at Miami Dade College on a summer semesterly basis. As he understands this purpose in his teaching journey, Marcus discovers that the perspective of social capital in France allows him to reinforce the economic value of the US to avoid the possibility of a financial crisis if he had completed his academic studies at a university in the US. As a product of French-American culture, the perspective of social capital enables Marcus to prolong his teaching career at the college where he is recognized as an outstanding French teacher and is worthy of the college community. In every autumn season, Marcus returns to France to volunteer with a sense of belonging in the community that appreciates him. In France, Marcus has more volunteer experience than work experience, and the enthusiasm of his volunteer experience brings people together like the branches of a tree. More significantly, preserving the urban life in France and the urban life in the US are a long-term commitment for Marcus where his bilingual life is a long-lasting symbol of urban connections that reveal his real purpose in the urban life of trees.