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What do English Majors Do after They Graduate?

What do English Majors do after we graduate? Generally not what we had planned to do, I think. But, there in lies the beauty. Originally I had intended to forestall any solid decisions by going on to graduate school, telling people that one day I hoped to enter into editing, publishing, or some aspect of writing. However, graduate school turned into a one-year internship with an inner-city Christian missions organization and I began to wonder what I was going to do with a background in Shakespeare and Literary Theory in the inner city of St. Louis, Missouri. Resigned to a minimal use of my degree, I joined staff with World Impact – St. Louis and found that an English Major is more versatile than I had imagined. I have stepped into the role of overall writing coach, meaning that I help with part of the communications aspect of our organization by editing and by coaching the other staff, as well as writing for our various newsletters. Currently, I am working to build a creative writing program with inner-city youth, hoping to enhance their ability to communicate and to encourage their growth as creative individuals. I'm learning that words are a vital part of life, and to know how to use them is an invaluable skill that opens more doors than the limited title of "English Major" closes.