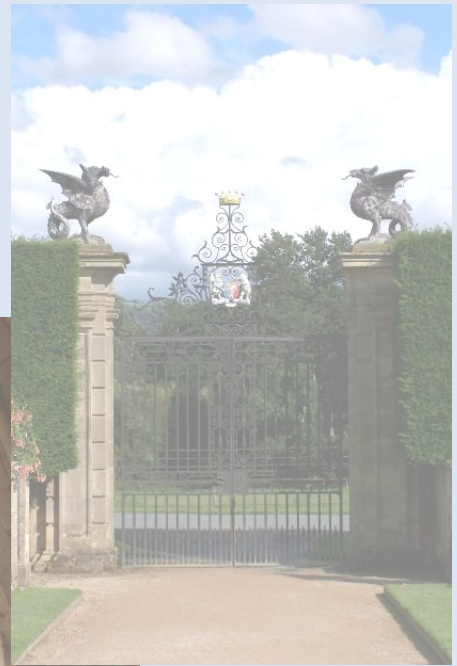


How else has Duchovny's degree helped him in his work? It has been scientifically proven in a study done by the University of Utah that "Brain pathways are made up of interconnected neurons," which means that the more you read something, or see it, or say it, the easier you will remember it. This is because you create pathways in your mind which get deeper and deeper the more they are 'used'. A key part of an actor's job is memorizing passages of script. English majors often memorize poems, passages from literature, etc. These correlate because in each instance the person is developing the same mental skills, even though they are being used in different settings.

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A Solution

There is an extensive amount of value in an English degree. As argued above, a degree in English develops you for work in any career because it builds up the skills of understanding human behavior, memorization, and effective communication. Each individual skill can be molded to a person and the career they are vested in. Students should not acquit their lessons in English class because they know they don't want to be a novelist. Even if you are convinced you do not want to be the next J.K. Rowling, the skills developed in English class open up many windows into the work place because, as Gorman said above, "It's like a gateway drug."