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**By Louie Marsh, 4-6-2025**

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**2) This suffering can impact my \_\_\_\_\_ life.**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ can I learn from this?

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