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Nostalgia Reflection

The voiceover in the film says of the Atacama Desert, “There is nothing. No insects, no animals, no birds. And yet, it is full of history.” Have you encountered other things or places that on the surface seem to be barren but in reality hold treasures? What did you learn from those places or things?

When I think of this, I think of the saying “don’t judge a book by its cover. “ This is a completely true saying. To the naked eye, the desert in this movie would just look like an endless dry plain of nothing but dirt, but some know the history that that desert contained. So you can’t be so quick to judge things. A good example is judging people. Many people will make their first judgment of someone purely off of how they look. It is almost built into the human nature. Just from looking at someone you have no idea what is going on in their life at the moment or what has happened to them. Then once you get to know someone and you make a different judgment on them, that judgment still could be not fair to make. Unless you know the persons background, there really is no room to judge them. You have to dig them up, see what is inside of them. Like the people were doing in the movie. They were looking for valuable pieces. Many people contain valuable qualities you just have to dig a little to discover them.

It really amazed me about the film that these people were looking through dirt and finding pieces of people’s bodies. They knew that their loved one was dead but they were still determined to find even just a piece of them. The one woman though did not want just a piece of her brother, she wanted his entire body. It’s hard for me to describe how I feel about that. I have no idea what it would feel like to be in their position. You wonder why they would want to find a dead person. I guess they just can’t think of the thought of their loved one being thrown somewhere in the dirt, not laid to rest properly. I really liked when the archeologist pointed out

the difference between them and the people looking for their loved ones. It is so true. At night they can sleep because they are just tired for a long day of looking for new findings, but for the people who spent the whole day looking for their loved one, they could be exhausted and still not be able to sleep. It just really makes you think about it and the truth behind that. So to the people who are searching for someone, that desert is far more than just miles of dirt. They could have someone special to them laying in the dirt, rotting, and they just want to find them and be at peace.