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Seeing is Believing: Opinion Essay

Think about this... If someone were to tell you that they saw people flying ("The People Could Fly") or that they saw themselves in different dimensions ("Another Place, Another Time"), you probably would think they are crazy, right? I would. I would want to be able to see it for myself. If they could not show me then I probably would not believe them. I think that seeing *is* believing and I have reasons to support my opinion.

When I was younger, I believed the craziest things like once I watched a scary part in a movie. It had monsters in it and made me believe that there were monsters hiding in my room like under my bed. As I grew older, I realized that it was never real because I haven't seen one. Instead of being scared like that again, I will need to know that what I'm afraid of is real not like a fictional fear that doesn't exist.

In Chalk Art, he drew out pieces of art with chalk that used perception that made people think that what they were seeing was the real thing or reality, but it wasn't. In other words, it was an illusion. In "The People Could Fly" it said that slaves flew away and the ones that were left told the story of what they saw. They passed it on to their children and the children that believed the story was true passed it on to the others. If the story was told to me, I would not believe it and I'm not the only one who thinks this way.

If you were to watch a magic show and the magician made something appear or disappear some would say it is "magic" but I disagree. The magician is only using illusions to make it look like it is actually happening. He tricks us into thinking that what we are seeing is the real thing. There is a way of making people believe that it is magic but there are others that don't believe it.

In conclusion, illusions and "magic" are just some of the many reasons why I have my opinion. Our mind can easily be tricked into thinking that what we are seeing is real when it isn't. I believe that seeing *is* believing.

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You are in the back seat of your parents car when you see a motorhome cross in front. You wouldn't think there was anything to worry about would you? Then you see a large deer in the middle of the road. The motorhome just started crossing the road and you see the deer freak out because there was a car coming at it. My entire family saw a very large deer jump over a huge motorhome. The deer just ran away after and jumped into a open field. I had know idea what just happened because it was so shocking. My entire family was so shocked that a deer could jump over the motorhome. We all thought it was fake but we all saw that it was real. I don't even think the people knew that a large deer jumped over their motorhome, they didn't see it because it jumped over the middle of the motorhome. So this is why I think seeing is believing because I saw a large deer jump over a huge motorhome and I didn't even think it was real but it was.

My first reason to support this claim is, when you touch something in reality and you can feel it you would believe that it is there because, you can touch it. In the story "Another Place, Another Time" Gilbert saw a bunch of other versions of himself riding on hand cars too. Gilbert believes he can jump on another handcar to see if he can get to his dad when his dad was still alive. Gilbert believes that all the other hand cars are there, so he can jump to the one next to himself and get to his dad in another dimension. Gilbert does believe seeing is believing, because

he sees other versions of himself on other hand cars and believes he can jump to another dimension to get his dad.

My second reason to support my claim of seeing is believing is, an illusion like with magic tricks. If a magician is showing you a magic trick of making a coin come out of your ear. The reason you think something actually did come out of your ear is because your mind tricks you. All magic tricks are, is a illusion seeing is believing because if you were to actually see that the magician that, had something in his hand before the magic trick. You wouldn't believe he actually took it out of your ear, because your mind says he did, because is not a normal everyday thing you would see. That makes seeing is believing because the magician didn't actually show you anything so you wouldn't believe it if you saw it originally but if you could feel it you would believe it was there.

My last reason to support my claim, is seeing is believing is perspective. When we looked at the picture showing someone falling in perspective. If you looked at it in one perspective it might of looked like someone was falling. If you looked at the same thing but at a different perspective, it might look different and it might not look real. In the picture of the person falling it looked like there were steps there and it looked like the guy was falling. When you went over to a different side of picture it didn't look like the guy was falling because it was at a different perspective. It's the same with is seeing believing you might of believed that they were actually steps, but at a different perspective it wouldn't look like, it would look fake. That's like seeing is believing because if you see it at a different perspective you wouldn't believe it's there.

My counter agreement is if you see something you believe it's there don't you? If you can feel it and touch it you would believe it's there. If you can't touch it or feel anything it is most likely is not there or you would believe it's not there. When you touch and see something do you automatically think it's real? I mean yes you could be imagining it but when you can go up to it and feel it you know it's there right? These reasons are why I believe seeing is believing.

My conclusion; All these reasons I put are the reasons I believe seeing is believing. I believe this because of the deer jumping over the motorhome, illusions, perspective, and the short story "Another Place, Another Time". I believe this because of those reasons especially because of perspective and illusions. I agree that if you see something you can trust it's real.

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Have you ever seen an alien, Santa, or The Easter bunny? At one point in your life, you have probably believed in one of them, but you have never seen them. You saw the presents left under the Christmas tree on Christmas morning, which means you probably believed in Santa from the presents "he gave you". You never had to see Santa, The Easter Bunny, or even the Tooth Fairy, but you believed in the stuff they did for you like giving you presents, candy or even money to wake up to in the morning. You didn't have to see the fictional characters to believe them, that's why I believe seeing is not believing.

Perception can have huge effect on the way we see the world. Sidewalk Chalk art by the artist Julian Beever, is all about perception. It's the way you see the art that makes it look like an illusion. One person might see something from one point of view and another person could see it from another spot and see something completely different. In Julian Beevers art, the art looks 3D at a certain angle, while if you look at it in another angle, it won't look 3D. People will have different opinions on the same topic just by their point of view or perception on something. We can think things are real by our perspective but, sometimes our point of view can deceive us by seeing something that isn't there. This goes along with seeing isn't believing because, you can see something, but it's not always reality. It's all about our perspective and how we see things.

Another reason seeing isn't believing is because you don't always have to see things to believe something. There are events that occur that makes you believe in something you necessarily didn't see. In the folktale, "The People Could Fly", the people who saw the slaves fly told stories to their children, and so on. They told the stories from generation to generation, each generation would "believe" the story. They might not have believed the part where the people actually flied, but they might have believed that they could be free from whatever they were trapped from. They knew they could be free from whatever by the folktale they heard, and they didn't have to see to know they could believe.

Some people might say, that if you see something with your own eyes, it's real. Not everything you see is real because, it can be an illusion that tricks your mind. You could see something that was an illusion but wasn't real, and you can go thinking the wrong thing your whole life. Also, you don't always have to see to see things to believe it, like the Tooth Fairy or Leprechauns.

Seeing isn't believing because you don't always have to see things to believe it like Santa or aliens. You also can't believe things because that you see because of perception. Lastly, you might see something that isn't there because of the illusion of the mind. So, the next time you see something, don't always believe it, because it can be tricking your mind.

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Is Seeing Believing?: Opinion Essay

Imagine you are in the movie theater. You are watching your favorite movie in 3D.

The smell of buttery popcorn is around you and you are sniffing at it when BOOM! A missile just flew out of the screen! Is it real or is it just a perception of your reality? I think seeing isn't believing and here are some reasons why.

Perception is the way you perceive, or look, at something. Everyone sees things differently because people like to challenge your perception. For example, in the story Pavement Chalk Art by Julian Beever, he creates an image that makes you challenge what you are seeing. In The People Could Fly, retold by Virginia Hamilton, it tells you about how people tried to use perception against others so that slaves didn't get hope. They did this by saying it was a trick of the light, which challenged their version of reality. This brings me to my next subject about reality.

Reality is what you believe is real. This can be based upon something like religion. In my religion, I pray to God. When I do this, I can see him while others who don't believe in him can't. He is in my version of reality. Who can forget about Santa Claus? He is a make believe character who brings you the presents you want and does everyone believe in him? No, because everyone has a different version of reality. There is also aliens, unicorns, the tooth fairy, the Easter bunny, and more that change your version of reality from everyone

else. This means you don't have to see these things to believe in them- seeing isn't believing.

An illusion is something that is created to change your perception. An example of this is watching a 3D movie. Three-dimensional items or images are created to change your perception and create an illusion. If a missile zooms by you from in a screen, you are looking at an illusion. When you look at one of the pavement chalk arts, you are looking at an illusion that changes your perception and version of reality.

Many times people will say that seeing is believing. They say that they have to see something to believe it or what they are seeing is real so they revolve their version of reality with what they are seeing. They think the missile popping out of the screen is actually there because they don't take illusions into mind. Many people don't believe in Santa or God because they don't see them.

You don't have to see things to believe in them. You always have to remember people are going to try to challenge your perception so you have to take into consideration that what you are seeing just might be an illusion. That is why I believe seeing is not believing.