

George's current life in "A Summer's Reading" is marked by idleness, lack of accomplishment, and limited opportunities, as he has dropped out of school and has no steady job. His existence feels unremarkable and unsatisfying. In contrast, George aspires to a life filled with success, purpose, and respect, where he is educated, employed in a respectable job, and admired by his community. This contrast highlights his dissatisfaction and desire for change, though he struggles to take meaningful steps toward achieving his dream.