

CIVILIZATION AND EDUCATION

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James question that fills my mind most often is the following: Why can't I get employment? This question evokes in me a lack of self-confidence and self-worth. I am haunted by an overall feeling of uselessness. My other problems center on trying to cope with the bureaucracy of the Employment Bureau. Once I get to the Employment Bureau, I stand in line to sign up. I then wait in another line to which I must report. Once I go through all of this, I am sent out for job interviews, only to find that the employer wants someone with more experience. To top everything off, I had to wait almost six months to receive my first unemployment check. As you can see, there is often a

frustratingly long delay in receiving benefits. My family and I have suffered through many problems because of my unemployment.

- **bureaucracy** - бюрократія
- **evoke** - викликати (спогади)
- **silken** - філейна частина (туші)
- **tuition payments** - плата за навчання
- **confusion** - плутанина, збентеження
- **haunt** - часто відвідувати; з'являтися (про привиди)
- **delay** - затримка

Questions about the reading

- What is the main idea of this paragraph? What is the main problem of unemployment?

Writing Assignment

- Write a paragraph on how a particular job or certain types of jobs can have negative effects.

words and ideas are almost impossible to define. Robert Solomon shows that a definition can express a great deal about a phrase that has no conclusive, final meaning.