

## Medical Education and the Humanities

We define “humanities” as creative literature and essay, art, and music. Given that context and your experience thus far in medical school, please respond to each of the following statements.

Question	Response				
	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Agree Strongly
1. I am likely to turn to the humanities to help me understand my experience in medical school.					
2. The humanities can effectively help us understand physicians, patients, and the culture of medicine.					
3. The humanities should be a core component of the medical school curriculum					
4. The humanities are an effective method to foster empathy in medical students and physicians for both patients and colleagues					
5. The humanities are a useful way to help me expand my understanding of the experiences of doctors and patients.					
6. The humanities are useful in helping me to pay attention to variations in language, tone of voice, and point of view that occur in doctor-patient encounters					
7. The humanities are a useful tool to explore personal feelings evoked by illness experiences and the doctor-patient relationship.					
8. The humanities are helpful in improving my understanding of myself as a student-physician					
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9. The humanities are helpful in improving my understanding of myself as a person.					

How many non-medical books do you read in a year?

Briefly describe your experience with creating or performing in the humanities.