

ASSERTION ESSAY WRITING:

What is Education?

Choose one quotation below to read and respond to. Write an essay explaining the extent to which you feel this principle applies to today's educational world. Use appropriate and specific evidence from readings, experiences and/or observations to illustrate and develop your position. Reference at least two readings from this unit (does not need to be a direct quotation). Essay should include a plan; it can be typed or handwritten.

1. The principle goal of education in the schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done. -- *Jean Piaget, 1896-1980, Swiss developmental psychologist, philosopher*
2. An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't. -- *Anatole France, 1844-1924, French poet, novelist*
3. Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. - *Nelson Mandela, 1918-2013, South African President, philanthropist*
4. The object of education is to teach us to love beauty. -- *Plato, 424 – 348 BC, philosopher mathematician*
5. The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education -- *Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968, pastor, activist, humanitarian*
6. Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school. *Albert Einstein, 1879-1955, physicist*
7. It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. -- *Aristotle, 384-322 BC, Greek philosopher, scientist*
8. Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work, and the power to appreciate life. -- *Brigham Young, 1801-1877, religious leader*
9. Real education should educate us out of self into something far finer – into a selflessness which links us with all humanity. -- *Nancy Astor, 1879-1964, politician*
10. Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. -- *William Butler Yeats, 1865-1939, Irish poet*
11. Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. -- *John Dewey, 1859-1952, philosopher, psychologist, education reformer*
12. Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.-- *George Washington Carver, 1864-1943, scientist, botanist, educator*
13. Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught. -- *Oscar Wilde, 1854-1900, writer*
14. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows. -- *Sydney J. Harris, 1917-1986, journalist*
15. Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one. -- *Malcolm Forbes, 1919-1990, publisher, politician*

16. No one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure. – *Emma Goldman, 1869 – 1940, political activist, writer*
17. Much education today is monumentally ineffective. All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants. – *John W. Gardner, 1912-2002, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare under President Lyndon Johnson*
18. Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another. – *Gilbert K. Chesterton, 1874-1936, English writer, theologian, poet, philosopher*
19. Education is the movement from darkness to light. – *Allan Bloom, 1930-1992, philosopher, classicist, and academician*
20. Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know. – *Daniel J. Boorstin, 1914-2004, historian, professor, attorney*
21. The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values. – *William S. Burroughs, 1914-1997, novelist, essayist, painter*
22. The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives. – *Robert M. Hutchins, 1899-1977, educational philosopher*
23. Education is all a matter of building bridges. – *Ralph Ellison, 1914-1994, novelist, literary critic, scholar*
24. What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the soul. – *Joseph Addison, 1672-1719, English essayist, poet, playwright, politician*
25. Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. – *Malcolm X, 1925-1965, minister and human rights activist*
26. The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education. – *Plutarch, 46-120 AD, Greek historian, biographer, essayist*
27. The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home. – *William Temple, 1881-1944, English bishop, teacher*
28. Education is the leading of human souls to what is best, and making what is best out of them. – *John Ruskin, 1819-1900, English writer and philanthropist*
29. Education levels the playing field, allowing everyone to compete. – *Joyce Meyer, 1943-, Christian author and speaker*
30. Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten. – *B.F. Skinner, 1904-1990, psychologist, behaviorist, philosopher*
31. The great end of education is to discipline rather than to furnish the mind; to train it to the use of its own powers rather than to fill it with the accumulation of others. – *Tyron Edwards, 1809-1894, theologian*
32. Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength of the nation. – *John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963, 35th President of the United States*
33. Education is like a lantern which lights your way in a dark alley. – *Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, 1918-2004, President of the United Arab Emirates for 33 years*
34. Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or self-confidence. – *Robert Frost, 1874-1963, poet*
35. My mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance, but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors. – *Maya Angelou, 1928-2014, author, poet*