

Education makes us happier people

What's your favorite teacher? For me, it's Mr Lee. Ever since I first walked into his classroom, I was completely enthralled by his teachings. From his magical books to our entertaining discussions, I still wish I was back in that classroom. Now, I'm stuck with boring Ms. Parker, who won't stop talking about her favorite burger restaurant! I honestly don't know why I'm even at school if I'm not even learning! Have you ever stopped to think about why we have school or why we have homework? I know I have (especially with Ms Parker). Well, anyway, according to a study done by ResearchGate, education is key to happiness. And school is teaching you what you can do to make you happy.

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First, I will tell you about what the current situation is around the world, then move on to discuss the issues, then I will present a few solutions, until finally, concluding and summarizing the speech.

So, what is the current situation regarding education? Why is it so significant? There are three major components that make up the importance of our education: education makes us happier, it leads to a better future, and it gives us knowledge of life.

education and its relationship to happiness: As writer Michael Haederle of Michigan State University writes, people with more knowledge of education are shown to have a higher chance of achieving their career and income goals. By that point, it leads to having a happier life. Therefore, as a result of gaining more knowledge and higher education, it is much more likely that people will earn their dream jobs, leading to a much higher chance of a happier life. That being said, not only will a solid education lead to a happier life, but it will also lead to a more successful future! As an article published by Ulrich Boser of The Learning Agency corroborates, people with higher education have higher incomes and have a much higher probability of being employed. In fact, to be more specific, he writes that "Improvement in reading and writing skills could spark an \$11,000 increase in annual salary." This shows us how education is much needed to have a successful life.

Aside from this, another benefit of education is that it can give us more knowledge in life. For instance, jabaker finds that receiving an education allows people to make good decisions, understand hard/complex ideas and concepts, and also help solve problems. Therefore, education can help people solve problems, which will instantly lead to a feeling of satisfaction and happiness. This involves critical thinking, which schools train your brain to grow.

So now that we've covered the three benefits of receiving an education, I want to now, introduce the problems that come along with the school system.

One of the significant problems regarding the education system right now is the lack of access to it. According to Desiree Buitenbos, more than 250 million children are not in school in the status quo. The fact that these children are unable to attend school is unjust in its own right, but it is even worse when considering the fact that these children will also suffer in later life as a lack of education can take a toll on their ability to access higher-paying jobs.

Another problem is that the education system is too expensive. According to a universal study, Education in Canada is around \$20k annually. And that isn't including all the supplies like food,

water, markers, clothes etc. This shows how expensive school can be WITHOUT the supplies, which impacts many families who can not afford to send their children because of these fees. Lastly, another challenge is mental health struggles in school. As the Calgary Institute of Counseling finds, there are many mental health challenges in school, starting with anxiety, depression, and stress, and some victims of these challenges end up committing suicide. This shows how cruel school can be, and it only goes to show how counter-intuitive it is that school comes with many health issues, even though the whole purpose of learning is to be happy, especially later in life.

Despite this, what can we do to tackle these issues?

Well, one way is to implement Adult Programs, in which we go into other countries with a lack of access to education and teach them stuff you would learn in schools. For instance, UNESCO provides global and regional leadership in education and strengthens education systems worldwide.

Another way is for the government to pay for more scholarships so school is more affordable for those wanting to learn. On another note, these people can get to enjoy school and be able to learn at the same time!

Lastly, I believe that allowing students to submit feedback on their classes and school could make learning more fun as the students will gain more liberties.

In conclusion, education is important for everyone! Helping us reach our goals and live better lives. There are still many, many more problems, but by solving these issues: no education, expensive education, and mental health challenges with what I have said we can help more people enjoy learning. Just like Einstein once said, "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."

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#### FEEDBACK:

- Personal example for hook
  - QUICK! What's your favourite teacher? For me it's Mr/Ms/Mrs \_\_\_\_\_. Ever since I first walked into his/her classroom, I was completely enthralled by their teachings.
- Add Transition words
- Cite sources (according to...)
- Give more specific examples
- Don't be repetitive
- Make sure to talk with more expression and emphasis
  - Emphasize any transition words (eg. however, that being said, therefore, etc)
  - Emphasize any big numbers
  - Emphasize any main points or ideas
  - Be excited to talk about your topic (enthusiastic!)

- You can add facial expressions and hand gestures

VIDEO TO REFERENCE FOR SPEAKING STYLE AND STUFF 😊

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