Abstract

Education is an inherent part of every society, dating back to the beginning of recorded history. It plays an essential role in developing the skills and knowledge base of future generations, as well as helps to shape the goals for a community and its people. That said, the purpose of education and what is expected of elementary educators in our current world seems to be up for debate. The public, teachers, and society at large all have their own opinions, not to mention how our needs for society shift with each changing decade. By delving into works by education philosophers, reformers, and researchers and applying these definitions to my own personal experience with education, I attempt to define education’s purpose in the context of our modern world.

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