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| What is the purpose of school? | What do you like about school? | What do you dislike about school? | What are the most important things taught in school and what are they important for? |
| * Learn and get a job * Gain wisdom for later * Focus on math/science * Learning social skills with peers * Learn responsibility * Gain greater picture of outside world * Faces you with increasingly greater challenges * Not really about learning for the real world, but about responsibilities. * Develop interests * Gradually increase responsibility * Reduce number of idiots * Build foundational skills, deal with stress, complexities of life as you go up in school * Provides over-protected environment, limited freedom of speech. * Specific facts not used, but get used to switching tasks and learn new work. * Importance of work * Doesn’t develop social skills because limited interaction * Interacting in productive formats | * PE, lunch, friends, bus * Value talking with friends about important things. * Choice in electives. * Nothing * Creative expression * Ability to express yourself * Discovering what you like | * Everything * Homework load * Unclear structure * PE right after lunch * Neutral * Tests and quizzes too frequently * Learning for temporary memorization * Copying notes * Handwriting * Tests – not real world | * responsibility * need more arts emphasis * teaching yourselves to work harder * time-management * discipline (through consequences) * Elementary most important time * Depends on what you want to be * Need variety * Socialization * Able to present and communicate effectively in a variety of contexts * Tests – need tests for certain jobs (police officer tests, teacher tests, post office, lawyers, etc.) * Interview skills * History is not important * History is something you can learn from; helps you understand perspectives * Friendship is a myth; you don’t learn it in school, just make temporary allies * History builds understanding and pride in US * Need more balance in testing * Application of skills is important because you will need to adapt in world * Presentations show deeper understanding. * Some jobs require memorization and preparing. * Learn more from parents than teachers. School helps learn how to use main skills learned at home. |