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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.
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