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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? |
| * Government system to educate students for success in society * Prepare students to live on their own and get a job * Try to learn * School designed to prepare kids for outside world, but now learn some things, but it over-shelters you * Gives you overview so that you can start to specialize later and make more choices * Elementary and Middle prepare you to make career path choices. * School helps you adapt to real world situations; doesn’t guarantee you success * School leads to money * School is just about grades. Should be about adapting to world. * Used to be about getting a good job/profession in industrial age, but now not working that way as much * Gives you technical knowledge you need for careers | * More choice as you go on in school * Introduces you to different cultures and helps you respond to different situations * 5 days on and 2 days off * Vacations, but should spread out more to make people want to go back to school more. * Socialization * Routines introduced; gives purpose for actions * Diversity helps you explore ideas * Collaboration * Homeschools do organize interaction but public allows you to interact with many peers in many different contexts * More diverse ideas academically from public schools than homeschools * Strict curriculum that gears you toward profession | * summer vacation is too long and should spread out vacation * hard to switch from summer mode to school after time off * not enough chances for real-world applications * Math is pointless, calculators work most things. Just don’t see the point. | * Don’t learn a lot of the basics like value of money. * Freedom gradually introduced. * How to deal with people * Deal with your time * Core subjects not most important thing; discipline, time-management, etc. are * Sparking interest from activities (exposure to new things) * People skills very important with current social networking context. * Collaboration * Tolerance * ELA/Science are two most importance b/c communication skills/presenting ideas and science because everything around you * Science not important because I don’t need to know mass of a pig or a why a ball falls down. I know it falls down. That’s all I need. * Teaches you can’t always have what you want * Need math “calculators are only as smart as people using them”. Computers too. * World would stop advancing if everyone thought core subjects weren’t necessary * Grades important because motivate and put pressure on you. * Students who have problems with grades have problems with motivation. * Grades make school separate and function like society. |