

## Why Education is Important

Influential, exalted, and brilliant. These are three words that describe the greatest universities in the world. The University of Cambridge, Oxford University, Harvard, Berkeley, Yale, and the Imperial College of London fall into the category of the world's best schools. These colleges are all very prestigious schools that only the finest students go to. Some kids, myself included, have the hopes and dreams of going to one of these universities someday. But, we can't possibly get there however, without a good education. This journey of learning begins in pre-school, and continues through elementary, middle, and high school. You may think that where you are in your schooling doesn't really matter right now, but every step of the way counts on the road to be a successful individual.

Education plays a vital role to a productive, good life. It improves the value and excellence of one's life as well. "How so?" you might ask. Well, a good education eradicates poverty. By getting a college degree, you are able to get satisfying job that pays well. Because of your salary, you will be able to afford a good home, clothing, food, and other necessities of life.

Having a degree also comes into play when wanting to be a good parent. Studies have shown that mothers who have gone to school have healthier, better-nourished children, who are most likely to succeed. Also, women who go through school and go to college marry later, have fewer kids, and have improved parental care. Education augments the ability of families to handle health problems. It opens

people up to numerous opportunities, and isn't that what every parent wants for their children and themselves? Studies have also shown that education is the most valuable and efficient weapon against HIV, AIDS, and other diseases. Schooling also helps prevent the risks of trafficking, labor, and sexual abuse of children.

Education motivates self-assurance and provides us with the things we need to partake in today's world. It makes us more independent and aware of what is going on in the world today, along with the awareness of opportunities and rights. It offers a greater understanding of one's capability and potential as well.

As you can see, education is an essential element to a successful, happy life. There are so many more opportunities that open up for a person that has a college degree. I have every intention on continuing my schooling after high school. I furthermore intend on getting a well-paying, enjoyable job. I only have one chance to grow up, so why not do it right by giving back to my community, country, and world? I know it may be a lot of hard work, but don't you think getting a good education pays off in the end?