

Classroom Activity

Ideas about Education

This activity is designed to present students with the opportunity to discuss what education means to them

Objectives:

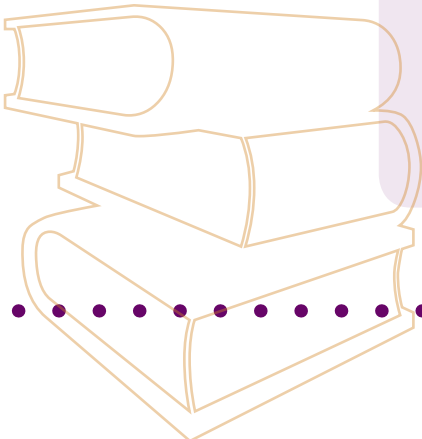
- To expose students to ideas about education
- To think about the benefits education has brought to their lives and of the wider society they live in.
- To encourage students to define their own ideas about education

Materials:

The quotes pages – cut into individual quotes for each group of pupils.



Write the following categories on the board:



Freedom and Democracy
Prosperity and security
Health and happiness
Community

Procedure

- 1 Arrange students into four groups and give each group a set of the quotes.
- 2 Get them to look at the quotes and see how many of the categories on the board apply to each quote.
- 3 Each group should then work be assigned a category from the board and spend time discussing how education benefits or affects that category. They can then spend time discussing how these benefits overlap into the other categories.

Further Activity

- 4 When they have a list of benefits they could work on producing a 'mind-map' of how a lack of education would affect this category (see below), so they can explore for themselves the knock-on effects of educational deprivation on society. They can make these colourful and expressive and attach any images, drawings or photos they can find

It takes a village to raise a child.
African proverb

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.

Alvin Toffler

Education is the transmission of civilization.

Ariel and Will Durant

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.
Malcolm Forbes

Education is not solely about earning a great living. It means living a great life.
Brad Henry

It is the duty of the State to educate, and the right of the people to demand education.
Edmund Barton

The aim of education is the knowledge not of fact, but of values.
Dean William R. Inge

Education: a debt due from present to future generations.
George Peabody

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
Nelson Mandela

All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of societies depends on the education of youth.

Aristotle

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.

H G Wells

We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own.
Ben Sweetland

Example mind map – work out from main circle

