

My Philosophy of Education

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Education is a fundamental principle in society and exists in many forms. A persons education effects all those around him and even the status of his country and community. Philosophies of education are set In place to adjust to different learning and teaching styles. Not every one person learns the same. Not every one teacher teaches the same. The philosophies of education are the basic blueprint of how education functions in a society. It is important to pay close attention to an individuals philosophy, so one can better understand how they learn. These philosophies look into the minds o the students who are learning, and into the minds of the teachers who are teaching them. Philosophies are the developmental stages by which students learn. These philosophies develop the psychological analysis of education.

Existentialism is a philosophy that stresses the importance of the individual. The emotional commitment to living authentically. Existentialism is all about free choice and the student to be able to make his own decisions. This philosophy emphasizes the individual choice over the importance of traditional methods of learning. Jean Paul Sarte claimed that, "Existence precedes essence." Oh how much he is right. When it comes to a student in a classroom, the key is to let him make up his own mind. Let him learn his own way. Give him his own choices in learning. He has the right to believe what he wants to believe. In a real democracy, the key is to make sure that all live in a world with independent thought. People are born, and they must define themselves to become individuals. They must control their own thought and mind processes to develop

character. The choices of an individual effect that individual for life. They make themselves who they are. Everyone is unique and need to develop their own thoughts and believes. Choices in life make sure that a democracy doesn't turn into a dictatorship with mindless robots. Free choice, belief, and power give the students the rights to be who they were meant to be.

Teaching is an important aspect in education. The teacher is the main function of education. A bad teacher is equivalent to bad students. They can either have a positive effect or a negative effect on students. Teachers need to know how to exercise Existentialism. Learning is the next step. Everyone has to be positive about learning. Learning is the only way one can acquire knowledge. Learning your own way to solve a problem is better than trying to solve it using a complicated traditional way. Short cuts that lead to the same answer can always be beneficial. Learn how one wants to learn, not as a teacher tells one to learn. Students need to learn how to use their minds. They need to learn how to make decisions for themselves and have their own beliefs. If students can effectively walk away and understand the idea, then they are off to a great start. Students need to take initiative and be themselves. They are who they are. They should learn the way they feel comfortable with. They should also be very supportive with each other in that journey. All students are different and learn in different ways. They should learn that that is okay. Knowledge is power. If students can acquire the correct knowledge, and use it effectively, then they are going to be successful. The power of an education can come very handy in a society with all different social classes. It is the easiest way to rise from the bottom to the top. Best way to meet that is by acquiring knowledge the way one sees fit and listening to their own consciousness.

The use of Existentialism can best be seen in Ms. Farran's class is when the students are allowed to work on their own and with each other to acquire the knowledge they need. Some students best work alone. While others, best work with a partner. Right at this point in the game, even in a first grade classroom, the students are learning to acquire knowledge on their own. It is really nice to see when a student is confused and says, "This is confusing, there is no way that is possible." When a student like that makes a statement like that, it is the proof of a great democracy. Some students like to listen to music when they work. Others, can't stand it. When the teacher tells the students to go back to their desk and figure it out, it shows how the learning is leaning more towards Existentialism. The only problem is it is only a small step in this philosophy and really isn't all that much. Existentialism can only be seen when a student is asked to make his own decision about the problem which is commonly done in Ms. Farran's class.

In conclusion, Existentialism is an essential philosophy to education because it gives the student a chance to be themselves. It focuses on the individual and strays away from the traditional robot. It encourages people to be who they want to be. Existentialism is essential to forming the individual. Existentialism is the ideal philosophy that leads to the greatest minds of all time. The men, and women, who changed the world. The people who have real educations. The people who invent the cures for diseases, and invent new things, The idea of Existentialism can cause the next doctor to find the cure for cancer. Giving students a choice and a say says a lot in a Democracy. If all education in the United States switched to this philosophy, then we will have a great education system again. Until then, let me be me, you be you, and let the teacher

be the teacher. When this happens, history cant be changed and reality will kick in. Existentialism should be exercised by all education across the globe to ensure that education holds up to its bargain. Educational standards and achievement can be changed in just one simple step: Existentialism.