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School: The Story of American Public Education Webquest



Go to the website: <http://www.pbs.org/kcet/publicschool/index.html>

Objective: explore the changes in American public education and consider the future of education as it connects to the field experience.

Directions: Review each of the sections and identify key points of interest as requested.

Home Page:

Complete the opening statement, "America's noble experiment-

In a paragraph write a personal reflection of what this means to you and to your experience as a student and future teacher.

Roots in History:

What are some of the responsibility of education debates?

What are hot issues in today's public school?

Choosing or Losing? The School Choice Controversy:

What are some of the issues pervading public school?

What are “stakeholders” and how are they essential to the development of public education?

Explain both sides of the Debate of School Choice.

Write a personal reaction/reflection response to the section titled, “Larry Cuban, Historian.”

Speaking of Learning: Bilingual Education:

Why is there such controversy and debate about viewing America as a “melting pot” versus those who view it as a “mosaic of peoples?”

What is bilingual education and why was it introduced?

Explain the debate regarding Bilingual Language:

Measuring Up: Tests, Curriculum, and Standards:

Explain the significance of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993.

Explain the basic positions about educational trends with regard to tests, curriculum, and standards.

INNOVATORS- For each innovator listed click on their name and write a short paragraph about their significant part in the history of American public education.

Horace Mann

Catherine Beecher

John Joseph Hughes

Booker T. Washington

Ellwood Cubberley

Albert Shanker

John Dewey

Jose Angel Gutierrez

Linda Brown Thompson

Deborah Meier

E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

EVOLVING CLASSROOM – FOR EACH OF THE COMPONENTS DESCRIBE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE THEN & NOW.

Bells

Heating

Blackboards

Homework

Books

Lighting

Discipline

Pens, Ink, and Paper

Flags

School Lunch

Furniture

Slate and Slate Pencils

Testing

Technology

PHOTO GALLERY

LOOK THROUGH THE PHOTO GALLERY AND PICK 5 PICTURES/IMAGES AND DESCRIBE YOUR REACTION TO THEM AND HOW IT PORTRAYS AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION.

DESCRIBE PICTURE 1

DESCRIBE PICTURE 2

DESCRIBE PICTURE 3

DESCRIBE PICTURE 4

DESCRIBE PICTURE 5

USE THE TIMELINE LINKS TO CREATE A TIMELINE (on the reverse side of this paper) OF POINTS YOU FOUND SIGNIFICANT OR OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, DESCRIBE THEM AND WRITE 2-3 SENTENCE REACTIONS WHY YOU SELECTED THEM.