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The Role of the Liberal Arts in a College Education

The Earthly Use of a Liberal Education

*By: Barlett Gamatti*

1. *In your own words, how would you explain the attitude of mind the author believes is necessary to become liberally educated?*

I believe one has to pursue knowledge, explore it and create it, for no one but for his personal sake. The author is very insisting that individuals must think for themselves and pursue new ideas from it. He is very passionate about his desire of everyone being able to think on it’s own and for their own.

What is an Idea?

*By: Wayne C. Booth*

1. *Did Booth’s explanations of ideas and opinions suggest any qualities you would like to have as an educated person?*

Don’t take ideas for granted. Ask further questions and compare against another one, having relations and connections with other readings and between ideas and create arguments against or in their favor. Try to constantly improve and increase your personal knowledge. Be a self-learner where there is no necessity of someone else telling you what you are doing right or wrong but create you own judgment of yourself.

The Liberal Studies

*By: Carey W. Brush*

1. *Have the purpose of the liberal arts changed over time? How? Or why not?*

No. The study of liberal arts has not change in the sense that this studies prepare the individual with faculties for their everyday life learning experiences. The student develops a power for reason, judgment and imagination, used if learned well during his entire life.

The Purpose of Liberal Education

*By: Henry Rosovsky*

1. *What challenges to education does the current knowledge explosion pose?*

One of the many challenges of education nowadays is that the things learned specifically in a career are often forgotten and will never be applied in real life. People are not aware of their education, they go to school in order to obtain a degree and have a job that will make them unhappy the rest of their lives, because they have not been thought to use their mind and their own personal understanding for things. They don’t appreciate what they are being though they just want the easy way out and expect that life will receive them with excellent job opportunities that will make them successful forever. What they have not realized is that you can be successful wherever you are if you know yourself, know your standards and your own set of values that will help you become an integrated person.