

TOPIC 1-SEATWORK 1

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1. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE:

- A. EDUCATION
- B. CURRICULUM?

„Education ... is the kindling of a fire.” – Socrates

To educate students is to prepare them for their adult life, when they have to find a job, take care of themselves, have a family and have to take care of others, and be an active citizen in a society.

Curriculum is the means of education. For a very long time the important aspect of the curriculum was „WHAT”. In the 21st century however, there has been a shift from this to „HOW” and „WHY”.

2. GREAT PHILOSOPHERS LIKE ARISTOTLE AND SOCRATES BELIEVE EDUCATION IS A LIFELONG PROCESS. DO YOU AGREE WITH THEM? EXPOUND YOUR ANSWER.

I couldn't agree more. I teach 1st graders for example, and probably some of them will work in jobs that don't even exist yet. Our world is ever changing, and those who stop educating themselves in their field for too long will fall behind, and if they don't catch up soon, they will be left behind. There is constant competition among people for better, higher paying jobs, and only those stand a chance of getting them (or even just to stay employed) who constantly educate themselves to become better professionals.

3. WITH THE EXPONENTIAL GROWTH OF KNOWLEDGE, AS A TEACHER, HOW DO YOU CONTINUE TO EDUCATE YOURSELF? EXPLAIN.

My attending this course is a very good example of how I continue educating myself. Besides, there are lots of opportunities online to hone one's skills. I did my TEFL course for example in online format, because where I live there are no other TEFL courses. It allowed me to do my studies in my own pace, to review anything anytime that was not clear, thus it provided the flexibility I couldn't even have gotten in an in-school course.

In the future I will attend educational seminars, like the one STIC organised. Apart from this, there is constant opportunity for improvement on the job, too. Peer review and feedback from a supervisor is always a great chance to learn more, to reflect, and develop.