

Essay Topic: Education

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

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” Mahatma Gandhi

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.” Margaret Mead

“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learnt in school.” Einstein

“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.” Aristotle

Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

Education is a bridge from misery to hope

“Education is the manifestation of perfection already in man.” Swami Vivekananda

Education that does not mould the character is absolutely worthless. – Mahatma Gandhi

To educate a person in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to the society – Theodore Roosevelt

The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” - Martin Luther King

“You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation.” — Brigham Young

Essay Topic: Science and Religion

“All thinking men are atheists.” Ernest Hemingway

“The notion that Science and Spirituality are somehow mutually exclusive does a disservice to both.” Carl Sagan

“Science without Religion is lame and Religion without Science is blind” Einstein

“What can be asserted without evidence can be dismissed without evidence.”
Christopher Hitchens

“Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.” - Martin Luther King

Essay Topic: Democracy

“The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.” Churchill

“The tyranny of a prince in an oligarchy is not so much dangerous to the public welfare as the apathy of a citizen in a democracy” Montesquieu

“The ballot is stronger than the bullet.” Abraham Lincoln

“There cannot be daily democracy without daily citizenship.” Ralph Nader

“I understand democracy as something that gives the weak the same chance as the strong.” Mahatma Gandhi

“Democracy is not law of the majority but protection of the minority.” Albert Camus

“In a democracy, the individual enjoys not only the ultimate power, but carries the ultimate responsibility.” Norman Cousins

Government exists for the interests of the governed, not for the governors.” -
Thomas Jefferson

“The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.”
- Plato

Essay Topic: Materialism/Consumerism/Environment

The Earth does not belong to us: we belong to the Earth

“The world has enough for everyone’s need but not enough for everyone’s greed.”
Mahatma Gandhi

Water and air, the two essential fluids on which all life depends, have become global
garbage cans

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.

We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.

Essay Topic: Peace/Justice

“When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.”
William Gladstone

“Peace and Justice are two sides of the same coin.” Eisenhower

“Poverty is the worst form of violence.” Mahatma Gandhi

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the
final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and
are not clothed – Eisenhower

The greatness of humanity is not in being human, but in being humane.”

“There was never a bad peace or a good war.”

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

War does not decide who is right but who is left.”

The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

- Loka Samasta Sukhino Bhavantu
(Let the whole world be prosperous and peaceful)

Essay Topic: Judiciary

Yatho Dharma Thatho Jayaha: Where there is justice, there is victory.

Essay Topic: Corruption

As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in remaking the world but in remaking ourselves - Mahatma Gandhi

Confucius - Righteousness is the foundation stone of peace and good governance.

Buddha - Dharma is the foundation stone of good governance

The worst disease in the world today is corruption. And there is a cure: transparency

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

Essay Topic: Caste

The caste system is opposed to the religion of the Vedanta. Caste is a social custom, and all our great preachers have tried to break it down. —Swami Vivekananda

Conclusion Phrases

Gandhiji's Talisman

- Sarve Bhavantu Sukhina (May all be Happy)
Sarve Santu Niramaya (May all be without disease)

//Sarve Bhadrani Pashyanttu (May all have well-being)
Maa Kaschit Dukh Bhagh Bhavet (May none have misery of any sort)//

- Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
(Whole world is one family)

(Asato ma Sadgamaya) From unrighteousness to righteousness

(Tamaso ma jyotirgamaya) From darkness to light

(Mrityorma Amritgamaya) From mortality towards immortality

- Sarva Dharma Sama Bhava – [Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Vivekananda]
All religions are equal. - first used by Mahatma Gandhi in 1930 in Harijan

Seva Parmo Dharma
Service, in our Indian ethos, is the ultimate duty

Satyamev Jayate

Ahimsa Parmo Dharma

Quotes by Mahatma Gandhi

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.”

“An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.”

“First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win”

“Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment. Full effort is full victory.”

“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from indomitable will.”

“The good man is the friend of all living things.”

“Intolerance is itself a form of violence and an obstacle to the growth of a true democratic spirit.”

“The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

“Violent means will give violent freedom.”

“There is higher courts than courts of justice and that is conscience.”

“To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonesty.”

“A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks, he becomes.”

Essay Topic: Hunger

Hunger is actually the worst weapon of mass destruction. It claims millions of victims each year."

"There are people in the world, so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."

Essay Topic: Privacy

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Essay Topic: Free Speech

Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear

I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it. – Voltaire

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls

Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit

Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake