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The Value of Education

Throughout history, humans have evolved through education. Greek Philosophers evolved our culture through math and sciences due to great names like Pythagoras and Aristotle. Later, the Romans built upon these ideas of math and architecture by building great structures that still stand today. This is the reason why the Roman Colosseum is still a wonder of the world more than a thousand years later. It is safe to say that Roman ideas were greatly influenced by Greek ideas that they then improved upon. It is also safe to say that throughout the course of history, humans have been improving upon ideas that have been passed down from civilization to civilization. Education is learning ideas and studying creations that have been created by past and current civilizations.

The value of education is being allowed to improve upon these ideas. Right now, kids are being educated about the pythagorean theorem, Aristotle's experiments, and the great legacy of Rome. By learning these ideas, people can see them and figure out how they might improve upon them, creating a legacy of their own to pass down from generation to generation. A perfect example of this is Nicolaus Tesla. By learning about him and what he had studied, people have been able to make electricity work incredibly fast and effectively. Then being able to use electricity effectively allowed the electric car to be made. This electric car cuts down on the burning of fossil fuels, helping the planet. The tesla coil was the beginning, followed by improved electrical systems, ending with an eco-saving car that is based completely off of electricity.

Another boon to education is the ability to learn from mistakes made by those before. Without learning these skills and ideas, humankind would be prone to making the same mistakes over and over again. If it wasn't for this, humankind would not have been able to advance as a society because mistakes would always hold the next person back. This is why learning the mistakes is just as important as learning the solutions. One of the mistakes that we have been able to correct over the course of human kind is our quality of hospitals. It was not until WW2 that nurses and doctors began washing their hands and cleaning their tools. WW2 was also the first war to have more people die to battles and wounds than diseases. Another strong example of improvement is the Ford Pinto. The Ford Pinto was a dangerous combination of cheap and quickly produced that led it to take many lives. Today through education, car companies now know not to make shortcuts because it might save lives.

Through higher education I wish to use the tools given to me to do something great. I don't quite know what I want to specifically be yet, but I know that I want to be something that

helps people. Whether I am a doctor, or an engineer, or a scientist, I want to be somebody that helps others, and leaves a legacy. I want the next generation to learn from my failures and improve upon my successes so that society can advance. Through education, I can achieve that ability and through education, I can teach others that ability.

Throughout history education has been used to do incredible things. Whether it was used to pass down an idea or pass down a failure, I wish to do great things with it. Education is the passage of ideas throughout time that will help society in the future.