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Introduction

Education is the mean that dictates the way people think, feel, and act. An educated person is the person who thinks, acts, and feels according to the expectations of the community. An educated person has the knowledge on the expectations of the community and has the appropriate skills, values, and behaviors. In order for a person to be educated, he or she must undergo the process of learning. It is the process in which human beings acquire new or modify existing knowledge, skills, behaviors, and values. Learning involves the synthesis of different types and pieces of information. A person can gather information needed for the learning process through many ways. To be educated, one can gather information through listening to other educated people, observation, or reading. Among the different ways to acquire knowledge and get educated, reading is the most important. Therefore, in order for a person to be educated, he or she must be a reader. The aim of this essay is to argue that if one wants to be educated, he or she must read.

In order to be educated, a person needs to gather a lot of information from many sources on different issues. An educated person should have the knowledge about most of the issues and factors that affect human life. The fields include environment issues, technology, fashion, and other social factors affecting interaction between people. An educated person needs to have the knowledge on the current matters of the world. Most of the information a person needs to be educated is in written mode. To obtain such information one must read different sources like newspapers, web articles, books, journals and many other written materials. To get the information from this numerous written sources, one must be a reader (Mayer, 2001).

There is no education without reading. A person cannot claim to be educated if he or she is not a reader. Reading skill is one of the components of education (Mayer, 2001). If a person does not have the reading skills, then that person can never be educated. Also, a person cannot do even every day life

things if he/she is not educated. For example, all new home and office appliances come with written instructions of use and an educated person should be able to read the information and use the appliance in the right manner. Being able to read the instruction simplifies the life of a person. A person who cannot read such instructions does not qualify as educated. It is not possible for a person to be educated without reading skills just like it is not possible for a vehicle to be without wheels. The vehicle needs to have wheels to attain all the requirements of being a vehicle. A vehicle without wheels is useless, as it cannot move, in the same way a person does not attain all the requirements of being educated if he or she is not a reader. A person cannot even get an education if he is not a reader.

Some other people argue that other forms of attaining information are enough to obtain and sustain the knowledge. These people argue that a person can obtain knowledge, and thus be educated through observation and listening. These people argue that, even in the very old days, when people did not have the ability to read or write there were people who were educated (Armstrong, 1979). Whereas it is true that one can obtain knowledge through other ways apart from reading, these ways are not enough. It is also true that in the old days educated people did not have the reading skill. In the old days, the community members needed to interact only among themselves and few people with the same methods of life survival. In today's world, an educated man needs to communicate with people all over the world. There are new things in the world each day, this is the reason the today's man needs reading skills to be able to cope with the world today. If any person is not up to date with the current issues, then that person cannot be educated.

Conclusion

In order to be educated, a person must be a reader. Whereas there are many ways to obtain knowledge and become educated, reading is arguably the most important. Some people say that other ways of obtaining knowledge is enough to be educated, but this is not the case considering that most of the information today is in writing form. Therefore, the conclusion is that in order to be educated, one must read.

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