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What is the Purpose of Education?

Defend, challenge, or qualify the following quotes on education. Be sure you write an argumentatitve paragraph for each quote. Your paragraphs should all include a topic sentence/claim, evidence, and commentary.

Example paragraph:

The idea that "imagination is more important than knowledge" sounds nice, but isn't true. For example, you can have an expansive imagination, but do nothing with it. A person sitting on their couch imagining stories and ideas is pointless if there is no action taken in response to those imaginings. It is through knowledge of the world and the understanding of how things work where ideas come to fruition. For example, your imagination can produce dazzling stories, but without the knowledge of how to present those ideas on paper via writing, or how to produce a film to convey those concepts—you have nothing. In short, imagination is a great thing, but it needs to be used in tandem with knowledge in order to produce anything tangible and valuable.

Quote #1: "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."

Albert Einstein

Quote #2: "Education is not the filling of a pale, but the lighting of a fire."
William Butler Yeats
Quote #3: "Education is not merely neglected in many of our schools today, but is replaced to a great extent by ideological indoctrination."
Thomas Sowell

Quote #4: "Education must provide the opportunities for self-fulfillment; it can at best provide a rich and challenging environment for the individual to explore, in his own way."	•
Noam Chomsky	
Quote #5: "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." Mahatma Gandhi	