

Schooling vs education

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Schooling vs. Education—The Battle Continues Mark Twain did indeed say the words, " I never let my schooling interfere with my education," but what exactly does that mean? One cannot simply put a definition on these words—it's not in Webster's—there is no definition. One can however, conform this statement to his/her own thoughts, and when we, as human beings, do so, numerous meanings are derived, which causes for multiple explanations and infinite interpretations. There is a vital difference between schooling and education, as Twain believed. This vital difference sometimes goes unrecognized, which creates the battle between the two. The battle is this: many people allow schooling to interfere with education, so many people are trying to slide through school with just schooling...in a way ignoring the education part. Obviously this cannot work if one desires to be successful and knowledgeable in life. Schooling is " the big picture." Schooling includes everything that a typical student does throughout his school career—more or less, it's a routine: getting up; going to school; sitting through class; writing notes; sending text messages; eating lunch; doing homework; going to football games; screaming at basketball games; cheering the team on; going to prom; going to parties—all these school-related activities, and everything that is a triggered action of being at school is schooling. Education is the " hands on" part of schooling or the " serious" part. It is the application of the things one is taught and the things one has learned. This is where many students go astray. It is simply not enough to go through school with just schooling, allowing education to be swept under the rug. There has to be some median, a place where the two come together and are balanced. When this happens, the battle ends, and the triumph to a successful and

intellectual life begins. I can confidently say that I have won the battle. I am similar to Twain in that I am able to differentiate between schooling and education, and I don't let my schooling interfere with my education for that reason. I know that in order to be successful in life, there must be a balance between schooling and education, and I maintain that balance—my "routine" has its "serious" moments. I know that applying what I have learned to real world situations and problems will get me further than just going along for the ride. I go through school with my routine, but my routine isn't quite enough to get me where I want to be in life. For this reason, I must apply my knowledge and use it to my full capacity; I must be taught and learn from being taught, not only learn, but also use the principle of learning and apply it—that my friend, is education that has not been interfered with by schooling. Schooling is just as important as education though. Life would be pointless if it were all about education and not at all about schooling. Schooling is the backbone of a student—it prepares the student for the challenges he will encounter as he goes through life; it provides for a routine, something he can always count on. Having a routine is extremely important to a student because it is a bridge to the other side, the other side being both education and the real world. Schooling is there to assist students to education—the routine is a pathway to the gate of education—it opens the door. It is also a simulation to the real world and what is soon to be encountered. Think about it, schooling is a routine—everything that is school-related, and everything that is a triggered action of school; in the real world we have routines that we follow and these routines are the backbone of our lives. This is why schooling is so vital to a student, but this is also why

a student cannot allow his schooling to interfere with his education—he would only have a backbone, no meat covering it. The interference of schooling on education is a battle for some—some will never have any meat to cover their backbone. I, however, am able to apply what I have learned to real world situations, and I know that it is not enough to just learn something and not apply it to life. One becomes successful by application and processes, and this is why I have been successful and will continue to be successful in life. Over the years, I have been able to shape a thick, sturdy backbone, and instead of meat being torn off like it normally is, my backbone has a continual growth of meat that keeps getting juicier. I have the desire to be an intellectual and successful person whom others look to for guidance because I have meat on my bones. This is why " I never let my schooling interfere with my education."