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## Importance of Education in the Novels of Charles Dickens

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### Abstract

Education entails a change in a person's way of living and the growth of that person to enable him to choose the most appropriate solution to a problem at any given time. It is one of the more tangible sources of knowledge and information. A well-educated person is competent enough to use a variety of technologies. A good education can help people achieve their goals in life and grow personally and nationally. We can battle injustice with the aid of education. Our intellect and capacity to reason are

improved through education. Writing emails, letters, typing messages, reading periodicals and newspapers, or even using a smartphone, makes communication simple.

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## **Introduction**

The Latin phrase Educare, which means to teach, train, or extract knowledge, is where the word education first appeared. Everyone's life depends greatly on their education. Education is a fundamental human right. Everyone benefits from its independence and empowerment. It helps us become autonomous. It gives us a successful career, a fulfilling lifestyle, a high social status, and self-assurance. Additionally, it improves our health, fosters economic development, fosters societal peace, eradicates poverty, eliminates gender inequality and discrimination, advances the rights of women and children, establishes good government, eradicates corruption, and does many other things. It is true that educated individuals contribute to an educated society, which in turn contributes to an educated nation. Only a nation with a high level of education can advance. We must also keep in mind that education entails more than just learning facts from books; it also entails learning things that will make you a better person. Nelson Mandela said, "**Education is the most potent weapon which you can use to change the world,**" in reference to the importance of education.

People with education enjoy living in a clean, fresh atmosphere. Thus, they contribute to maintaining nature. A person's education plays a crucial role in their lives. Education is what enables us to become morally upright people and advances society. Through education, we not only acquire new knowledge but also pass on knowledge from earlier generations to the present. "**Education is a power and makes a person powerful.**"

In this way, we can conclude that education is crucial for the development of both the individual and the entire society. You can learn about the entire world and have a foundational understanding of civilization. You learn more about many religions, statistics, and other things. Education aids in the empowerment of women, enabling them to speak out in society against injustices done to them.

## **Why do we learn?**

Education alters people's thinking by removing negative concepts and introducing positive ones. Our parents strive to steer our brains towards schooling while we are young. They take great care to enroll us in a reputable school in an effort to give us a solid education. We become more civilized and better people as a result of education. It aids us in obtaining a higher standing and occupation in society.

Learning is the process of gaining new knowledge and skills. A structured system of learning is education. The cornerstone of knowledge is education, which is also a key source for norms or principles for resolving various social, commercial, or governmental issues. We can effectively understand the current advancements in our fields thanks to a range of formal education.

## **Importance of Education**

Today, there is much more emphasis placed on education. As a result, someone needs to be given a fresh start. A person's education should enable them to get familiar with their environment. The key to all of us having a good future is education. Because education allows us to gain information, talents, and many other things, it aids in a person's total development. Education plays a major role in a person's attitude and personality. The importance of education in determining one's level of success in life cannot be overstated. People's mentality and behavior improve as a result of education. So, educated people are more sane and composed.

Dickens disagreed with the way the school changes were carried out but did not question their motivations. Dickens acknowledges in a letter to Henry Cole, the government's secretary of science and art that Gradgrind has "reason and good intention in....all that he does -but...he overdoes it" (Dickens 283). Since there was no publicly funded public education system in place when Dickens wrote about Gradgrind's school, *Hard Times'* detractors pointed out that Dickens' protest was "in anticipation of some change in the.... education system," wherein young people's creativity is suppressed in the name of efficiency (Sinnet 331).

Dickens depicted the mounting resentment of the oppressed people that culminated in an uprising against the industrialism that was in power. Gradgrind's facts-based ideology had demeaning impacts on society since kids were seen as empty vessels in need of information, or just facts. This kind of schooling ruthlessly destroys the children's innocence, flair, and imagination.

The author also discovered a connection between novels and education because books may be used as teaching tools. The relationship between moral principles and education is that education is a lifelong process that starts with a child's socialisation and lasts throughout an adult's life. Informally, through relationships with family and neighbours, and formally, through formal education. Moral education is significant for students because it helps them develop a feeling of responsibility.

Zarva highlights the following characteristics of Shevchenko's narrative that lend themselves to the genre of an education novel and, consequently, to the enlightenment prose: anthropocentrism, "appeal to the childish and youth years as the period of formation of the heroes' spiritual world," the idea of the necessity of truthful labour and training, education, the good of science, and emphasis on the role of literature as an important means of people's education and upbringing" (Zarva 46-47).

In the story "The Gemini," Kharina also points out elements of an educational novel, including the portrayal of the ideal hero, a clear contrast between positive and negative characters, educational promotion of knowledge, love and respect for the job, a focus on upbringing issues, and the introduction of the mentor image (Kharina 28).

### **Importance of Education in Rural Areas**

For residents of rural places, education becomes increasingly crucial. Because everyone in India, from the cities to the villages, needs to be educated for the country as a whole to thrive, So that everyone has access to quality education, numerous government programmes are being implemented to support the school system in rural areas. There are numerous advertising aimed at rural residents to highlight the value and advantages of education.

## **Need of Education For Bright Future**

For all of us to have bright futures, education is crucial. Education increases a person's chance of finding employment. Moreover, it enhances verbal and written communication. Those with higher levels of education are more likely to succeed in life because they understand the value of self-control and time management. All significant family, social, and even national and worldwide issues can be overcome with education. Nobody can deny the significance of education in all facets of life.

Education-wise, it should be noted that Plato held the opinion that the human soul is divided into three parts: intellect, will, and lust. This classification states that the child has to be educated and watched after in advance because they have not yet attained perfection in any of these areas (Brasil, 2005). Aristotle believed that human grace, a quality that the infant has not yet attained the fullest degree of perfection in, is superior to that of other intelligent animals.

Today's education system, particularly colleges and universities, sees the same pattern in the ranking of a student's professional decisions depending on the level of value society places on the career route. This is similar to Dickens' depiction of the class system as hierarchical. For instance, many institutions of higher education are getting rid of their humanities programmes in order to concentrate on the more socially dominating professions like engineering, law, and medicine. Students' opinions are frequently constrained by the pressure to choose the job that will fit them better in society, yet this ideology also inhibits personal development by preventing the application of new knowledge and even fresh perspectives.

## **Challenges Related to Education**

The secret to bringing about the societal transformations that education will make possible is communication. An entirely new set of skills are needed to keep up with the growing dematerialization and digitalization of economies, which is essentially what education for a new generation of students must do. Another significant difficulty is connecting research and industry with education. Another difficulty is changing the educational system to account for regional differences.

The idea that education has the capacity to dehumanize people by elevating student experience is not a novel one; in fact, literature from the last century has presented several thought-provoking views on education. These viewpoints, however more harsh in terms of social deprivation, see education as a tool for industrial socialization rather than as a means of empowerment and social equality. Dickens' Coketown classroom may seem like an extreme example of how education is presented in the modern age as being purely functional. Beyond the rhetoric of education, it is debatable how much modern education has actually changed.

The absence of educational resources actors acquire is not a random occurrence; rather, it is an organized phenomenon that is built into the arena of residence. But, if a person has access to adequate education, he or she will undoubtedly prevent injustice and oppression from happening to him or to those around him. Mrs. Joe's greatest concern in keeping Pip from experiencing the world of education was that the story's main character would grow up without receiving an education.

Education has always been viewed favorably as being pleasant, hopeful, and useful. While the institutions serve as a social control mechanism. The development of technology in the modern era has given education systems additional dimensions. Many attempts have been made in the past to improve educational standards. India is a multicultural nation with one of the most varied educational systems in the world. The Indian accreditation bodies have developed a number of measures to make the educational system comprehensive. In India, higher education institutions are essential in advancing high standards of instruction in a variety of fields.

Dickens and his characters deal with financial problems. The teaching environment should be like this. It is true that in today's world, money plays a significant role in education, but only in the form of tuition, living expenses, food, and books. The education and training of actors cannot ever be replaced or purchased for money. We strongly advise anyone who believes that education is expensive or too expensive to try being ignorant. We erroneously believe that knowledge is a true power.

According to the NEP 2020, a holistic and multidisciplinary education would seek to develop all human potential, including moral, intellectual, aesthetic, social, physical, and emotional. In addition

to developing well-rounded individuals with critical 21st century skills in the arts, humanities, languages, sciences, social sciences, and professional, technical, and vocational fields, such an education will also foster an ethic of social engagement, soft skills like communication and debate, as well as a rigorous specialization in one or more fields.

Education attempts to equip students for the challenges they will face in the future. Education's overarching purpose is to cultivate civically minded individuals who can recognize right from wrong. The full, diverse development of human individuality must be ensured. Hence, education equips you with the ability to distinguish between good and wrong. The problem for education policy is to ensure that the next generation is not left in the dark once they have completed their schooling.

### **Impact of Education**

Those with education know the difference between a good and a bad leader for their nation. A well-educated person not only achieves success but also strengthens the country. The skills of reading and writing are taught in education. The first stage in school is to learn to read and write. Education enhances and honed a person's communication. All of the world's top leaders, scientists, physicians, and engineers are educated individuals. Technology development and innovation are aided by education. Education contributes to significant advancements in technology, medicine, and weapons. A beacon of light in the night is education.

This article examines various parenting and educational methods used in the book to see how they affected the kids' conduct and personalities. David and Agnes both received a decent middle-class education and upbringing in terms of schooling. The value of adequate education and socialization, as well as a private, caring bond between the child's guardian and them. As neither of them received a decent middle-class education, they were unable to develop the kind of close, loving relationship with their parents that would have allowed them to become independent and mature adults.

## Objectives of The Study

This study's main goal is to examine how education affects society in the modern world. The study also discusses the key elements of education and examines how they relate to the complex environment we live in today. The other goal of this research is to ascertain the truth, generate fresh ideas, and enhance comprehension so that we may communicate freely and stay up with the times.

## Research Methodology

This study is descriptive in nature. The required secondary data was gathered from a number of websites, including those run by the Indian government, magazines, journals, and other publications. To draw inferences and draw conclusions, this data was evaluated and reviewed.

## Conclusion

Every person has a fundamental right to education, so everyone should pursue it to fully understand all of life's major facets. The government is undertaking many attempts to improve education levels among all demographic groups. In order for everyone to gain information and prosper in life, numerous government schools have been established in various cities. The only thing that has no drawbacks is education; you gain nothing while pursuing it. It is both the sole key to success and the entrance to prosperity. I therefore want to say, "**Educate your child; educate the world.**"

Dickens berates the deficiencies of modern educational systems. He is in favour of creating a learning atmosphere that gives pupils the flexibility to examine their culture. It is necessary to reevaluate pedagogical approaches to take into consideration individuals rather than huge student bodies in order to improve educational systems and enrich society. Making recommendations for how education should change is simple. Implementing this shift and raising the bar, however, take time. Change is reasonable, but it must also be seen as a process.

Transitions take time. It necessitates cooperation. It demands patience beyond all else. Even if perfection may never be attained, we should always work to enhance education so that kids grow up to be thoughtful, intelligent, and socially conscious members of society. Instead of relying on a new

education policy for a change in curriculum every ten years, this will enable the educational system to continuously reform itself. The level of poverty we see in India is a significant barrier to this educational system since the underprivileged believes that working is more important than attending school. People need to be inspired to adopt a different perspective.

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