

Goals of Formal Education



Listed below are eight possible goals of formal education. Rank them from **1** to **8**, with **1** being the goal you think is most important and **8** being the goal you think is least important.

When you have finished ranking the goals, reflect on why you ranked them as you did. Make notes about your reasons in the spaces provided.

A. Promotes proper conduct. Society is held together by proper conduct. Education must teach us to be honest and upright human beings.

Reason: _____

B. Teaches skills for working. We are happiest when we know that we have done a competent job. Education should teach the skills we need to work productively.

Reason: _____

C. Is a value in itself. Learning is valuable for its own sake. In learning there is wisdom.

Reason: _____

D. Builds the family. The family is the most important unit in society. Education must help us become capable and responsible family members.

Reason: _____

E. Fosters responsible citizenship. All citizens must pull together to build our country. Education should teach us to be informed, civic-minded, cooperative citizens.

Reason: _____

F. Enables us to make money. In our heart, most of us simply want to be comfortable and have the good things we deserve. Education should help us make money and be successful.

Reason: _____

G. Passes on religion. Religion is at the core of all life. Education should pass on the faith, traditions, and practices of a given religion.

Reason: _____

H. Enables free choices. We must be free in order to make choices. Education should teach us how to make intelligent choices in all areas of life.

Reason: _____
