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ESSENTIALISM

- * Extremely important or necessary
- * Very Basic

(Suffix)

* Belief, style, attitude, etc.

A belief that something is necessary



- Essentialism is an American philosophy of education which began in the 1930's and 1940's.
- The two origins of essentialism is from idealism and realism.
- Essentialists refers to "Basic Education".
- Essentialists believe in teaching the basic subjects.

Philosopher

- William Bagley introduced the philosophy of essentialism in education in the 1930's.
- William Bagley was an American philosopher.

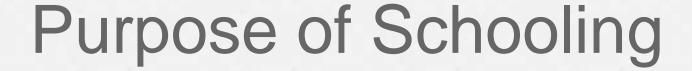


WILLIAM BAGLEY (1874-1946)

Popularized the term
essentialism in the 1930s

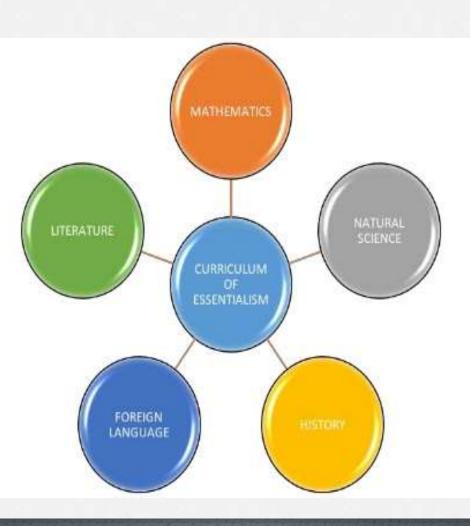


- Essentialism tries to instill all students with the most basic knowledge, skills, and character development.
- Essentialists believe that students should be taught to be a model citizen.
- Essentialists believe that teachers should teach traditional moral values and virtues.
- Essentialists believe in mastery learning.



- Prepare students to be productive, contributing members of society.
- For essentialist, the aim of education is to teach the young the essentials they need to live well in the modern world.
- Essentialists teach the basic subjects.

Curriculum of Essentialism





Essentialism as a teacher-centered philosophy

- The teacher teaches discipline and hard work.
- The teacher is an expert of content knowledge.
- The teacher is accountable for student learning.

Teacher's Role

- ✓ As an expert
- ✓ Impart essential knowledge
- ✓ Direct focused tasks

Teaching Strategies

- Use instructional strategies
- Lecture
- Memorization
- Homework
- Teacher and subject centered
- Mastery learning



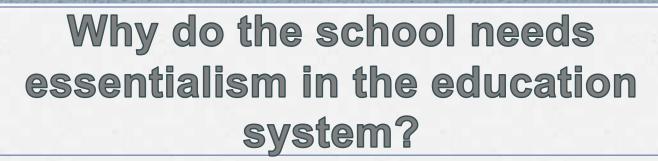
 Students should be passive and be ready to learn what the teacher presents to them.

Student's Role

- ✓ Listen and learn
- ✓ Trust that the teacher knows best

Curriculum

- Strong emphasis on basic skills in elementary schools and on disciplined knowledge and scholastic achievement in secondary schools.
- There should be a common core curriculum that is taught to all students.
- Essentialists believe that the core knowledge could change.



- O For the students to acquire basic knowledge, skills, and values
- O To hopefully transmit the traditional moral values and intellectual knowledge that students need to become model citizens.



Positive:

Stability of education

Negative:

Students take more on the passive role on their education



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