Philosophy of Education
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List everything you believe to be true about education
My Philosophy of Education
The word *philosophy* comes from the Greek words *philo*, meaning *love*, and *sophos*, meaning *wisdom*. It is a love of wisdom.
We will consider:

* Four **branches** of philosophy relative to teaching
* Five **philosophies** of education
Four branches of philosophy:

- Axiology
- Epistemology
- Logic
- Metaphysics
Axiology

- Aesthetics
- Ethics
Epistemology

- Theories of knowledge
- Knowing the limits or validity of knowing
Logic

- Reasoning
- Increases with each stage of cognitive development
Metaphysics

- *Meta ta physika*
- Basic causes and nature of things
Socrates did not tell his students what to think – instead he forced them to challenge their own thinking and to develop their logical thinking skills and understanding.
Philosophies of Education

- Essentialism
- Existentialism
- Perennialism
- Progressivism
- Social Reconstructionism
Essentialism

➢ Academic tests
➢ Basic skills and knowledge
Essentialism
(click on link)
Existentialism

➢ Free will
➢ Personal responsibility
Existentialism in Education
(click on link)
Perennialism

- Aristotle
- Plato
Perennialism
(click on link)
Progressivism

Education which moves the students forward and is relevant to the world today and in the future
Progressivism Philosophy of Education
(click on link)
Social Reconstructionism

- Social issues
- Seek change
Social Reconstruction
(click on link)
Your philosophy of education:

- Eclectic
- Reflective
- Special
- Unique
Writing a Philosophy of Education
Basic Concepts

- Attitudes
- Beliefs
- Values
Organization

- Concise
- Examples
- Structured
Review

- Edit
- Revise
Questions?
References and Resources

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Books:
* Early Childhood Education Today, Twelfth Edition by George S. Morrison
  This book is a great resource on early childhood education. It covers the foundation of education, programs and resources for children and families, educational needs of infants through the primary grades and the special needs of children and families.
* Introduction to Teaching: Becoming a Professional. Fifth Edition by Don Kauchak & Paul Eggen
  For any student going into the teaching profession, this is an excellent choice. It is an easy read for students on all levels. It covers the changing teaching profession, the foundations of education and how to become an effective teacher.
* Touch the Future: Teach! by Carlos Diaz, Carol Pelletier and Eugene Provenzo, Jr.
  In this book, students are asked to reflect on their own culture and how it has helped them to develop their ideals of teaching. The authors ask students to reflect on their own belief systems as they prepare to become future educators.

Websites:
* Philosophical Foundations of U.S. Education
  Although this is a college text book, it is an excellent resource for students. It includes an inventory and scoring guide for students to determine to which philosophy of education they are most aligned.
* Socratic Questions
Socrates believed that the best educators asked questions, and lots of them. The Socratic Questioning method is widely used throughout education. The site features the six types of questions that Socrates asked his students.
http://changingminds.org/techniques/questioning/socratic_questions.htm

* What is Your Philosophy of Education?
McGraw-Hill Publishers created an online inventory for students that will direct them to one of five types of educational philosophies, Essentialism, Perennialism, Progressivism, Social Reconstructivism or Existentialism, based on their responses.
http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/teachlearn/tutorials/philosophy/index.html

YouTube™:
* Essentialism – Ed 312 Project
An informative video on the concept of essentialism in the classroom.
http://youtu.be/n5l9yZIkugw

* Existentialism in Education
Philosophy video project on existentialism and its educational implications.
http://youtu.be/5OHTrQLmSoE

* Perennialism
This video describes the educational philosophy of perennialism.
http://youtu.be/AZ_Nu2oYBvI

* Progressivism in Education
Progressivism teaching philosophy in education.
http://youtu.be/jDzgdsS3IgQ