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Education is a term socially accepted as people or groups of people learning something in an educational environment. It is true, but not entirely. The word education is defined as the processes in which you learn something and get new found knowledge and skills. That means, as long as you learn something and can use the knowledge or skills you got from it, it is education. With that being stated, now I can tell you why education matters to me.

Having knowledge of something in a conversation is needed so that you don't make a fool of yourself. Let's say you and your friend are talking about a subject and it slowly shifts to a different subject and you have no clue what it is about or what to say. Typically, you want to be polite and let your friend finish what they are saying before you say anything. If you do this, you are now faced with three choices: make a fool of yourself in front of your friend for saying something that doesn't even fit the topic; you politely end the conversation; or you tell your friend you don't know what they are talking about and save yourself from some embarrassment. Just being slightly educated could have made a difference, but to get that slight knowledge you must go through some sort of educational process.

Let's go all the way back to the beginning. Those first animals or people would have to know they have to eat and they have to drink. They would have the slight instinct or feeling, "I need to do this," but what if they ignore it? They will begin to starve and become dehydrated. What if these animals or people get tired of the pain and they actually fill themselves full of food and water? Now they know they need it to live. That was a learning experience and so by the definition I stated above, they went through an educational process.

Education could be learning the basics of how to tie your own shoe to learning how to fully extract DNA from a dinosaur bone and learning how to use that DNA to fully fabricate a dinosaur from it. Games, for crying out loud, could be educational without having the name education in it. The word education really is just learning about anything and being able to use that knowledge or the skills it gives you. Society has just simplified this to one word that is so broad it could be taken out of context. Let's look at video games, although yes, they were meant for enjoyment, others can tell a true story. Some games are based on true events that happened but through someone else's eyes or the eyes of a bystander. Everything can have a story which can educate you.

People say we don't need education because we have our phones, our parents, ect. Those things still require a small bit of education, like what questions to ask or how to use it, really anything. These people who say this practically submit to idiocracy but don't realize it or refuse to admit it. I say this because almost everything you'll do and have done requires education. I mean, everything can be a new learning experience which means it is a form of education.

I think I have said it once but I'll say it again: Education is perceived by most as learning in an educational zone. Don't get me wrong, but that's not all the way correct, education is the act of learning and being able to use that knowledge and the skills to do something. This paper is an answer to a question we were asked by our teacher, "Why does education matter to you?" If you haven't gotten my reason, education matters because it is one of the keystones to life because it will always be there.