

Sample Argumentative Essay
Skills vs. Knowledge in Education

Introduction

Main Idea One: The Other Side – Learning Information is needed for tests

- a) Tests are the best way to compare students
- b) Tests measure if you understand something
- c) Not all students can have the same skills, but all can have the same knowledge

Main Idea Two: My Side 1 – Education is about understanding

- a) Knowledge is limited, but imagination encircles the world (creativity)
- b) Knowledge is what other people think about something, but understanding is what you think.
- c) Everybody sees, hears, feels, and thinks differently, so each person will have a different understanding of the same thing.

Main Idea Three: My Side 2 – Skills are more important in the real world

- a) Finding information
- b) Organizing information
- c) Analyzing information
- d) Synthesizing information
- e) Creating new information

Conclusion