School is Life

Life is the most beautiful gift God has given — along with school. There are many similarities between school and life, including: books, lessons, and friendships. The life one lives mostly depends on the knowledge one learns from school. School is a learning process to know how to live a beautiful life; school and life are complementary to one another.

At school, one learns to read books, while, in life, one learns to write his or her own book. This comparison between the books from school and the book of life is a great one. All the books read in school have helped students “write their own book,” which is their life. Books help readers experiment and experience life. Information gleaned from the page can be used to make better life choices. School can be considered as one of the important concepts of life, not only offering training in reading and writing but in learning values and manners; all of which is fundamental in anyone’s life.

It is true that all books are filled with lessons—lessons that one way or other will have an impact on one’s life. However, there are many life lessons that cannot be explained in books. The best learned lessons are those that one experiences from the life he or she is living. Both school and life teach lessons in different ways; lessons learned in school will always help an individual without “asking” him or her anything in return;
lessons learned in life will most likely hurt or take away something of value. School lessons will help anyone to be prepared for life lessons.

The most beautiful comparison between school and life is friendship. Friends from school will be there to help with assignments and to make responsibilities more enjoyable. The friends one knows outside of school will be the ones who will help with possible problems encountered in life. The two friendships are very different from one another. When school days are over, one starts to lose friends because of not seeing them regularly; however, the friends often made outside of school are the friends who will always be by one’s side throughout life.

Speaking from experience, the friends in high school often get along because of help with school assignments, but, when seeing these friends perhaps at the mall or the grocery store, they only say hi or smile. Those friendships are temporary, though still necessary and important. These relationships present convenience and opportunities to develop communication and interpersonal skills. True friends can be counted on for anything – and they are the ones that deserve the best communication, which is a pattern largely defined – and refined – by school relationships.

School is a learning process to prepare for real life. Many people do not look at school this way; according to Kristie, “The premise here is my belief that more and more young people are leaving home, high school, and even college unsure about who they are and where they are headed and, as a result, are overly influenced and vulnerable to outside forces, including peer groups and the media” (Kristie). This statement, unfortunately, is true. For example, choose a career to pursue is difficult. The problem is
not easy to explain…there are so many options to choose. However, the instinct to trust the self is developed in school and will carry a person far in life.

The main role of teachers is to impart what is studied to their students. Many teachers have problems teaching students “during the middle grades years, young people are experiencing…” all kinds of changes to their life including: physical, intellectual, emotional, and social changes (Michael). Teachers cannot fully control how a student behaves during this time. Since upper level teachers generally teach one subject, students may feel the teachers do not understand them. Many students could have problems outside school, but they may not consult with the teacher because they might think the teachers are no help. In real life, as in school, there are teachers who will guide any person to be successful in life. An astute student once told stated, “Teachers in school will only teach you how to make money, while ‘teachers’ in real life will mentor you to make a great use of that money” (Damian). Learn to act and react to teacher expectations now in order to better handle boss or supervisor responsibilities later in life. Also, seek help and guidance when necessary. These tools will serve each person well.

School is life; learning to live is fundamental in this world. School gives all the knowledge one needs. Both school and life are similar to one another in their lessons, teachers, and friends. Lessons create knowledge and critical thinking as well as the need for experience. Teachers will “…[approach] to [prepare]…students for the challenges and opportunities they will face later in life” (James). Friends are the people who help the most; if one does not understand something, friends will help him or her; if one is not feeling well, his or her friends will be there to cheer him or her up. There is not a doubt
that school and life are alike; both complement one another. If school did not exist, life would have little meaning.
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