Education from the nineteenth to the twenty-first century

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Time Table

1860 1870 1880
Origin of Species 1859
Zell’s Encyclopedia 1871
Encyclopedia Britannica 1878

Encyclopedia Britannica 2007
“Man is the only creature capable of Education.”
Encyclopedia Britannica 1878

“The earliest education is that of the family.”
“[A] discipline that is concerned with methods of teaching and learning in schools or school-like environments as opposed to various non-formal and informal means of socialization.”
“Education regards man as an individual destined for a future and higher state of existence, for which his entire life in this world is merely a preparatory training.”
“While the lower animals are not a whit more advanced than when they were created, man has been gradually progressing toward a higher and more perfect state of development, and that exactly in proportion as the true principles of his nature were understood and acted upon.”
“It was long before any attempt was made to improve generations as they succeeded each other.”
“As societies grow more complex, however, the quantity of knowledge to be passed on from one generation to the next becomes more than any one person can know; and hence there must evolve more selective and efficient means of cultural transmission. The outcome is formal education - the school and the specialist called the teacher.”
“In a narrower sense, the term [education] is applied to the training which one receives in childhood and early youth, in order to fit him for a proper discharge of his duties in after-life.”