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The Benefits of Homework, If Any?

In recent discussions of homework, a controversial issue has been whether homework should be nonexistent or just be cut down. Denise Pope draws attention to this issue in their article "Does Homework work when kids are learning all day at home". On the one hand, some argue that we should eliminate all homework. From this perspective, some say that homework is "meaningless and busy work." On the other hand, others argue that students should have homework but there should be a 10-minute time cap on it. According to this view, students should only work on homework for a certain amount of time and not get penalized for not finishing. In sum then, the issue is whether we should not have homework or just do homework for a certain amount of time. My own view is that we definitely should have homework but only do a certain amount.

Some situations call for homework, but it's so important to consider the amount of time it takes. For homework, we should have specific "time limits on each assignment." (Pope). I would suggest only having 10 minutes of homework for each class. Homework will sometimes help me when I don't understand what I am doing but sometimes enough is enough. Now in High School, we have homework in almost every class. Some are really easy but others can end up taking 1-2 hours. If we have projects or a test to study for it adds about 2-3 hours for A quality work. After a long 7 hour day, 5-6 hours of homework is just too much work and too much unnecessary stress. Teachers always say that we will have time to work on homework in class but they always end up lecturing until the bell. Teachers should manage their time better and actually allow us to work on homework in class and ask questions for an easier more efficient time at home. Some teachers say well I will just assign homework two days a week but end up forgetting that rule by the second week of school.

The stress is getting out of hand. I disagree with eliminating homework altogether because sometimes it really does help us get a better understanding of the subject. As high schoolers, we have a lot of stress and according to Pope "homework is the number one stress".n (Pope). When you do not know how to do your homework that causes a lot of extra time by freaking out on not knowing what to do. You also spend extra time looking through your notes or calling a friend and trying to find the answer. One time I had homework in every class and I just couldn't handle the stress. I had to read 4 chapters of the bible, a very confusing science worksheet, a math worksheet, an English and a history video, and finally a french speaking test. It took me so long to just read and interpret the 4 chapters so imagine how I felt about all of the other things I had. I felt I had to prioritize which ones I should do first because then I would get a better grade on them. Students should not have to decide which assignment they should get a better grade on because of how much teachers assign.

In conclusion, students cannot keep doing an hour of homework for each class. A 10-minute time cap would be perfect for each of my classes. I understand why people think we

should have no homework but I think we need it to practice our skills.

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