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Homework, The Worst Stress Of Them All

In recent discussions of homework, a controversial issue has been whether homework is beneficial to students' learning success. 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 homework is beneficial and is critical to students' learning. From this perspective, more homework on that concept or topic will help kids better understand that subject. On the other hand, however, others argue that homework is not beneficial to students' learning. According to this view, homework is a huge reason why students are so stressed. In sum then, the issue is whether homework is needed and should be assigned to students or homework should not be assigned to students for busy work. My own view is that homework should be assigned to students, but only if it's going to help for upcoming quizzes or tests, not just busy work, and to fit the students schedules. If the material is just busy work that isn't going to help us in the class or with upcoming assignments then what is the point in giving it to us.

Denise Pope shows how homework can be a main source of stress. According to Denise Pope, "when students perceive homework to be boring or repetitive, or if they feel it is too advanced or confusing, they are likely to be stressed, regardless of the amount of assigned work" (Pope). I think this has a huge impact on why some students either don't do their work because they don't understand or because they think it's boring. When we are interested in our homework we manage our time better and understand the assignment better. If the assignment is over something that we don't understand then we are going to stress about if we are completing the assignment the way that the teacher would like us to.

Homework takes a long amount of time to do on a daily basis. Teachers should "consider how much time the assignment should take and recommend an appropriate cut-off time for students without penalty" (Pope). I think this argument is completely true, I think teachers should realize how hard we work in class and then we have to go home and do the same thing. Also, I think time is a huge reason why kids don't do well on assignments and why they don't understand the assignment. If you give them a certain amount of time or a huge amount of the assignment then they are just going to feel rushed but if it's a small assignment and they have enough time then they are going to understand the material better and not rush to just finish it. Personally, how I manage my time depends on whether or not I understand the assignment. When I do my homework it takes me up to 3-4 hours if I have homework in most of my classes, even if I understand the material already. If it's something that I don't understand, imagine how much time it would take me then to finish the material assigned.

In conclusion, I think teachers need to realize how they affect our daily lives. I think they need to give us homework because they are interested in busy work that never helps.

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