

Book 2: The Role of History in Shaping Identity

Recent Educational Initiatives (2023–2025)

- **OCI Foundation's ArOY Initiative:** In July 2023, the OCI Foundation, an organization focused on promoting health awareness, particularly in cancer education and prevention teamed up with the Nigerian National Assembly to pass a bill mandating the inclusion of teachings on breast, cervical, and prostate cancers in all senior secondary schools and colleges of education. This initiative exemplifies transformative learning by integrating critical health education into the curriculum, fostering awareness, and promoting proactive health behaviours among students.
- **Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND):** NELFUND started in April 2024 to give Nigerians money for school. It helps students pay for tuition and other costs so they can learn and grow.

Historical Events and Their Impact

Nigeria's historical events, like the transatlantic slave trade to colonial rule and independence, has really shaped the country we see today. These events are not just historical facts; they continue to influence contemporary policies, societal attitudes, and even classroom discussions. For instance, many schools now incorporate oral history projects where students interview elders about their lived experiences of these historical transitions (Enwerem, 2013, p. 9). These events have also significantly influenced the education system, leading to curriculum reforms that aim to incorporate indigenous knowledge and perspectives (Enwerem, 2013, p. 9). (Enwerem, 2013, p. 9).

Case Studies of Transformative Learning

Case studies from Nigerian history, such as the impact of nationalism on post-independence governance, highlight how historical reflection fosters personal and societal transformation (Ajala & Ogundele, 2023, p. 103).

Lessons from History

Understanding conflicts like the Biafran War provides lessons in conflict resolution and national unity (Bankale, 2023, p. 161).