

# 10 Reasons Why Education Makes You Stupid

Dave Crane explains why the traditional education system doesn't prepare us for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century



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Intrigued? You should be. Let's revisit that statement. Education makes you stupid – or – in other words, everything you learned in school was wrong!

You might agree in part, or even be nodding – or shaking – your head vigorously. Regardless, I believe I owe you an explanation, and I'd like to do this with a history lesson.

**Here are the basic stages of evolution in Western societies (every region has its own version of the below):**

**Agrarian Age (Agricultural) (7,000 years ago)**

Communities evolve into societies with rules, religions, etc.

**1750 - Industrial Age (200 years ago)**

Factories and automation boost trade and create stability (guaranteed food and shelter) for workers. In order to keep levels of expertise high, schooling and education is introduced.

**1950 - Information and Technology Age (40 years ago)**

Man on the moon, washing machines and information overload.

**1990 - Knowledge Management Age (17 years ago)**

Too much information leads to expertise, specialisation and consultancy.

**2007 – Intelligence Age (seven years ago)**

With access to almost any type of information, the focus is on using it to improve how we think.

**2010 - Now Wisdom Age (one year ago)**

We want the smartest solutions, people and successes in our associations. The problem is that our entire educational system was created in the industrial revolution and hasn't really been updated since then. It breeds factory workers for businesses that closed down over 50 years ago.

Therefore, it's completely out of date and doesn't have any relevance to the mindset and skill sets that we need for modern day successes.

**Want proof? Here are 10 reasons why education makes you stupid (and is making your kids stupid too).**

**We are categorised according to date of birth – NOT our interests.**

Look at your office, your closest friends and your social networks. Are you all the same age? Of course not, but you do have some interests in common.

I guarantee that the key things you were interested in up to the age of seven are exactly the same type of things you are interested in right now. The problem is you probably don't get to enjoy those experiences anymore. If you did, you would be much happier, and if you could add those basic pleasures to the daily mix of your business day (or even get a job that allows you to get paid for doing elements of it) you'd never have a bad day again.

**We are forced to learn everything, not taught how to learn anything.**

Why did you need to recite so much stuff 'parrot-fashion'? The ability to adapt and learn new skills quickly is far more useful to you than trudging through years of difficult calculus and trigonometry. You will never again use them for the rest of your life. Instead, if you need that expertise, you'll Google it or hire a specialist (who actually enjoyed it in school).

**We were humiliated for asking 'stupid questions'.**

Nowadays those 'stupid questions' are called 'out of the box thinking'. They are worth a fortune to every company on the planet and it is almost impossible to get a trained and educated workforce to ask them. At least now you know why.