

TOPICS FOR FOUNDS AND TRENDS PAPER

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Topic possibilities for this paper include:

- How does American Education compare with the education of other educational systems in the world (i.e. Asian education, third world countries, European, etc.)?
 - <http://nces.ed.gov> (go to: Fast Facts/International)
 - *Educator's Resource Directory* (reference book)
 - Books and Journal Articles from TFC Galileo
- What is the impact of the changing demographics of students for Public Education?
 - "Multicultural education" (books on this subject in library catalog)
 - "Changing demographics" (journal articles TFC Galileo)
 - *Handbook of Research Multicultural Education* (reference book)
- Mainstreaming or Inclusion, how should exceptional children be handled in the educational system?
 - [Encyclopedia of Educational Psychology](#) [eReference]
 - *Handbook of Research Multicultural Education* (reference book)
- Vouchers or Charter School which is the better alternative?
 - *Encyclopedia of American Education* (reference book)
 - [Issues and Controversies](#) (eReference)
 - Journal Articles TFC Galileo
- Who is...and what did he/she do to benefit education? (Choose one): Jaime Escalante, Horace Mann, Maria Montessori, John Dewey, or Thomas Jefferson.
 - *Encyclopedia of American Education* (reference book)
 - Jaime Escalante (web search)
 - Books (Library catalog) and Journal Articles (TFC Galileo)
- What did this Significant Supreme Court Case do for education?
(Choose one): Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Board of Education Topeka, Kansas.
 - *Encyclopedia of American Education* (reference book)
 - [Issues and Controversies](#) (eReference)
 - Books, eBooks, and Journal Articles (TFC Galileo)
- How did this law or amendment affect or change education? (Choose one): PL 94-142 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), National Defense Education Act, Elementary Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind), or Title IX.
 - *Encyclopedia of American Education* (reference book)
 - [Issues and Controversies](#) (eReference)
 - Books, eBooks, and Journal Articles from the library
- Should prayer and Bible reading be allowed back in the public schools?
 - [Issues and Controversies](#) (eReference)
 - Books, eBooks, and Journal Articles from the library
- How does the philosophy of (Choose One) Essentialism, Perennialism, Progressivism, Social Reconstructionism, or Existentialism affect education? How/Where, has it been most effective?
 - [Encyclopedia of Education and Human Development](#) (reference book)
 - Journal Articles TFC Galileo
 - Books (try "existentialism and education" or "progressivism and education" in the library catalog)
- How is education affected by one of the following social factors? (Choose one): Divorce, Violence, Sexism/Racism in Schools, Drop-outs, Child Abuse, Substance Abuse, etc.
 - *Encyclopedia of Educational Psychology* (eReference in TFC Galileo)
 - Journal Articles TFC Galileo
 - <http://www.eric.ed.gov>

National Education Association <http://nea.org>

American Federation of Teachers <http://aft.org>