Education: A Very Short Introduction

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Education: A Very Short Introduction explores how and why education has evolved throughout history and explains the way in which schools work, noting how curricula are remarkably consistent around the world. Few people know how the schools that exist today came to their current state. Little is known about the intellectual traditions that have shaped education. There is a gap in awareness and understanding about what education is and how it has developed. As a result there is a dearth of creativity about how to improve it. There are always going to be strong opinions on how best to educate. What is the difference between progressive and formal education? How might education develop in the future?