

#### **DOCENTE**



## 20 AULA DIGITAL

Animação - Texto narrado Why do I go to school?



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Why do we go to school? Adults always tell children and teenagers that they need to go to school to be successful in life. In contrast, many successful people never did finish high school. These contradictory aspects concerning the importance of school really discourage students from examining their real purposes of going to school every day.

Dear my fellow school-goers,

I am not here to tell you what school is all about because obviously it is different for everyone. I am sincerely writing this letter to encourage you to think deeply about what school means to you. I am not going to pretend that school is the most exciting place to be for everyone, but I will argue that school is the location for your first steps in life.

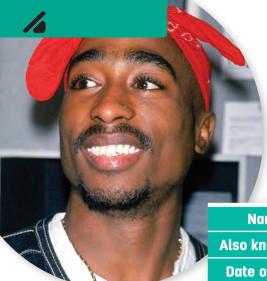
Unlike one of those clichés that you might have heard from your parents that without school you will end up as a failure, I will first admit that you will not necessarily be a failure if you do not do well in school. However, the importance of school must not be overlooked. School will give you so many opportunities in the future. The irony is

- that many do not realize this until they have either missed or taken these opportunities when they face the real world. At this point, for those who unfortunately did not grasp these opportunities, it is already too late in most cases. So it is probably a good idea to realize this sooner, which is now. School gives you the education you need to obtain the occupation you might desire. It earns you respect from the people who surround you and
- 20 it gives you the tools you need to achieve or perhaps advance towards your future goals. Well, your personality is a big factor, too.

What I mean is, your personality will help you to apply the knowledge you get in school so that you can complete genuine tasks. In addition, school can make your life so much more enjoyable. When you really think about it, the knowledge that you gain from school

25 can enhance your daily experiences. Please understand that I am not trying to say that school is the only place you can learn. Honestly, you can learn anywhere if you choose to. However, school is the most convenient and efficient place to learn.

"Why do I go to school?", http://teenink.com (adapted and abridged), accessed in October 2013



# **LISTENING Time**

**1.** Look at the photo.

1.1 Do you know who this person is?

1.2 Do some research to fill in this table.

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## Soluções

1.1 It's Tupac Shakur.

Name: Tupac Amaru Shakur, born Lesane Paris Crooks

Also known as: 2Tpac, Makaveli, MC New

Date of birth: June 16, 1971

Born in: Brooklyn, New York Died in: Las Vegas, Nevada

Occupations: Rapper, actor, record producer, poet, screenwriter, activist, writer

2. Model answer: Friends, fun, education, teachers, graduation, classes, preparing for the future, learning, choosing a career, study, research...



- a. tradition; b. learning
- c. curriculum; d. basics;
- e. today's; f. streets;
- g. important; h. busy i. messed up



Police brutality; Religion; Racism; Apathy; Hunger; Sex education; Drugs

- 2. What words and phrases do you associate with "School"? With your partner, make a list of at least ten.
  - 2.1 Compare your list with another pair and justify your choices.
- 3. Listen to Tupac being interviewed at the age of 17 and fill in the gaps.

"I think that we got so ca	ught up in school bein	g a <sup>(a)</sup>	that we stopped	
using it as a <sup>(b)</sup>	tool, which it sh	ould be. Up to th	is day. I mean school	
should be, I think there s	hould be a different <sup>(c)</sup>		in each and every like	
neighborhood you know. Because I'm going to Tamalpais High and I'm learning abou				
the <sup>(d)</sup> ,b	out they're not basic fo	r me, you know.		
They're not, to get us rea	dy for <sup>(e)</sup>	world. They're	e not, that's not	
helping. It's just what they took, so that's what we're gonna take. So that's why the				
(f)have t	aught me. But school	is really <sup>(g)</sup>	Reading,	
writing, arithmetic. But I think after you learn reading, writing, arithmetic, that's it.				
But what they tend to do is teach you reading, writing, and arithmetic then teach				
you reading, writing, and	arithmetic again then	again then again,	just making it	
harder and harder, just to	keep you <sup>(h)</sup>	And that	's where I think they	
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- **3.1** Listen to this part of the interview again and check your answers.
- 4. Tupac believed that a lot of subjects should be taught in schools. Listen to him again, and tick  $(\checkmark)$  the ones he mentions.

English	Physical Education	☐ ICT
Science	Maths	Drugs
Police brutality	Apathy	Algebra
Religion	Hunger	Hypocrisy
Racism	Sex education	Politics