

# 6 Education

The education systems in developed countries are quite similar. For example, students around the world take many tests about subjects like history, math and science. The **curriculum** for what students should study is mostly decided. Educators and parents look at student **performance** on **standardized** tests to decide if students are learning fast enough. Education, however, should mean more than performing well on tests. Students should be able to not only remember facts but also understand the significance of facts. For example, students should understand how society changed because of historical events instead of just memorizing the dates of such events. In addition to helping students gain **knowledge**, education should help students think **critically** and understand issues deeply.

Check the vocabulary and think about each picture. Challenge words are in red.



knowledge

assess

failure

Dewey

contribute

potential



free school  
decision-making

individualism

Waldorf

lively

decorate



Finnish  
entrance exam

standard test

reason

compassion

wisdom

