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How To Escape Education's Death Valley

TED Lectures

Note-taking Activity

Directions: First listen to the lecture and take notes. Then using your notes, you will answer the following questions.

1. Why does the speaker begin his talk with the light-hearted (funny) comments about Americans not getting irony and the British being reserved?
2. What is the irony of the policy called "no child left behind"?
3. What does the drop-out crisis say about the U.S. educational system?
4. What are the three principles that allow human life to flourish?
5. What percent of U.S. children are diagnosed as ADHD (*attention deficit hyperactivity disorder*)?
6. *Does the speaker agree with these diagnoses?*
7. *What should be the focus of a teacher?*
8. *What has become the focus of teaching?*
9. *Why is it surprising that Finnish high school students score so high year after year in math, science and reading?*
10. *Why is there no drop-out rate in Finland?*
11. *What are the three things all successful education systems share?*
12. *How is the example of flowers springing to life a metaphor for the American education system?*