

CHAPTER 14: PUBLIC EDUCATION REFORM

I. Introductory Overview Essay of Reform Movement	5K Words
II. Theory of Reform Movement	
Debate between Education Models	2-5K Words
• Education as Social Control	
• Social Control Theory	
• Marxism, Neo-Marxism	
• Inculturation Theory	
• Pedagogical Progressivism Education Model v. Administrative Progressivism Education Model	
• Pragmatism	
• Dialogical Teaching Theory	
• Positivist Teaching Model v. Democratic Social Criticism Teaching Model	
• Cultural Capital Theory	
Intersections between Government and Business in Public Education	2-5K Words
III. Historical Development of Reform Movement	
Establishing a Public Education System	1-2K Words
• Colonial Precedents for government-supported schools	
• Northwest Ordinance (1787)	
• Founding of State Educational Superintendents/Boards	
• Debate over Role of Public v. Parochial Schools	
• Urban v. Rural Preferences Regarding Mission of Public Education	
• The Morrill Land-Grant Act (1862)	
Native American Education	1-2K Words
• Civilization Fund (1819) -- funded missionary schools for Native Americans	
• Bureau of Indian Affairs and Education	
Race and American Education Policy	1-2K Words
• Beginnings of Racial School Segregation Debate	
• Public Education for Former Slaves: Freedmen's Aid Societies/ Freedmen's Bureau/Reconstruction Era State Education in South	
• "New South" – Reformers Capitulate to Segregation of Public School Systems	

- NAACP Legal Defense Fund Pressed Federal Courts for More Equal School Resources (1945-1954)
- Post-Brown Decision Desegregation Policies (1955-Present)

Gender and American Education Policy 1-2K Words

- Separate Spheres for Females in Early Public Education
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972: Gender Equality in Educational Opportunity

“Progressive Education” and Social Engineering 1-2K Words

- Improved Professionalism of Public Education, e.g. National Education Association, Formation of Normal Schools
- Proliferation of Public High Schools after 1890
- Progressive Education and “Tracking” Debate
- Rise of “Intelligence” Testing for Public School Students
- Life Adjustment Education Reform—guidance, extracurricular activities, and courses on health citizenship, job search, and “practical” matters

Broadening Modern Education Opportunity 1-2K Words

- New Deal Programs Supplemented Public Education, e.g. Civilian Conservation Corp and National Youth Association
- G.I. Bill of Education (1944) and Consequences
- National Defense Act of 1958—promoted learning in math, science, and foreign language
- Great Society Educational Reforms: Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Head Start, Job Corps, Etc.
- Special Education
- Public School Funding Equalization debate
- Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1967 – Bilingual Education Movement

Public Educators’ Labor Unions 1-2K Words

Back to Basics Movement v. Multiculturalism 1-2K Words

- No Child Left Behind Act (2001)
- Diversity Programs

IV. Key Moments 500-1K Words Each

Thomas Jefferson Drafts Northwest Ordinance Providing Public Financing of Education (1785)

Lyndon Johnson Proposes Legislation to Found “Project Head Start” (1965)

Title IX of the Education Amendments Mandates Gender Equality in Educational Opportunity (1972)

V. Intersection with Other Reform Movements

Public Education Reform and Antislavery, Civil Rights Movement, Religious Benevolence, Women’s Rights Movement 2-5K Words

VI. Future of Reform Movement

Privatization and Attack on Secularism in Public Education 2-5K Words

VII. Author Suggested Illustrations, Tables, and Documents

Total Words 22.5-44K Words