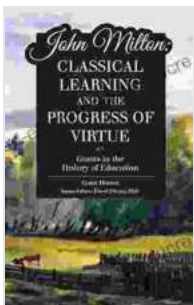


# Classical Learning and the Progress of Virtue: Giants in the History of Education

Classical learning is a term used to describe the study of the ancient Greek and Roman authors, as well as the works of later writers who were influenced by them. It has been a major part of Western education for centuries, and it continues to be an important part of the curriculum in many schools and universities today.

There are many reasons why classical learning is so important. First, the ancient Greeks and Romans were some of the greatest thinkers and writers in history. Their works on philosophy, literature, history, and science have had a profound influence on Western thought and culture.



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Second, classical learning helps students to develop important skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, and communication. By studying the

works of the great thinkers of the past, students learn how to analyze arguments, evaluate evidence, and express their ideas clearly and persuasively.

Third, classical learning helps students to develop a deep understanding of human nature. The ancient Greeks and Romans were deeply interested in understanding the human condition, and their works are full of insights into the human heart and mind.

Finally, classical learning helps students to develop a sense of beauty and wonder. The great works of literature, art, and music of the ancient Greeks and Romans are some of the most beautiful and inspiring creations of the human mind.

There are many great teachers and scholars who have made significant contributions to the field of classical learning. Here are a few of the most influential:

- **Plato** (428-348 B.C.) was one of the greatest philosophers of all time. His writings on the nature of reality, knowledge, and justice have had a profound influence on Western thought.
- **Aristotle** (384-322 B.C.) was a student of Plato who became one of the most influential philosophers in history. His writings on logic, science, and ethics have had a major impact on Western thought.
- **Cicero** (106-43 B.C.) was a Roman orator, statesman, and philosopher. He is known for his eloquent speeches and his writings on rhetoric and philosophy.

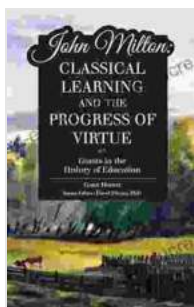
- **Quintilian** (35-95 A.D.) was a Roman rhetorician who wrote a major treatise on the education of orators. His work has been a major influence on the teaching of rhetoric for centuries.
- **St. Augustine** (354-430 A.D.) was a Christian theologian and philosopher who is considered one of the most important thinkers in the history of Christianity. His writings on the nature of God, the human soul, and the problem of evil have had a major impact on Western thought.
- **Thomas Aquinas** (1225-1274) was a Dominican friar and theologian who is considered one of the greatest philosophers of the Middle Ages. His writings on the nature of God, creation, and the human soul have had a major impact on Western thought.
- **Erasmus of Rotterdam** (1466-1536) was a Dutch humanist who played a major role in the Renaissance. He is known for his translations of the New Testament and his writings on education and religion.
- **John Milton** (1608-1674) was an English poet who is considered one of the greatest writers in the English language. His epic poem "Paradise Lost" is a masterpiece of English literature.
- **Matthew Arnold** (1822-1888) was an English poet and literary critic who is known for his essays on education and culture. His essay "Culture and Anarchy" is a classic work of English literature.

These are just a few of the many great teachers and scholars who have made significant contributions to the field of classical learning. Their work has helped to shape Western education for centuries, and it continues to inspire and educate students today.

Classical learning is an essential part of a well-rounded education. It helps students to develop important skills, to understand human nature, and to appreciate beauty and wonder. The great works of literature, art, and music of the ancient Greeks and Romans are some of the most important and inspiring creations of the human mind. They deserve to be studied and enjoyed by every generation.

## Additional Resources

- The Classical Learning Association
- The Great Books Foundation
- The National Humanities Center



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