

Argumentative essay

Advantages and disadvantages of homeschooling

The whole world is struggling with the coronavirus right now. People are not allowed to go to work and their everyday life is very restricted. Everyone must protect themselves and their families from the virus and is going through a difficult time. Even students had to change their lives because they cannot go to school right now. Alternatively they have to do their school stuff at home, and teach themselves everything. But is this kind of learning good for students?

Actually some students do not make the exercises, because they do not care about school and their education. For this reason they go to bed late and sleep in every day. During the day they just watch Netflix, play video games or relax. If they have to send in something, they had the exercises done by siblings or just copy the solutions.

Furthermore students have difficulties by teaching the lesson content by themselves. For instance they do not understand the task or do not know where they can find information. It is not that easy to ask a teacher questions, because writing an e-mail means you have to wait for an answer. Similarly annoying is having technical problems with learning material or your equipment. As a consequence you cannot use all tools provided.

However there are advantages too. The situation made the students learn how to organize themselves. They learn to plan their day and to divide up tasks. As a result they can use it for their later life and get structure in their everyday life. So they benefit from this new and initially difficult challenge.

Moreover everybody can design their own everyday school life. Homeschooling lets them decide by themselves when they take a break. Duration and content of the break can be designed however the student needs and wants it. Also, they can work in their own tempo without any stress or pressure. They can take as much time as they want for understanding and learning the new lesson content.

All in all you can see that homeschooling has its advantages and disadvantages. Some students have struggles with this new kind of school and others benefit from this situation. I think homeschooling can be a good idea if there are enough tools and support from teachers and parents. But it cannot be a permanent condition that students have to teach themselves new things. They need the help of a teacher and the structure of an everyday school life.

