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Assignment #2 Research Paper

Where to Invade Next

This Research Paper is about a film I watched in class called *Where to Invade Next* by Michael Moore. The film was interesting because Michael Moore went to different countries exploring how they live. He asked different questions about how long was their paid vacations, about how different countries pay for their college and a lot of other different things. The film *Where to Invade Next* had a lot of information about different countries and how they live so much better than America. My main focus I'm going to write about in this research paper is that when Michael Moore went to visit Finland. Finland is known to have the best educational system said Michael Moore. Yes I do agree that American educational system should follow Finland's educational system because here in America we are overworked in school and stay longer hours compared to Finland's educational system they have shorter hours and the better grades.

When Michael Moore "hopped on the train to interview Finland" as I was watching the film, Mr. Moore was told by the teacher that the students in Finland go to school twenty hours a week. It is illegal to for schools to charge students in Finland. All schools and colleges are free said the teacher Mr. Moore was interviewing. If the government want the students to pay the students will protest so they won't have to pay. The principle in Finland told Mr. Moore that she want the children to play. The students in Finland don't get homework. In Finland they have a sports game that I haven't heard of in America that is called cell phone throwing. I would agree with

the teacher and the principle to let the children have time to enjoy their self instead of in class most of the day like Americans.

I read the article “SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: REFRAMING FOR THE FUTURE” by Springer International Handbooks of Education: International Handbook of School Effectiveness and Improvement” it stated that “Many countries now have national literacy and numeracy goals, America has *No Child Left Behind* (see <http://www.nclb.gov>) and many other countries have similar “statements of purpose” from national, provincial or state governments. Standardized testing, which 20 years ago was mostly only used at the end of school to help societies determine the post education options for young people (except in the USA, where the use of standardized testing was turned into an art form – I say art form because there is no science that suggests it makes any difference to student learning), now are being implemented at regular intervals in many countries. Few, if any, of these changes have seemed to work, if recent evidence can be believed. Nearly a decade ago Coddling (1997, p. 15) argued:” As I was stating in my thesis statement that America is left behind in the education system. All the hours of school and no improvement. No matter what type of program they try no improvement. As I stated about Finland maybe America should lower the school hours to twenty hours a week like Finland.

I also read this article called “What The U.S. Can Learn From Finland, Where School Starts At Age 7”. From *Weekend Edition Sunday*, March 9, 2014 From Opposing Viewpoints in Context.

In this article it states that “MARTIN: This is WEEKEND EDITION from NPR News. I'm Rachel Martin. Finland, a country the size of the state of Minnesota beats the U.S. in math,

reading and science - not to mention hockey. But let's stick with education. In Finland, children don't start formal schooling until age 7 and yet, the vast majority arrive with solid reading and math skills. By age 15, Finnish students outperform all but a few countries on international assessments. So, is preschool the key to Finland's success? NPR's Claudio Sanchez put that question to Finland's minister of education and science during her visit to Washington". I do agree with Finland that age seven is a good age to start school because it give children time to be children. Stay home with their family and learn their family values or just be a kid. That's another reason why I want America to have finland's educational system.

In this last article "4 reasons Finland's schools are better" by Abby Jackson what I found very interesting is how college is free in Finland. "In Finland, not only are bachelor degree programs completely free of tuition fees, so are master and doctoral programs. Students pursue higher education goals without the mountains of student loan debt that many American students face. And the same goes for foreign students. Tuition is free for any student accepted into a college or graduate program in Finland. This contrasts greatly with the US, where the average student loan debt now approaches \$30,000, according to the Institute for College Access and Success 2014 report". That's another wonderful reason why I would love for America educational system to follow Finland's educational system, college is free. Not only college is free in Finland it also has the students stress free of worrying how they going to pay for school. I know people in America far as some of my friends and family members work and go to school. They be so stressed and tired and then have to come home to cook and take care of their family. Also some of them have to stay out a semester or two so they can save money to go to school. It's a shame. America should really follow Finland's Educational system.

In conclusion, Finland educational system is better than America's educational system because Finland is tuition free, debt free from student loans, debt, it's free for foreign students to attend college in Finland and also students have the opportunity to pursue higher education. Finland have shorter school hours and still have better standardized test, which is good for students because they have more time to do other things in their lives like spend time with their family.

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