

EDF 3521 Education in History

Assignment #2

Please read through the premise/question (s) very carefully. Be sure to address all parts of the premise/question. It is expected that your response will be well-thought out, proof read, and contain the necessary citations to indicate your understanding and connection of ideas of the course.

John Dewey and "My Pedagogic Creed"

Premise: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, in an interview on "All Things Considered" on NPR talks about the necessity of speaking up. Listen to it here: <http://www.npr.org/2015/11/01/453739566/kareem-abdul-jabbar-if-its-time-to-speak-up-you-have-to-speak-up> Given all that is happening in our country today within the parameters of racial issues, Abdul-Jabbar brings up the nature of social/racial issues. As an athlete and activist, he demonstrates a necessity for being socially active and taking a stand. Dewey talks about the importance of schooling and treating it as a social institution so that children, when they leave schools, are able to address the needs of society

Using direct language from the interview and quotes from the text (Dewey and Spring), answer the following:

- What questions would John Dewey ask Kareem Abdul-Jabbar?
- Why would he ask those questions?
- How does Dewey's point of view contrast or compliment Abdul-Jabbar's? How do they philosophically align (or not)?
- What would Abdul-Jabbar say to Dewey about education and teachers and schools and curriculum?

Your response should be thoughtful, comprehensive, and clear.