



A BRIEF STUDY OF THE PURPOSE OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

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Abstract

To find out how and why theories and practices have been developed which are now prevail in schools , a study on the purpose of historical research is very helpful. It deals with the significance of education and its interrelationship with school and curriculum. In the said research, a study of Historical Research was conducted.

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Introduction

To study the accurate account of their past and get the clear picture of the present problem the historical research is very important. It also tests the hypothesis so the educationist predict the past and the facts to set the correct educational system and policies. The said research was conducted to study the following objectives.

Objectives

- i) To study the past failure and success.
- ii) To study the accurate account of the past and make predictions.
- iii) To study the evidences determined by the probability and to get clear perspective of the present.

Concept of Historical Research: Historical studies in education provide important information concerning the effects of certain past educational practices and suggest programmes for future

action, based upon the evaluation of these past experiences. They also offer an explanation of how and why of many of the theories and practices that have developed and that now prevail in the schools. They help educational workers to identify and evaluate fads and bandwagon schemes that have appeared on the educational scheme before. They also contribute to an understanding of the signification of education and the interrelationship between the school and the curriculum. The purpose of historical research can be summarized into the following major categories:

- 1. To gain a clear perspective of the present** – Present problems e.g. racial integration or the recent opposition federal aid to education are undertaken only on the basis of third historical background. Most current events have a past 'History' and it is generally necessary for us to acquaint ourselves with this history and we are to appreciate their real significance. An understanding of the history of education should enable the educator to recognize the weakness of the educational system.
- 2. To arrive at an accurate account of the past** – This may involve a scholarly interest in truth, or the desire to know what happened, and how and why the men of the times allowed it to happen?
- 3. Understand the present education practices and policies more fully** – Historical researcher helps the researcher to what to include in the educational system and by seeing the past it also helps to make the policies for the education system and area.
- 4. Test hypothesis concerning relationship or trends** – Historical researcher helps in testing hypothesis. The evidence is determined by the probability that it is supported by fact. It helps to add something to previously established knowledge by supporting, qualifying, refuting or enlarging upon existing theories.
- 5. Make predictions** - Historical researcher helps the researcher to make predictions about the past on the basis of the facts and evidences collected of the past which helps the educator to that to make predictions that what will be and what will not be done by the educational system for the students.
- 6. Learn from past failures and success** - Historical researcher helps the researcher and educators to learn lot of things for implementing the educational policies and rules and lessons

and make curriculum accordingly by collected facts and evidences from the past which policies are failure and not worthy which policies are more useful by the past experiences.

7. Apply them to present-day problem – Historical research used to understand the past and in the light of past events and developments by an integrated account of the relationship between persons, events, times and places, and their impact on society or individual it is used to apply on present-day problems.

8. In Reevaluation of data – Historical research enables a researcher to re-evaluate data in relation to selected hypothesis, theories and generalizations that are presently held about the past.

9. Helps in prevailing cultures – It emphasis and analyzes the relative importance and the effect of the various interactions in the prevailing cultures.

10. Give reasons to develop educational theories and practices – Historical research give reasons to develop educational theories and practices that how and why theories and policies should be developed based on previous facts.

Conclusion

A study of purpose of educational research helps the educator to implement various policies, rules, lessons and curriculum. A study of this helps to get the real significance with the clear perspective for the present scenario. It helps to add something to previously established knowledge.

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