

Civil rights  
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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” This is a quote from Nelson Mandela. This essay is about how education is a civil rights issue. We are all equal. We all deserve our rights. The issue of today is when children don’t get a fair education like they should. We all thought everything was equal after the civil war, well surprise! It is not.

If you don’t get educated there is a chance you might steal. But just like Victor Hugo said, “He who opens a school door closes a prison.” One of the most important things in life is going to school. It is a terrible thing if kids can’t go to a good quality school just because of their religion, skin color, or even if they have a disability. Everyone deserves an education, a quality education. Schools get their money from the people who live in that area and it is based on their house value. So a poorer community school does not have as much money as a richer community school. So poor kids do not have the same chance of a good education. And anyone can be poor but there is a higher percentage of African American and Hispanic children that are poor compared to Caucasian children. George Washington Carver once said, “Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.”

This is our life today, the cruel, rude, but gentle, sweet life we live. If only the butter churned quicker, if only the bitter turned sweet, if only we give more than we receive. One day we will believe that there is a way to create an equal community school.