

## HOMEWORK IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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**Annotation:** In this article, the authors aim at identifying the evolution and implementation of homework in last centuries, its precise advantages and disadvantages, the results taken from studies and feasible solutions to the problem of a student being reluctant to do hometasks, tips and games to make all learners engaged and interested in completing their home assignments.

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### **Introduction of homework**

There are several assumptions concerning by whom and where homework was invented and the reason why it was brought to teaching domain. Going back in decades, some argue that homework was invented by an Italian pedagog, Roberto Nevilis as a way of punishing the students who were reluctant and lazy to perform well from his subject in the class. It seemed to him that his teachings lost their essence soon after his learners left the classroom. But some would argue that ancient Rome is an exact location where homework was born. An oratory teacher, Pliny the Younger is seen to be an estimated inventor of homework as he assigned to his followers practicing and repeting public speaking at home. It was to help them boost fluency and confidence level in their speeches.

### **CURRENT ROLE OF HOMEWORK**

Undeniably, homework plays an integral part in education. However, both teachers and students have different attitudes towards the importance of homework since it has both pluses and minuses for them given below.

#### **The Pros**

1. **Improved time management skill.** Homework encourages students to be good at managing and separating their time since they have to catch up with completing all tasks on time. Especially, elementary school learners are more given to play either indoor and outdoor games.

2. **Parent involvement.** It can be a good way for parents to be aware of what their offsprings are being taught at school as well as control their progress. Moreover, in some cases, children rely on their parents to do tasks, ask them questions. It means that they have an opportunity of acquiring knowledge from two sides.

3. **Independent learning.** Home learning pushes students to take responsibility for their workload without other's interference. By this, they develop problem-solving and decision-making skills.

4. **Consolidating classroom learning.** To complete home assignments appropriately students must revise the topic attentively. This reinforces learnt knowledge as well as rises the likelihood of remembering key information.

### **The Cons**

1. **Risk of artificial intelligence.** The arrival of highly sophisticated artificial intelligence chatbots, for example ChatGPT, could make it straightforward for students to cheat on their hometasks by ensuring exact answers to the tasks given by their instructors.

2. **Health-related problems.** An excessive amount of homework has been putting learners under stress and pressure, health issues, such as ongoing headaches, tiredness and insomnia(lack of sleep).

3. **The extreme level of difficulty.** One of the main reasons why children show reluctance to do hometasks is that overcomplexity of exercises making them demotivated and disappointed. They feel themselves uneducated at all.

4. **Takes away from leisure time.** Free time allows children to not only relax, but also discover the world with their own eyes - learning how to ride a bike, reading stories, playing with fellows, making friends. But tasks outside the class rob their time that must be allotted to do abovementioned leisure pursuits.

### **Studies and results**

Homework now is facing objections around the globe. With more than three in fifth( 60%) of high school and college students are suffering from depression and anxiety, all of which are brought about by school. Evidently, not only young learners but also adult learners come across with problems coming from homework.

### **Recommendations**

Creative homework ideas:

1. Crafts&arts.
2. Physical activities.
3. Games and activities.
4. Outdoor activities& outings.
5. Digital or computer activities.

It is highly recommended that learning and teaching processes must be organized in an engaging way, such as children can be taught by having fun. For example,

creating a picture album, playing swimming games and walking quest, visiting the zoo and creating a birdhouse.

### **Conclusion**

To sum up, although there are different attitudes about the implementation of homework, still it is a way of consolidating learnings. But it does not mean that children can be hurt emotionally or physically. They must be taught by playing and it should be suitable for their level and age. It is essential that the diversity of homework is taken into consideration. The more homework is different, the less children get exhausted by them.