

Which Are Of More Value

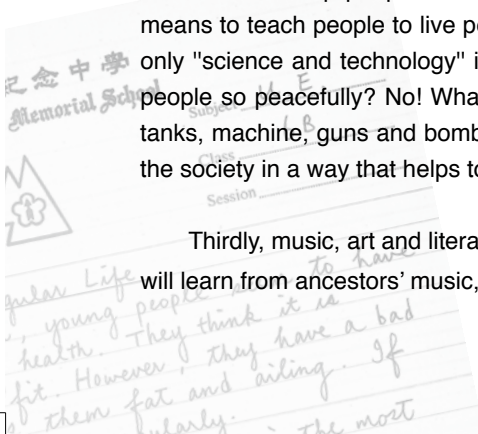
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"Music, art and literature" and "science and technology" are always being put together to compare which are of more value. Before doing the comparison, I would like to define "more value" first. By definition, "more value" is regarded as more contributions to a society and more important. I strongly support the statement "Music, art and literature are of more value to the world than science and technology", as there are three big reasons to support my view.

First, "music, art and literature" are the ancestors of "science and technology." Which group came first when there is a culture? If you take a look at the culture in China, the culture of England, and even the culture of the USA, their cultures started from "music, art and literature" first. Let's take Chinese culture as an example. "Music, art and literature" are the main flow of culture. They have accumulated for over 5000 years. They marked down the history and the evolution of the Chinese. The information they collected contributes to "science and technology". The ideas enlightened the scientists and directed them to develop a new subject, called "science and technology", which is a diverted flow from "music, art and literature" and became part of culture. "Music, art and literature" have accumulated for many years, no matter what they are, they are of more value to the world than science and technology.

Secondly, even though science and technology are more commonly used, and human beings cannot live without them, music, art and literature are still heavily stressed in today's society. They are still the main stream in culture and society. Why? It is because they can contribute to society. Music, art and literature can help people release pressure. Government can use them as a means to teach people to live peacefully and stabilize the society. If there was only "science and technology" in a society, would the government control the people so peacefully? No! What they would use to stabilize society would be tanks, machine, guns and bombs. Thus, music, art and literature contribute to the society in a way that helps to stabilize the society peacefully.

Thirdly, music, art and literature help to civilize a society. A new generation will learn from ancestors' music, art and literature. They will know what is good



for them, what is bad for them. They can learn from their ancestors' mistakes and further develop the good areas. This process will help a society improve, and become more civilized. It is true that "science and technology" can make a society more advanced, but without music, art and literature, human beings will still be barbarian in mind, and not mentally civilized.

To conclude, music, art and literature do contribute more, have more value and are more important to the society and the world than science and technology. Maybe we can see "music, art and literature" as "peace", and "science and technology" as "war and violence". In this way, isn't "peace" of more value to the world than "war and violence"? Thus, I strongly agree that music, art and literature are of more value to the world than science and technology.

Teacher's Feedback : A well-organized essay that takes us to view the issue from a new angle. (Miss Lai Ming Lee)

Food For Thought : Could you argue that "science and technology" is "peace", while "music, art and literature" is "violence"?

