

Motivation

Point of the Assignment: 1) To help you identify your true inner motivation for going to school. 2) To help you learn that all three motivations have advantages and disadvantages. 3) To help you think about what you can do to improve your three motivations.

Effective goal setting begins with knowing what you want and why you want it. What you want is your goal, and why you want it is your motivation. Now, you will have an opportunity to explore your motivation for going to school.

A. In the space provided, write your answers the following questions: (Be sure to spend enough time in self-reflection to come up with something new each time. Do not just repeat yourself. You will not receive credit if you do!)

1. **Why** am I in this class?

2) **Why** did I answer the way I did in Item #1 above?

i. **Why** did I answer the way I did in Item #2 above?

1. **Why** did I answer the way I did in Item #i above?

2. **Why** did I answer the way I did in Item #1 above?

According to Gregg Spencer (1992), students typically hold three views towards education:

(See last page for answers)

Is this motivation Internal or External?

1) _____ **Internal or External?**

2) _____ **Internal or External?**

3) _____ **Internal or External?**

B. Compare your answers in Section A to the motivations three motivations listed above. What do my answers reveal about my motivation for going to school? (Any combination of the three views)

What would happen if your sole motivation was?

| | Advantages (<i>How could this help?</i>) | Disadvantages (<i>How could this hurt?</i>) |
|--|---|--|
| View #1 “Ticket to a job” | |  Figure 1: "Golden Handcuffs" |
| View #2 “Jump through hoops” | |  Figure 2: "Golden Handcuffs" |
| View #3 “Search for knowledge and truth” | |  Figure 3: "Graduate with 'Hire Me' on Cap" |

D. What are some possible areas of growth, regarding having a balanced view of education, do you think you need to develop?

(View 1) How can you improve your “Ticket to a job” view?

(View 2) How can you improve your “Jumping through a series of hoops” view?

(View 3) How can you improve your “Search for knowledge and truth” view?

Test your understanding:

What is the main point of this assignment?

Why were you expected to do this exercise?

What type of person would need to do this exercise?

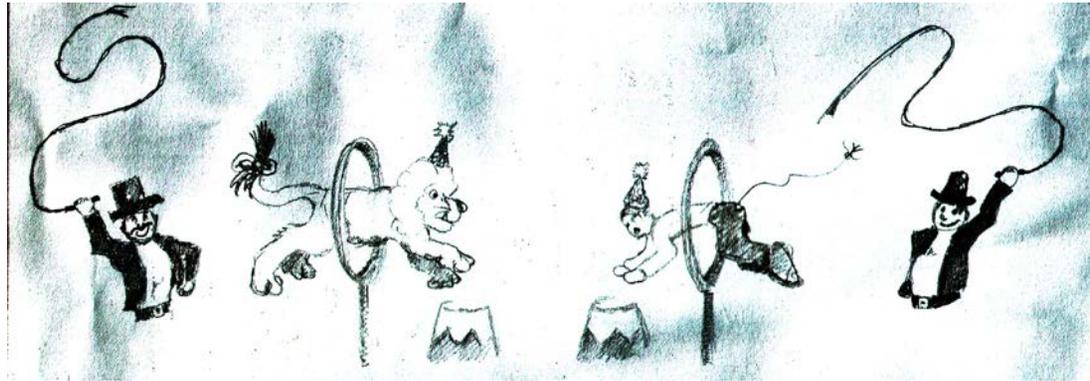
How well do you fit the profile of the person for whom this assignment was created?

Reflection: (*Write down your response after completing this assignment.*)

Three Common Views of Education

1) A Ticket to a Job

2) Jumping Through a Series of Hoops



3) Search for Knowledge and Truth

Source: Spencer, G. (1992). A heart for truth: Taking your faith to college. Grand Rapids, MI: (Baker Books)