



“The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn” – Alvin Toffle. What do you understand from Alvin’s statement? Elaborate on your understanding and support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.

Illiterate is defined as an individual who is unable to read or write. What I believe Alvin Toffle meant from his statement is that people are getting more ignorant and reluctant to learn nowadays. This is because people may be taking education for granted, whereas in the olden days, everyone was considered blessed to be given the opportunity to learn.

Almost everyone around the world nowadays has been granted the opportunity to attend schools by their parents. Governments are more developed as well and they can help fund the education system. For example, majority of the public schools are free for students to attend as they are funded by the government. I believe that because of this, people are taking education for granted, thus causing them to be less inclined to learn.

The comparison that Alvin made was based on what illiterate meant in the past. In the past, education was rare and only selected people have the opportunity to learn. Therefore, majority of the people in the past would have accepted if they were given the opportunity to learn, and they would have also made the most out of it. In my opinion, learning how to read and write were the most important things at that time, as compared to now, where people care more about money and happiness instead.

In conclusion, Alvin made a clear comparison between the current situation and the past. In my opinion, I agree with his statement and think that people are starting to take education for granted.

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