

Dream of a Nation-
Aiming for the Best in Education

Name _____

Key Terms- Find definitions of the following key terms throughout Chapter 5 and write them in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

School Funding Reform

Socio-economic

Natural Capital

Biomimicry

Carrying Capacity

Literacy

Best Practices

Community Schools

Accountability

Article Questions*Infographic*

1. What percentage of high school graduates are not adequately prepared to go to work or college?
2. What is the difference in salary between a high school graduate and a college graduate?

Seeing Education in a New Light

1. How is Geoffrey Canada working to make education the “tipping point” for his neighborhood?
2. Why is it so much less expensive to invest in kids before they fall behind or drop out of school?

Fair School Funding and Equal Opportunities

3. Why does difference in per pupil spending matter? What does this difference result in? Discuss with a partner how this change has affected our society.
4. How are some states working to rectify this problem?

Educating for a Sustainable Future

5. What is environmental literacy?
6. With a partner develop a list of ways your school can promote environmental literacy.

A School and Community Strategy for the 21st Century

7. What are the four major initiatives needed to increase student success in school, according to this article?
8. Do you think these tactics will be effective? Are there any other things schools and communities need to address in order to ensure student success?

Making Education Work for All Students

9. How can schools guarantee that students receive excellent teachers every single year?
10. With a partner, brainstorm about the common characteristics excellent teachers possess.

Post-Reading Questions

11. Discuss with a partner the ways in which your education has impacted who you are.
12. Out of all the solutions offered in these chapters which do you feel are the most attainable? Which would be the most challenging? Why?