

Extra Credit:

Read the article below, than answer the blanks on the worksheet.

Print: Your answer sheet.

The Benefits of Homework

In general, students are not excited about the homework they get assigned because they are bombarded with other options that seem far more exciting. Let's face it – homework is no more exciting today than when Mr Zim was a kid – before there were computers, cell phones, and the Internet.

The world of today's students includes instant communication, multi-tasking, cell phones, exciting video games, texting, and social networking. Homework is vying for your attention against some tough competition.

Some students think homework is a waste of time. Others understand the intrinsic value of homework and take responsibility for doing it correctly and it in on time. However, the majority of students are somewhere in between there extremes. Getting your homework done is a skill.

The students that do their homework without a nightly battle view their education differently. They understand that for a couple of hours, schoolwork is the priority, and then they can move on to something more exciting – like FortNight. Kids who regularly do their homework know that homework teaches them where their strengths are and where they need to spend more attention. Getting better at school, or better grades, takes making a plan; and good plans sometimes take weeks, months, or even years to perfect.

For most students, the problem may not be the homework, but in how they look at it. In the "good old days", Mr. Zim did his homework because it was expected, and because there were far fewer options for little Zimmy. Today, there are a lot of distractions. To compete with the distractions, today's kids must get more buy-in on the importance of homework. Here are some ideas that may help.

Benefits of Homework

1. Homework teaches students about time management.
2. Homework teaches students how to set priorities.
3. Homework helps teachers determine how well the lessons and material are being understood by their students.
4. Homework teaches students how to problem solve.
5. Homework gives students another opportunity to review the class material.
6. Homework teaches students that they have to do things, even when they don't want to.
7. Homework teaches students how to work independently.

8. Homework teaches students the importance of planning, staying organized and taking action.

School and homework show students the important life lessons, such as how to read and communicate with others, that they will use as an adult. Homework also teaches students how to problem solve, think independently, and build an understanding and interest for the issues in our society. Homework is not a waste of time. Perhaps, to do better in school, teach yourself some self discipline. Zim suggests that AFTER your homework is done, THEN participate in video games or social media. By doing so, you create a win-win situation for yourselves, your parents and your teacher will be grateful!

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(Why does vying mean? _____)

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(What does intrinsic mean? _____)

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(What do we mean by “pay-off will be worth it” _____)

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