Introduction to Philosophy

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<div align="center">Philosophy of Education</div>

"All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth." (**Aristotle**)

Traditional approaches to learning oftentimes came from one source, the teacher, who presented content he or she felt that you needed to know. Recently, students have found other ways to learn content by using new media and the teacher became more of a facilitator rather than the sole source of information. Today there is a shift away from the teacher as facilitator and we have seen how students can learn independently (http://turtola.edublogs.org/2010/10/06/flying-solo-would-you/) and apart from having adult supervision in the room.

Is this a good way to learn? In a 4-6 page essay, explain how you have "learned how to learn" and offer alternatives to some of the traditional approaches you have experienced in your academic career.

- Begin by researching several different philosophies of education and identify some of the leading educational theorists who have had an influence on the education of youth.
- Choose philosophers from different time periods and develop an understanding of what traditional approaches actually are still being used. How they have impacted your own learning experiences?
- Then examine those philosophers who have offered newer ways to learn that break away from tradition. How have these philosophies impacted your learning?