

The History of American Education: Influencing the Mind and Soul

Shaping the American Educational System

Colonial & Early National Era Education

Three Major Eras of Educational Reform

- Common School Era (1830-1860)
- Progressive Era (1890-1920)
- Kaleidoscopic Era (1957-1978)

Shaping the American Educational Philosophy

Religious Influence on Education

Secular Humanist Influence on Education

Contemporary Educational Philosophies

Perennialism
Idealism
Realism

Pragmatism
Reconstructionism
Existentialism

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Two Differing Worldviews: Christian vs. Secular Humanism

- Who a Student Is
 - Educating a “Person”

 - Thinker or Conformist

- What Education Is
 - Christ-Centered or Secular

 - Person-Centered or Market Driven

 - Education or Indoctrination

 - Parental or Government Controlled

- Purpose of Education
 - Political & Cultural Conformity

 - Social Reform & Cultural Change

 - Moral & Social Training

 - Forming a National Character & Global Utopia