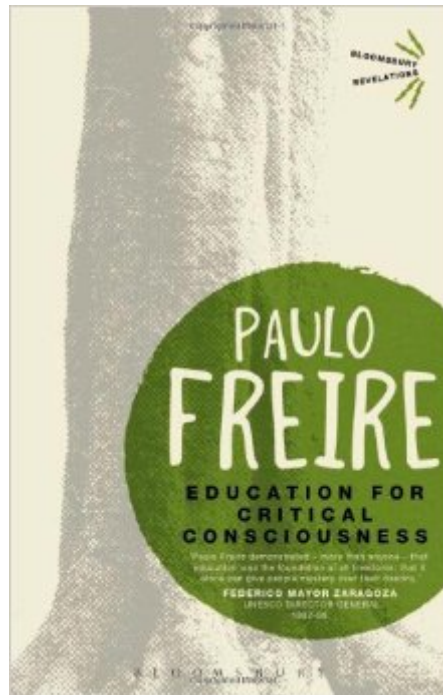


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# Education For Critical Consciousness (Bloomsbury Revelations)



## Synopsis

Famous for his advocacy of 'critical pedagogy', Paulo Freire was Latin America's foremost educationalist, a thinker and writer whose work and ideas continue to exert enormous influence in education throughout the world today. *Education for Critical Consciousness* is the main statement of Freire's revolutionary method of education. It takes the life situation of the learner as its starting point and the raising of consciousness and the overcoming of obstacles as its goals. For Freire, man's striving for his own humanity requires the changing of structures which dehumanize both the oppressor and the oppressed.

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This book includes a detailed explanation of the methodologies leading to *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*. It would be a good "pre-reading" book or post-reading book for those interested in *Ped. of the Oppressed*. It really brings to life the methods to the wonderful and loving pedagogy that Freire exudes throughout his work. This is a must have for those who buy *Ped. of Opp.*

A must read for anyone interested in systemic socioeconomic reform. The ideas here are still fresh, Freire's thinking is clear and penetrating, and both his evaluation of cultural challenges and his proposals for resolution are still profoundly relevant. Although the ideas here have the same central themes and flavor as those in *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, here they are more developed, well-rounded and I found them to be more persuasive than that seminal work. For those unfamiliar

with Freire, this book captures the essence of his insights; this is not about "education" per se, but about revolution and transformation into more enlightened and empowering democratic perspectives and civic structures, using a participatory, "context-aware" and culturally self-critical consciousness that allows everyone involved equal footing and inherent value.

Paulo Freire's essays focused mostly on the education of rural peasants in Brazil. However, the conclusions he draws from those experiences can be applied to all forms of education everywhere. A true inspiration for what it means to educate, to teach, to liberate. Frankly it should be required reading for all teachers and it saddens me that Freire's voice has been mostly lost to time.

Paulo Freire is one of the unsung heroes in the field of education. Here he is again, writing such terse sentences that they have to be re-read several times to absorb all their nutrients. Just like his brilliant *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, *Education for Critical Consciousness* is an antidote to the current U.S. crisis of ignorance and consumer-insanity.

This resource looks at dialectical thinking and how it brings liberation from the historical, cultural and natural past of the individual which causes him/her to experience freedom.

The groundwork set by this book is a great asset to anyone in the process of becoming and educator or is already there. It is a definite must read.

Great ideas but some are not applicable to the current dynamic we find ourselves in regarding education. Perhaps that is the point: to create anew. At any rate a solid read!

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