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Liberal arts colleges have long been a matter of controversy for many reasons. Characterized by their small size and concentration of educating students at the bachelor's level on non-professional subjects, many in the public and the private sector criticize the actual cost of nurturing a student. Is it really worth the cost? What are the benefits? If one goes to college and major in the humanities or liberal arts, that is like a statement, a search, a journey, a life adventure. As an education path, liberal arts education is a tool to provide total education and learning to individuals. Is it true or is it more a statement for parents who are paying college tuition fees and professors being paid on a salary that is not due to their personal merit, but due to the actual cost of nurturing a student. Is that the real cost of education? Is that what is meant by the American dream? Is it really worth the cost? What is the real and honest benefit of a liberal arts education? If the benefits of a liberal arts education is really about teaching students how to think, what else do you get in a liberal arts college? In this article, we will explore the underlying benefits of liberal arts education.

Liberal arts education is associated with a number of benefits. Liberal arts education has been known to provide students with greater critical thinking skills, communication skills, and cultural awareness. Liberal arts education provides students with the opportunity to develop skills in critical thinking, writing, and oral communication. Students are taught to think creatively and analytically, which are important skills in today's workforce. Liberal arts education also provides students with a strong foundation in the arts and humanities, which can be beneficial in a variety of career fields. Additionally, liberal arts education can help students develop a broader perspective and a better understanding of other cultures. It is also known for producing skilled and well-rounded graduates, who are better equipped to succeed in today's diverse and complex world.

However, some critics argue that liberal arts education is not practical and does not provide students with the skills needed to succeed in the workforce. They argue that a liberal arts education is too theoretical and does not provide students with the practical skills needed to succeed in the workforce. However, this is not necessarily the case. Many employers value liberal arts graduates for their strong critical thinking skills, communication skills, and cultural awareness.

In conclusion, liberal arts education provides a number of benefits, including greater critical thinking skills, communication skills, and cultural awareness. While some critics argue that a liberal arts education is not practical, many employers value liberal arts graduates for their strong critical thinking skills, communication skills, and cultural awareness. Therefore, liberal arts education is worth the cost and provides students with a strong foundation for success in today's workforce.