

5 quotes about reading that link to reading and its influence in home education

Freedom to Read

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"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free..."

**-Frederick Douglass**

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In school there is very, very little choice of what you read. Governments, both local and federal, choose what students will be exposed to, and how they are to interpret and interact with it.

Historically, literacy was highly controlled in order to benefit those with power. Having the ability and freedom to read broadly gives children and adolescents (and adults) the confidence to make choices about what they actually like - and believe in - not just what they are supposed to.

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"If one cannot enjoy reading a book over and over again, there is no use in reading it at all."

**— Oscar Wilde**

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Time and the permission to engage on your own terms is everything. Being able to have time to spend as long as you please on a book without feeling rushed to finish it in a certain time frame. (having to read it quickly for a test, etc.) staying with the book and being able to revisit it and rethink it/think about it for as long as needed and being able to reread it, having a constantly changing and revolving relationship with that book or/and writing

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"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."

**— Charles W. Eliot**

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Friend, counselor, teacher - books, and the characters, narrators, and information that live within them, offer unique human perspective. Connecting with these voices, revisiting them, following them to new books is a journey of discovery and learning. And important to mention, for those who have trouble with reading from the page, audiobooks in home education allow for the same experience without the worry of being seen as different within a traditional classroom setting.

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“If you don't have time to read, you don't have the time (or the tools) to write. Simple as that.”

— **Stephen King**

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Schools teach what they know as the formulas for writing but leave out and don't encourage the children's own voices in writing, leaving you with every story written the same and in an enforced and identical manner, also resulting in these students to not enjoy writing but to see it as a task.

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“Books are mirrors: you only see in them what you already have inside you.”

— **Carlos Ruiz Zafón, *The Shadow of the Wind***

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Reading books help give people a sense of their own identity. Working through the thoughts and ideas of others allows us to understand what we find important in the world around and within.



