

What is the focus of the reading?

The focus of this reading is about St. Paul high school and how the elite at the school in the past was born into wealth and was allowed at the school because they already had wealth. However, they're trying to change that look and prove that anyone can come to St. Paul no matter if they are rich or not. It talks about how times have changed, and you aren't inherited into wealth you must work for it. St. Paul is trying to show adolescents how to become a part of the elite.

From your reading, what is the most important point the author(s) made?

The most important point that the author made was at the very end of the article in my opinion. The author stated "The promise of the open society was not just more access but more equality. This promise has proven to be a fiction. Twenty-first-century America is increasingly open yet relentlessly unequal. Our next great American project is to find a way out of this paradox.

Why is this point important?

This is an important point because it talks about how people are trying to have change and trying to show that people need to earn what they have. However, people are starting to realize that as the world develops the more untrue this becomes. The more unequal society becomes, and the more people are proven to just be brought into money or status.

What ideas in this chapter are new to you and especially interesting?

When the article first started, I was confused because it seemed at first that the author was stating that the world had changed, and people have now realized that you need to work for things. However, as I read the author realized this was far from the truth. I thought it was interesting that people were trying to change how people look at higher ups however, I feel the situation has only gotten worse.

What ONE question would you like me to answer in class about this reading?

Do you think society will ever change to where people truly believe that you have to work for things?