

Amplify your verbal anecdote (or choose a different one) from the assignment on Diogenes. This is very similar to amplifying a proverb. Be sure to label your sections.

AMPLIFYING AN ANECDOTE

Part I due May 13th

1. Cite the anecdote.
2. Praise the author (use the biographical material for this)
3. Paraphrase and/or explain the anecdote.
4. Give one or more reasons to support it.

Part II due May 20th (submit as an entire paper with section headers)

5. Introduce a contrast.
6. Add a comparison (analogy).
7. Give one or more examples.
8. Support with the opinion of others.
9. Draw a conclusion (can be an exhortation).

The Root of Education Is Bitter but Its Fruits Are Sweet

by Athonius of Antioch

Isocrates once said that the root of education is bitter but its fruits are sweet.

Isocrates is to be admired for making such a sensible statement about the rewards of education. That statement came from long observation and experience because Isocrates operated a famous school of rhetoric in which he justified an education system that was relevant to the needs of his world.

Isocrates meant that the early stages of education are difficult and may even be painful and distasteful, but the outcome can be gratifying and rewarding.

For the most important deeds can be accomplished only by hard work and sacrifice, but once they are accomplished, they bring satisfaction.

By contrast, ordinary deeds do not need hard work or sacrifice, and when they are accomplished, they don't bring satisfaction or rewards.

Just as farmers who till the soil achieve satisfaction and rewards by hard work and sacrifice, so too those who pursue education by hard work and sacrifice achieve satisfaction and rewards.

Consider, for example, the early education of Demosthenes, the greatest of all the Athenian orators and the champion of Greek liberty. His early studies involved great effort and suffering. It is said that he locked himself in his room to master his studies. As a result, in later life, he achieved great rewards and public acclamation.

Hesiod, that most splendid of Greek poets, had an opinion about education similar to that of Isocrates. "The road to success," he said, "is long, and steep, and rocky, but it is rewarding when you reach the top."

In his words and in his actions, Isocrates gives such good advice about education that we should act in accordance with his advice.

_____ **I have discussed the ideas of my paper with a parent.**

_____ **I have read my paper aloud to check for smoothness of style.**

_____ **I have labeled all of my sections and skipped a space between them.**

_____ **My final paper is between 150 and 175 words (not including the section headers).**

_____ **My paper has a well-balanced sentence variety.**