

Compare and Contrast the Theories of Plato and Aristotle on education.

Outline:

Introduction

System of Education compared and contrasted.

Education is training in the art of citizenship.

The business of education according to Plato

Education to be State controlled.

Aristotle's division of System of Education.

Conclusion.

Introduction

Aristotle, according to Dunning, "differs from his master Plato, much more in the form and method than in the substance of his thought." This applies equally well in so far as the system advocated by Plato and Aristotle is concerned. However, Aristotle's theory of education agrees more with Plato's education given in the 'Laws' than that given in the 'Republic.' Both of them gave the first place to education in the scheme of their things. They pleaded that education should be essentially State controlled. It should be training-oriented capable of producing good citizens so that political stability is guaranteed. Both of them considered education as instrumental in the training of character. It is, according to them, a process through which light is not put into the eye but the eye is turned towards the light. Not something outward is put into mind but the inward faculties that are lying dormant are activated. Both of them believed that music is a moralizing