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"All tests do is breed anxiety and learning for the test. We should be teaching critical thinking and writing. As a supervisor who had to read reports prepared by my subordinates, I can tell you that the vast population of this country cannot write. It is heartbreaking to have an adult come to me and admit she doesn't write well and would like me to help her improve. I tried to help all of my subordinates, but it's hard to undo a lifetime of poor skills. As to critical thinking. I believe this needs to be taught at the high school level, but can be introduced all through the grades leading up to HS. We need a population that can think for themselves and express themselves through the written word. In my opinion, that is the most critical function educators can provide to their students. Not rote learning of facts, never to be remembered or necessarily used again."