

# A Lifetime of Living and Learning

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Looking back over our years of unschooling, another big change I've seen is that my perspective as a parent has broadened beyond "childhood" to "life". I no longer see childhood as focused on "learning everything you need to know to become an adult," with my purpose being to "graduate" them into adulthood.

I think this shift started when I began pondering the purpose of curriculum, actually. From asking myself many questions about why children "should" learn certain things at certain ages. From thinking about the things I learned at school, the messages I was given about the things I was learning, and my own experience with what I have found truly useful as an adult.

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