

A Composition for Gullible People with Vivid Imagination

After you answer all of these questions, compare your answers with the answers below the composition.

1. Which claims in this paragraph are provided with concrete support?
2. Which general claims are not supported?
3. So, what does this say about the information value of this composition?

There are many people in our generation who have graduated from college, compared with our parents. In the 1960s, most people were poor. So many people, even though they wanted to study, were not able to enter college because they had financial problems. And only a small number of people had enthusiasm and understanding for college education. Besides, the number of universities was small and most of them didn't have good facilities. On the other hand, nowadays we are more wealthy than the advanced generation. So the number of people who can't enter college because of poverty has decreased. And as we can see passion for the college entrance exam, most people eagerly want to get a college degree. In addition, many there are more opportunities that we can receive college education and that is one more reason that there are more college graduates. These reasons enable us to find more college graduates in our generation than in our parents' generation.

Answers

1. None of them.
2. All of them.
3. It has zero information value, unless you 1) have a great imagination and can guess the details, and 2) are gullible and believe unsupported claims.