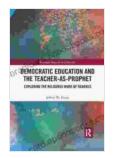
### **Democratic Education And The Teacher As Prophet: A Must-Read For Educators**



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In her book "Democratic Education And The Teacher As Prophet", Maxine Greene argues that education is not simply about imparting knowledge and skills, but also about helping students to develop the critical thinking skills and moral imagination necessary to create a more just and equitable society.

Greene believes that teachers play a vital role in this process. She calls teachers "prophets" because they have the ability to inspire students to see the world in new ways and to imagine a better future.

Greene's book is a passionate call for democratic education. She argues that our schools must be places where all students are treated with respect and where they have the opportunity to learn and grow. She also believes

that teachers must be given the support and resources they need to be successful.

Greene's book is a must-read for anyone who cares about the future of education. It is a powerful reminder of the importance of democratic education and the role that teachers play in creating a more just and equitable society.

#### The Importance Of Democratic Education

Democratic education is based on the belief that all people are equal and that everyone deserves to have the opportunity to learn and grow.

Democratic schools are places where students are encouraged to think critically, to express their opinions, and to participate in the decision-making process.

Democratic education is essential for creating a more just and equitable society. It helps students to develop the skills and knowledge they need to be active and engaged citizens. Democratic education also helps students to understand the importance of diversity and to respect the rights of others.

#### The Role Of Teachers As Prophets

Teachers play a vital role in democratic education. They are the ones who inspire students to think critically, to dream big, and to make a difference in the world. Greene believes that teachers are "prophets" because they have the ability to see the world in new ways and to imagine a better future.

Teachers are not just transmitters of knowledge and skills. They are also mentors, guides, and role models. They help students to develop their own

unique talents and abilities. Teachers also help students to understand the world around them and to make informed decisions about their lives.

Greene argues that teachers must be given the support and resources they need to be successful. This includes providing them with high-quality professional development and giving them the time and space they need to be creative and innovative.

#### **How To Create A More Just And Equitable Society**

Creating a more just and equitable society is a complex and challenging task. However, Greene believes that democratic education is an essential part of the solution. By providing all students with the opportunity to learn and grow, we can help to create a more just and equitable world.

Here are some specific ways that we can create a more just and equitable society:

- Support democratic education. Make sure that all students have access to high-quality democratic education.
- Invest in teachers. Give teachers the support and resources they need to be successful.
- Encourage critical thinking. Help students to develop the critical thinking skills they need to make informed decisions about their lives.
- Promote diversity. Create schools that are welcoming and inclusive of all students.
- Teach about social justice. Help students to understand the importance of social justice and to take action to create a more just and equitable

world.

By working together, we can create a more just and equitable society for all.

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