



Pestalozzi's Basic Beliefs (1) World Proverbs

LEVEL	Intermediate
AIMS (Aspect of Pestalozzi)	To introduce / reinforce some of Pestalozzi's most important beliefs
FURTHER AIMS	To relate Pestalozzi's aims to other sources of wisdom
MATERIALS NEEDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A large sheet of paper, scissors, glue and colouring pens for each group of five students➤ A Copy of 'Pestalozzi's Beliefs and World Proverbs' sheet, cut up into cards and shuffled, for each group of five students➤ A sheet of paper for each student➤ Blu-tack

The teacher divides the students into groups of five and gives each group a large sheet of paper, five small sheets of paper, colouring pens, scissors and glue and 'Pestalozzi's Beliefs and World Proverbs', cut up and re-ordered. *(NB: The teacher should explain that a proverb is a short and well-known saying.)*

Instructions to Students:

- Pick out the five beliefs held by Pestalozzi
- Match each proverb with the belief of Pestalozzi that it relates to
- Allocate one belief to each student in the group who then makes a colour picture of the relevant proverb. The proverb and the corresponding belief should be included with the picture
- Make a title for all five pictures and stick the title and pictures on the large sheet of paper

(NB: While the students are doing this activity, the teacher moves around the groups, making sure that they understand the meaning of Pestalozzi's beliefs and of the proverbs and answering any questions the students may have.)

The work is displayed.

The teacher asks the students if they can think of any other proverbs that relate to these beliefs of Pestalozzi or to any other beliefs of his. The students collect any such proverbs and add them to the displays already made.

As an additional activity, the students can write and illustrate their own proverbs in order to explain any belief held by Pestalozzi.

Pestalozzi's Beliefs and World Proverbs

Pestalozzi taught that we should learn by observation and action
We learn to build houses by building houses; to play the harp by playing the harp; to be just by doing just acts. (Aristotle, 4 th century Greek philosopher)
Pestalozzi believed that 'Life Educates'
Until a crab finds itself in a very hot pot of soup it will never understand that water can be both cold and hot (Liberian proverb)
Pestalozzi taught that Education should help a person to help himself or herself
Give a man a fish and he eats for a day, teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime (Attributed to Confucius, China)
Pestalozzi believed that we should all learn to be independent
When you are carried on another man's back you do not appreciate how far the next village is (African proverb)
Pestalozzi believed that we should never make a judgement until we know everything about what we are judging
Don't judge a man until you have walked two moons in his moccasins (Attributed to Native Americans)