A Letter to Mr Habberly by Angelica

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Dear Mr Habberley,

It has recently come to my attention about the plan to abolish homework. I believe it is a great idea. Teachers and adults up and down England will complain saying that it is a preposterous idea. However, do these adults even remember what it is like to have homework? The answer is no. They can't.

As a child, we get homework almost every day. Every night we slave away trying to complete it. We stay up all night worrying if we will get it done on time, and when day light breaks, we must return to school. Some say this is not dangerous and that stress it good so that you can learn how to manage your time. I disagree. If you have been up all night completing it then you will be tired making you oblivious to your surroundings. You could hurt yourself by tripping over you laces. You may hurt yourself by walking into the road unaware of the cars. Another problem with staying up at night doing your homework is that you cannot concentrate. It has been proven that children who do not have enough sleep cannot learn properly. As a consequence of this, we will be punished for not concentrating meaning we have even less time to complete homework and even less time to sleep.

In addition to this, stress can have immeasurable effects on children. Stress could lead to depression of anxiety. This is because we get so much homework it is almost impossible to complete. If we get homework, we stay up late in the night trying to complete it. If we stay up all night, we don't get any sleep and become tired. If we are tired, then we can't concentrate and won't be aware of our surroundings. If we are oblivious to what is going on around us, we could get in trouble with our teachers, therefore earning ourselves a detention. A remedy would be to abolish homework. If we do this, children can learn more and not get into accidents or trouble.

In comparison to all those who say stress is good for you. Would you rather have stressed, tired, weak children in schools. Or would you rather have healthy, strong, happy children? We must abolish homework. We must let children have rest. We must abolish homework so we can be free to have sleep and be healthy! No homework means happier children.

Yours sincerely

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