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**Topic 6 Educational policy and inequality**  
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**Activity: Webquest**  
**Should education be privatised?**

**Learning objective**

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Identify and evaluate the claimed advantages and disadvantages of the privatisation of education.

The trend towards privatisation in education in the UK is a highly debated issue. Use the links below to investigate privatisation in education.

- A. For each link read the article or watch the clip and note down the positive and negative aspects of privatisation claimed by the sources.

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/mortarboard/2011/aug/09/private-sector-role-in-education>

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/2012/jan/28/state-schools-private-sector-revolution>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/somerset/8460774.stm>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sEZaytb3kU>

<http://www.lilacskyschools.co.uk/about-us.aspx>

- B. Using information from these sites and pages 82-83 of your textbook, write a summary of the arguments for and against the privatisation of education. Write a conclusion to show which side of the argument is stronger.