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I have watched a video on the song “Another Brick In The Wall” performed by Pink Floyd. I was really impressed by the video, and even though such eerie details as gruesome masks, minced meat made of children and the episode of the boy being humiliated in front of his classmates are a bit exaggerated, there is no smoke without fire.

The video touches upon a major drawback of educational system. I strongly believe that pupils at school are forced to be mediocre, the thinking patterns are imposed, and children have almost no space for being creative. The majority of teachers are just craftsmen literally obsessed with good grades. Every child who is different and has unusual point of view is called “weird” or “difficult” and the personality of such child is suppressed.

Personally I had a literature teacher at senior school that marked every opinion different from hers as a wrong one. We were discussing very controversial novels and smart students just said things she wanted to hear, and these classes made no sense. I know many people who finally spread their wings after graduation: felt free to express themselves, to say what they really thought and it has depressing effect on me as I am one of those people.

In conclusion I would like to say that being average and “just another brick in the wall” at school is far more preferable because it would not cause any problems for both teachers and students and I think it is wrong. When a student is like other “bricks” he or she feels comfortable, but it will affect their future because they will be successful only among people of similar kind. People who are taught to think in accepted way are helpless in terms of self-development.