Lesson 1

What does a ‘quality education’ mean to you?

#MyVoiceMySchool
A quality education

Why is education important?
Learning objectives

You will be able to:

1. Give reasons for the importance of education and justify your opinions.
2. Reflect on your own and others’ experience of education.
3. Link personal experience to global issues.
My Voice-My School gives students the opportunity to share their ideas about education and their future. It allows students to have a voice in the development of global quality education as part of the UN Global Goals.
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You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 28
All children have the right to a primary education, which should be free. Wealthy countries should help poorer countries achieve this right. Discipline in schools should respect children’s dignity. For children to benefit from education, schools must be run in an orderly way – without the use of violence. Any form of school discipline should take into account the child's human dignity. Therefore, governments must ensure that school administrators review their discipline policies and eliminate any discipline practices involving physical or mental violence, abuse or neglect. The Convention places a high value on education. Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education of which they are capable.
Goal 4: Quality Education

Targets for Goal 4 cover the following areas:
1. Access to education
2. Education for employment
3. Inclusive education
4. Literacy & numeracy
5. Values based education
6. School environment
7. Scholarships
8. Teacher training
Education is not a charity. It is a public good and a gamechanger that has an impact on all the development goals – environmental protection, gender equality, poverty alleviation and more. We need to craft a new vision of education for the 21st century.

Irina Bokova
UNESCO Director-General
Rank the different themes in Global Goal 4, from most important to least important.

Remember to add your own idea about what makes a quality education.
My Voice-My School is your chance to share your voice and ideas about what a quality education means to you, working alongside your peers in schools across the world.
Think about what we have discussed today and make four notes as to how the issue of a quality education links to your own personal experience.