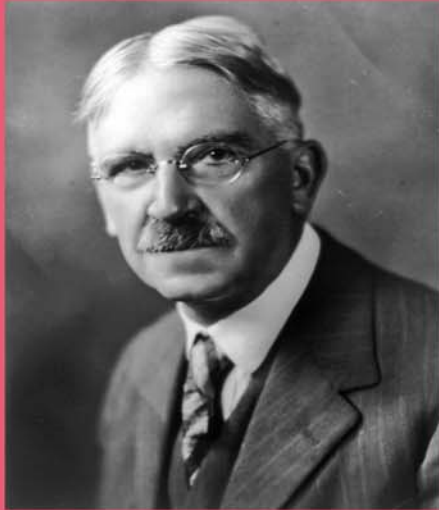


# John Dewey



**He believed that children need to interact with other people, work both alone and cooperatively with their peers and adults. Education should also reflect the child's interests and backgrounds and that their social and cultural worlds are important. Dewey saw learning as lifelong and that educators need to not only teach skills and knowledge but also help children to live and exist in our society.**

## Theories In Practice

- **Educators need to observe children to determine the experiences children are interested in and are ready for.**
- **Educators need to be able to guide children's learning, engage their minds, and work collaboratively with children and not just instruct.**
- **Curriculum needs to be purposeful and assist children to make sense of the world.**
- **Educators should encourage problem-solving and critical thinking for children.**