

Yuval Harari on his advice to young people for the era of A.I. (17 July 2023)

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Oh, it's the first time in history nobody has any idea how the world would look like in 10 years.

[Interviewer: Yes] Nobody has any idea how the world would look like when you grow up.

You know, throughout history it was never possible to predict the future. You live in the Middle Ages, nobody knows maybe in 10 years the Vikings will invade, the Mongols will invade, there'll be an epidemic, there'll be an earthquake. Who knows? But, the basic structures of life will not change. Most people will still be peasants, armies would fight on horseback with swords and bows and arrows and things like that.

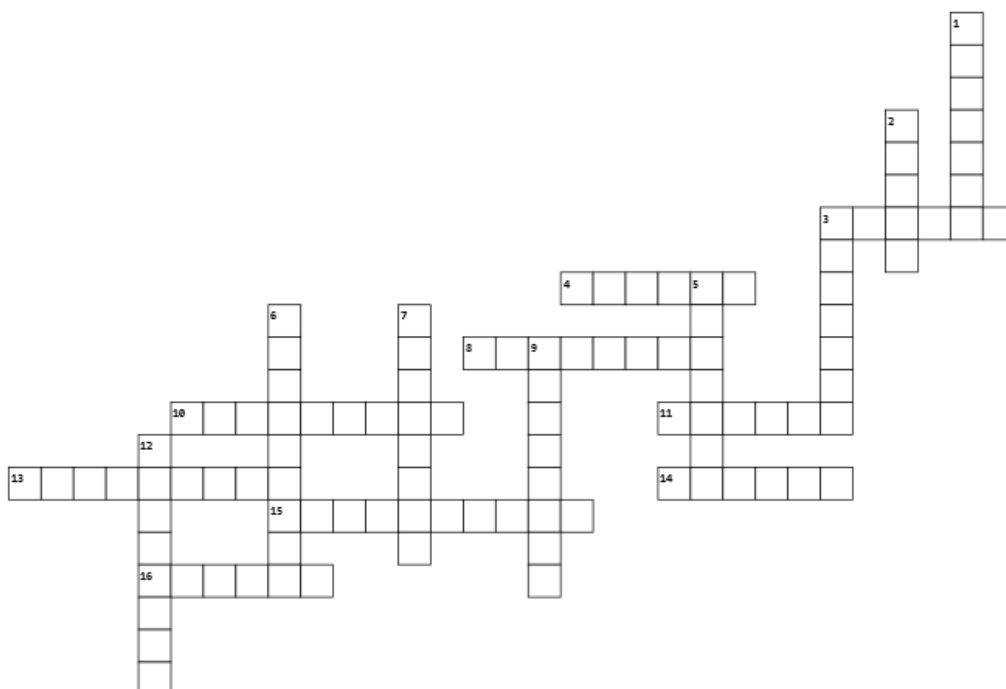
So, you could learn a lot from the wisdom of your elders. They've been there before; and they knew what kind of basic skills you need to learn. Most people need to learn how to sow wheat and harvest wheat or rice, and make bread, and build a house and ride the horse and things like that.

Now we have no idea – not just about politics. We have no idea how the job market would look like in 10 years. We have no ideas – no idea – what skills will still be needed. You think you're going to learn how to code, because they'll need a lot of coders in the 2030s. Think again. Maybe AI is doing all the coding – you don't need any coders. You're going to..., I don't know, you learn to trans... to translate languages, you want to be a translator – gone.

We don't know what skills will be needed.

So, the most important skill is the skill to keep learning and keep changing throughout our lives, which is very, very difficult: to keep reinventing ourselves. It's a deep... again, it's in a way a spiritual practice: to build your personality, to build your mind... eh... eh... a very flexible mind.

If, traditionally, people thought about education like building a stone house, with very deep foundations. Now it's more like setting up a tent, that you can fold and move to the next place very, very quickly. Because that's the 21st century.



Across

3. A regular payment for one's job.
4. A place of employment.
8. A class or lesson of practical instruction.
10. The phase before a job is officially given.
11. Person who offers guidance and wisdom.
13. The person who seeks employment.
14. Document that lists one's qualifications and experiences.
15. The chance to gain professional experience, often unpaid.
16. Periodic meeting to discuss job performance.

Down

5. A place for higher learning; often follows high school.
6. Practiced aptitude or ability.
7. Study after normal school hours.
9. The act of imparting knowledge.
12. The ability to read and write.

1. This kind of "workshop" is designed for brainstorming and discussion.
2. An essential ability acquired through training.
3. An expert in a specific field, especially in research.