



Cultural Capital: The Promises and Pitfalls in Education Research: AEHE, Volume 36, Number 1 (Paperback)

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John Wiley and Sons Ltd, United Kingdom, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Amid the increased use of the notion of cultural capital as a theoretical or analytical tool in educational research remain many different definitions, misconceptions, and appropriations of the concept. Cultural capital--the cultural relevant knowledge, competencies, skills, or abilities valued in a particular context--acts as a form of social currency in educational settings. This monograph extensively reviews the past thirty years of research, investigating the strengths and weaknesses regarding the widely varying uses of cultural capital in educational research. Although the concept of cultural capital holds great promise for explaining the perpetuation of power and privilege, unfulfilled hopes remain. The use of the economic metaphor implied by cultural capital, the lack of attention to race and gender inequalities, the possibility for misunderstanding in transferring the concept between countries and a general implied deficiency model present limitations in many studies of cultural capital. An understanding of cultural capital, if appropriately theorized about and applied to research, has the promise of helping to understand and transform educational inequalities. This is Volume 36 Issue 1 of the Jossey-Bass publication ASHE Higher Education Report. Each monograph in the...

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