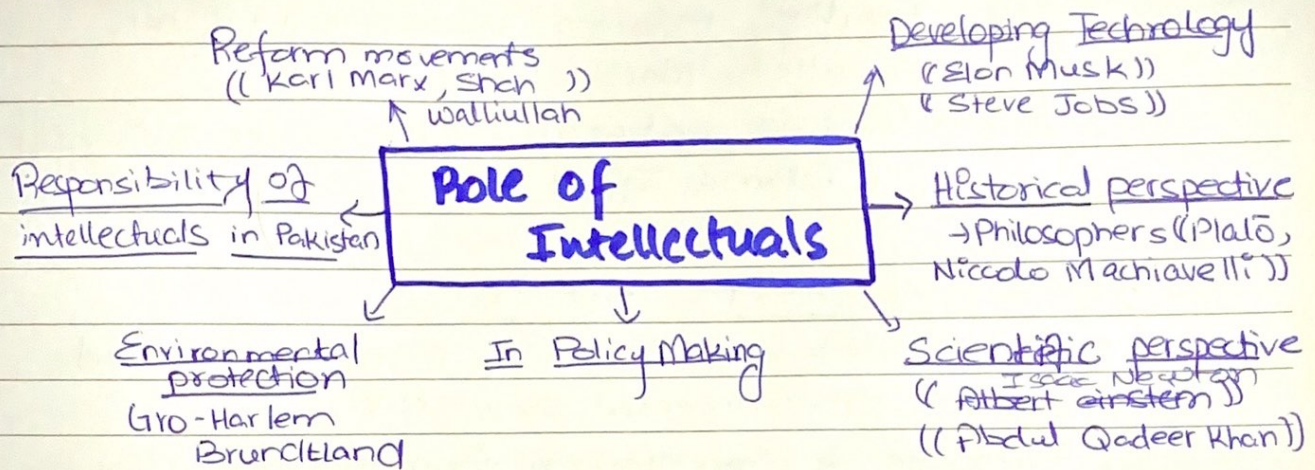


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# The Role of Intellectuals in Society

## Brainstorm



## Outlines

### ① Introduction

1.1 → Attention Grabber / Hook

1.2 → Definition of an intellectual and overview of their role in today's society.

1.3 → Thesis statement: - In a world increasingly driven by information and ideas, intellectuals play a crucial role in shaping and bringing positive change in a society. As they wield unprecedented knowledge and wisdom, they illuminate the path to progress.

### ② Role of Intellectuals

2.1 → Historical Perspective

2.1.1 → Intellectuals in ancient civilization (Plato)

2.1.2 → Role of muslim scholars in golden age (Al-Farghi)

2.1.3 → Role of intellectuals in the era of industrial revolution (James Watt)



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- 2.1 → Scientific Revolution Intellectuals as catalyst for social change
- 2.2.1 → Advocates for human rights, social justice, equality
- 2.2.2 → Leading reform movements ((Shah Waliullah, Martin Luther King))
- 2.2.3 → Leading national independence struggles ((Allama Iqbal))

2.3 → Environmental protection

- 2.3.1 → Role of intellectuals in realizing the need for environmental protection
- 2.3.2 → Role of Gro-Harlem Brundtland

2.4 → Scientific Revolution

- 2.4.1 → ~~Albert Einstein~~ Isaac Newton, discovering gravity
- 2.4.2 → Individuals like Elon Musk developing modern day technologies
- 2.4.3 → Role of Abdul Qadeer Khan in developing Pakistan's nuclear program

③ 2.5 → Responsibility of Intellectuals in Pakistan

- 3.1 ~~2.5.1~~ → ~~way forwards~~ Presenting way forwards for various solutions
- 3.2 ~~2.5.2~~ → Aid in policy making
- 3.3 ~~2.5.3~~ → Uniting the nation

④ 2.6 → Problems Intellectuals face in our society

- 4.1 ~~2.6.1~~ → Criticism, called visionaries / idealists
- 4.2 ~~2.6.2~~ → Social setbacks
- 4.3 ~~2.6.3~~ → No financial support

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⑤ Conclusion.

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## ⑤ Conclusion.

### Essay

Intellectuals play a crucial role in society by fostering critical thinking, driving social and political change, and bridging the gap between theory and practice. <sup>Kevin Kruse stated</sup> Intellectuals "life is about making an impact, not an income", and intellectuals spend their entire life living by this rule. We live in a world increasingly driven by information and ideas, intellectuals play a crucial role in shaping and bringing positive change in a society. As they wield unprecedented knowledge and wisdom, they illuminate the path to progress. This essay will ~~outline~~ present various aspects of this changing society such as, science, environment, social justice where intellectuals play an important role. ~~it~~.

Civilization as defined by William Durant comprises of four primary elements; ~~scap~~ economic provision, political stability, moral tradition and pursuit of knowledge. So knowledge is without a doubt an important aspect for a civilization to come into being. Intellectuals play a major role in shaping ancient civilization. Greek philosophers like Plato and Aristotle proposed pioneer ideas of justice,



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education schemes and societal ideas regarding societal systems. Ancient civilization advanced in various aspects by inculcating these ideas into their systems. Ancient civilization was not the only one with famous individuals with astonishing intellect but many muslim scholars like Al-Farabi preserved Islamic knowledge and brought the golden ages for the Islamic community. Furthermore, industrial revolution was a major event that shaped and improved societies and is still a progressive phenomenon in today's world as well. Many intellectuals played a major role in the era of industrial revolution such as, James Watt who invented the steam engine, ~~and placed and implanted a seed in the minds of our developing society regarding way~~ helped individuals

Intellectuals through many decades have also played a role as catalysts for social change, ~~bringing~~ being advocates for human rights, social justice and equality. ~~Pers~~ Wise personalities like Shah Waliullah and Martin Luther King paved ways for various reform movements fighting for their communities. Shah Waliullah is considered as <sup>one of</sup> the greatest original thinkers of Muslims in India. ~~A~~ Muslims in India were facing many difficulties ~~in India~~ after political power was lost, Shah Waliullah ~~proposed~~ contributed



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to the revival of Islam in many various ways, including the translation of Holy Quran, bridging the gap between Shia and Sunni, stressed on avoidance from social evils and contributed in various political ways as well. Martin Luther King is to this day a messiah for black people. He abandoned slavery and ~~brought~~ ~~has~~ fought for the necessary human rights for the black. If it was not for him, blacks would still be living in pain and sufferance. Allama Iqbal's vision was astonishing and being an individual with unprecedented wisdom brought Pakistan ~~to~~ its well deserved independence. Allama Iqbal stated "The formation of a consolidated ~~North~~ north-west Indian muslim state appears to me to be the final destiny of the muslims"

"The environment is man's first right.

Without a safe environment, man cannot exist to claim other rights, be they political, social or economic" Ken Saro-Wiwa. Protecting the environment is our duty but is often overlooked as ~~national~~ interest. It is not usually considered a national interest of a country. Intellectuals like Gro Harlem Brundtland considered environmental protection important as they understand the consequences a hazardous environment can have on our society. Gro-Harlem Brundtland in 1983 presented a solution in the UN regarding protection of the environment.



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And in 1987 she proposed our common future report and presented problems which are associated with environmental degradation and also proposed solutions such as sustainable development to combat this problem.