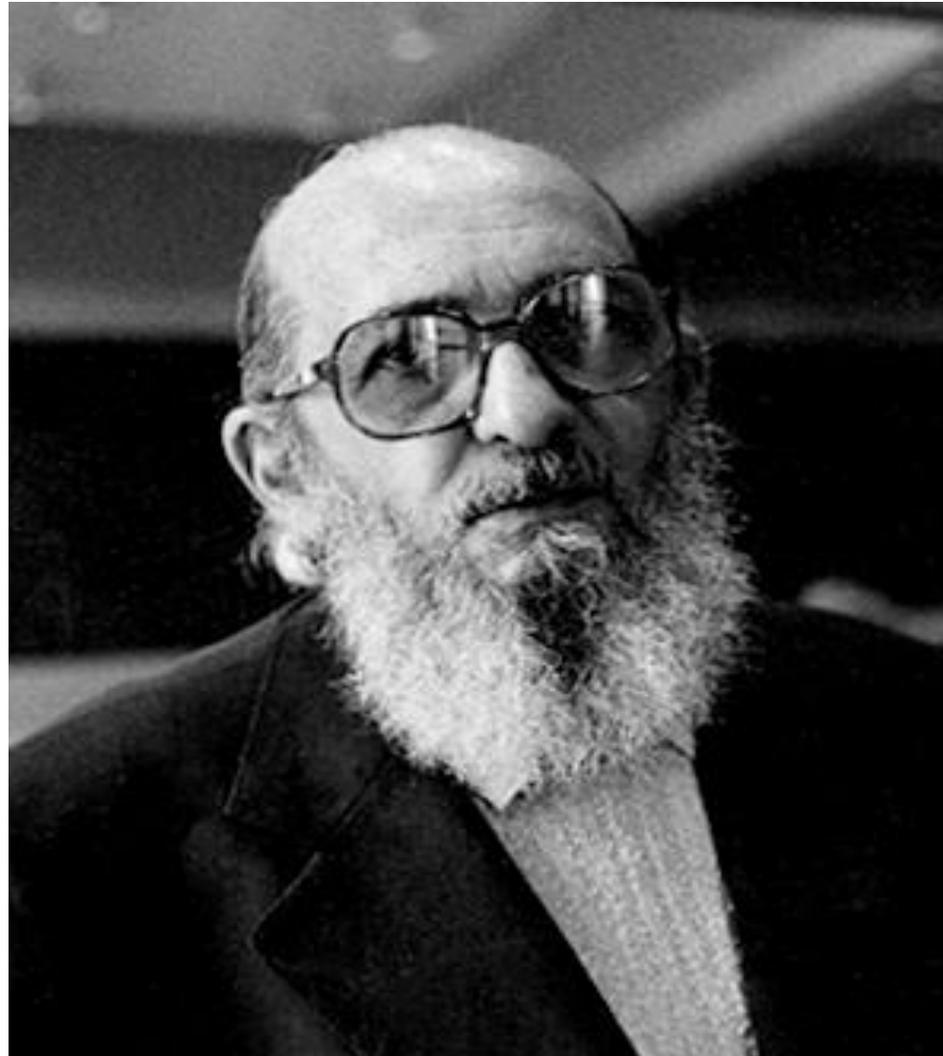


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Reflections and Stories about Paulo Freire

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Paulo Freire – 1921 - 1997



biography

- Born in Recife, Pernambuco in 1921
- Experienced poverty and hunger during the great depression
- Enrolled in Law School at University of Recife in 1943
- He never practiced law but became a secondary school teacher
- He married Elsa Maia Costa de Oliveira – four children
- 1946 –Director of the Pernambuco Department of Education and Culture – working with non-literate adults
- 1961 –Director of Extension for University of Recife

biography

- Early 60s – lead an experiment teaching 300 sugar cane workers to read and write in 45 days.
- This led to plans to create ‘cultural circles’ throughout Northeastern Brazil
- In 1964 – Freire was exiled and fled first to Bolivia and later to Chile
- His PhD research was published as Education a Practice of Freedom in 1967
- This was the basis of his most famous work, Pedagogy of the Oppressed published in Portuguese and Spanish in 1968 and English in 1969 and 70

biography

- 1969-70 a visiting Professor at Harvard University
- 1970 – 1980 Education Secretary of the World Council of Churches in Geneva
- During this time he was invited to all continents for talks and opportunities to work with those inspired by his ideas
- 1980 – Returned to Brazil and taught at the Catholic University of Sao Paulo
- 1988 – Director of Education for the State of Sao Paulo
- 1997 – He died

Concepts associated with Freire

- There is no neutral education
- From reading the word to reading the world
- Conscientisation
- Cultural circles
- Banking concepts of education
- Thematic investigation
- Codifications as learning tools
- dialogue

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