Prompt: Write an essay explaining whether learning always has a positive effect on a person’s life.

Score: 4

Yellow= logos

Green= pathos

Pink = ethos

Learning is an inert portion of the human condition. Since birth, we have spent our time learning and educating ourselves in the ways of the world. However, learning does not always provide a path to an improved life. Jean Valjean from Les Miserables and Adam and Eve from the Bible are testaments to this fact.

 Jean Valjean, while wrongly incarcerated, learned to read and become literate, [which is] a step towards civilized and mild-mannered life. However, when he attempts to assimilate, his acquired and learned skill is meaningless. The fact that he had learned to read did not prevent his rejection from society after his release, therefore not improving his life in the slightest. He had learned a skill of civilized life, something that should have helped him succeed, but it did no such thing. Learning was not beneficial.

 Adam and Eve lived in Eden, utopia, heaven on Earth. Their lives were perfect. They knew [neither] sin nor pain, but when Satan tempted Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit, they learned. They learned of good and evil. This educational experience led to their exile from paradise and the emergence of human struggle. Not only did learning not improve Adam or Eve’s individual lives, it ruined it for their ancestors as well. Paradise was lost because of learning.

 Learning does not always improve a person’s life. Sometimes, as in Jean Valjean’s case, learning has no affect [sic] whatsoever, and in other instances, such as Adam and Eve’s, it makes life worse. Just like many other things in this world, learning carries no guarantee.

 Also under logos= Author uses good organization which follows and supports the thesis, fully developed and explained examples, sufficient details (it would be too much to highlight)

 Ethos: Proper punctuation and almost flawless grammar/spelling, high/formal vocabulary