Instructions: After thinking about this for a little time, we will discuss the problem as a group. You will then write up your own paper.

Preamble: Given that most people hate mathematics and/or find it difficult, is it appropriate that we make all high-school and university students take mathematics courses? The standard cry is that “I will never use this material!”.

Write 1 or 2 pages to discuss the following:

1. Your evaluation of the usefulness of mathematics.
2. Your evaluation of the state of mathematics education in the United States.
3. Changes you would like to see in mathematics education.

Task Description: The paper should be type-written, correctly spelled, and have appropriate grammar. Your argument should be reasoned. As usual, cite any references used, including web sources.