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Use the excerpt and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following questions.

Answers
1. B 2. C

“Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is a great equalizer of the conditions of men,—the balance wheel of the social machinery. I do not here mean that it so elevates the moral nature as to make men disdain and abhor the oppression of their fellow men. This idea pertains to another of its attributes. But I mean that it gives each man the independence and the means by which he can resist the selfishness of other men. It does better than to disarm the poor of their hostility toward the rich: it prevents being poor.”

—Horace Mann, *Twelfth Annual Report of Horace Mann as Secretary of Massachusetts State Board of Education, 1848*

1. According to Mann, what did education prevent?

- A war
- B poverty
- C disease
- D oppression

2. The words and efforts of reformers such as Mann led to what change in education?

- A the introduction of private schools
- B a decrease in public school attendance
- C the use of state funds to support free public schools
- D an absence of training for teachers