

**Choices and Consequences**

**Why I Left College, Twice**

**Vocabulary 2: Education in the USA**

1. Read the following text about the educational system in the USA. Fill in the blanks with these words:

*13th – grade – high school – parts – pay – primary – school – secondary – semesters – studies – university – year*

1. In America, children start \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around the age of six. They attend primary and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ school for a combined total of 12 years, starting in first grade and ending in 12th \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ school, which is also called “elementary school,” lasts five or six years and is followed by secondary school.
3. Secondary school consists of two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: the first is “middle school” or “junior high school” and the second part is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.
4. After graduating high school in 12th grade, American students can attend college or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. College and university programs begin in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ year of school. A college program usually lasts 2-4 years, whereas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at universities last longer.
6. The school \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ usually runs from September until May or June and is divided into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Most schools use a semester system made up of two sessions: fall (September to December) and spring (January to May).
7. American students \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tuition when attending college or university.