

## Facts

Now, what I want is, Facts.  
Teach these boys and girls  
nothing but Facts.  
Facts alone are wanted in life.  
Plant nothing else,  
and root out everything else.  
You can only form the minds  
of reasoning animals upon Facts:  
nothing else will ever  
be of any service to them.

**Thomas Gradgrind,**  
**school board Superintendent,**  
**in Charles Dickens's *Hard Times***