EAC 150XA: October 8th Make-Up Activity

Listen to the *This American Life* podcast “Back to School” via <http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/474/back-to-school> (click “Launch Player” and you will be able to stream it for free). When you have listened to the podcast, respond to the following questions. We will discuss your responses in class.

1. Briefly summarize Mr. Tough’s argument about children and education.
2. What was the most interesting thing you learned about education and children in this episode?
3. Do the researchers present a compelling argument? How do they attempt to make their argument convincing?
4. What are “non-cognitive skills”? What life factors affect the development (or underdevelopment) of non-cognitive skills?
5. Why do the researchers think non-cognitive skills are important for success in school?
6. What did this podcast teach you about children, education, and/or society?