Top 10 Qualities of a Great Teacher



A great teacher is one a student remembers and cherishes forever. Teachers have long-lasting impacts on the lives of their students, and the greatest teachers inspire students toward greatness. To be successful, a great teacher must have:

1. An Engaging Personality and Teaching Style

A great teacher is very engaging and holds the attention of students in all discussions.

2. Clear Objectives for Lessons

A great teacher establishes clear objectives for each lesson and works to meet those specific objectives during each class.

3. Effective Discipline Skills

A great teacher has effective discipline skills and can promote positive behaviours and change in the classroom.

4. Good Classroom Management Skills

A great teacher has good classroom management skills and can ensure good student behaviour, effective study and work habits, and an overall sense of respect in the classroom.

5. Good Communication with Parents

A great teacher maintains open communication with parents and keeps them informed of what is going on in the classroom as far as curriculum, discipline, and other issues. They make themselves available for phone calls, meetings, and email.

6. High Expectations

A great teacher has high expectations of their students and encourages everyone to always work at their best level.

7. Knowledge of Curriculum and Standards

A great teacher has thorough knowledge of the school's curriculum and other standards they must uphold in the classroom. They ensure their teaching meets those standards.

8. Knowledge of Subject Matter

This may seem obvious, but is sometimes overlooked. A great teacher has incredible knowledge of and enthusiasm for the subject matter they are teaching. They are prepared to answer questions and keep the material interesting for the students.

9. Passion for Children and Teaching

A great teacher is passionate about teaching and working with children. They are excited about influencing students' lives and understand the impact they have.

10. Strong Rapport with Students

A great teacher develops a strong rapport with students and establishes trusting relationships.

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