

The work can wait while you show the child a rainbow.

## Teachers Quotes

but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work.

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The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will not be those who cannot read & write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn. *Alvin Toffler*

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Quotes for teachers :

A good teacher is like a candle - it consumes itself to light the way for others. ~Author Unknown

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition. ~Jacques Barzun

Good teachers are costly, but bad teachers cost more. ~Bob Talbert

Teaching should be full of ideas instead of stuffed with facts. ~Author Unknown

The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence. He inspires self-distrust. He guides their eyes from himself to the spirit that quickens him. He will have no disciple. ~Amos Bronson Alcott

A good teacher is a master of simplification and an enemy of simplism. ~Louis A. Berman

We expect teachers to handle teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, and the failings of the family. Then we expect them to educate our children. ~John Sculley

Teaching is leaving a vestige of one self in the development of another. And surely the student is a bank where you can deposit your most precious treasures. ~Eugene P. Bertin

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires. ~William Arthur Ward

The best teacher is the one who suggests rather than dogmatizes, and inspires his listener with the wish to teach himself. ~Edward Bulwer-Lytton

A teacher's purpose is not to create students in his own image, but to develop students who can create their own image. ~Author Unknown

"Awaken people's curiosity. It is enough to open minds, do not overload them. Put there just a spark." - Anatole France

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." - Henry Brooks Adams

"A teacher is one who makes himself progressively unnecessary." - Thomas Carruthers

"A teacher who is attempting to teach, without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn, is hammering on a cold iron." - Horace Mann (1796-1859)

"Education costs money, but then so does ignorance." - Sir Claus Moser

"Education...is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning,... by praise, but above all -- by example." - John Ruskin

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one." - Malcolm Forbes

"Education should turn out the pupil with something he knows well and something he can do well." - Alfred North Whitehead

"Getting things done is not always what is most important. There is value in allowing others to learn, even if the task is not accomplished as quickly, efficiently or effectively."  
- R.D. Clyde

"Give me a fish and I eat for a day. Teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime." - Chinese Proverb

"Good teachers are those who know how little they know. Bad teachers are those who think they know more than they don't know." - R. Verdi

"Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers." - Josef Albers

"I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think." - Socrates

"If the child is not learning the way you are teaching, then you must teach in the way the child learns" - Rita Dunn

"If what you're doing isn't working, try something else!" - NLP adage

"I may have said the same thing before... But my explanation, I am sure, will always be different." - Oscar Wilde

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"It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot, irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it." - J. Bronowski, The Ascent of Man

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."  
- Albert Einstein

"Learning is finding out what you already know. Doing is demonstrating that you know it. Teaching is reminding others that they know it just as well as you. You are all learners, doers, teachers" - Richard Bach

"Men learn while they teach." - Lucius A. Seneca

"No matter how good teaching may be, each student must take the responsibility for his own education." - John Carolus S. J.

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"There are no difficult students - just students who don't want to do it your way" - Jane Revell & Susan Norman

"The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind." - Kahlil Gibran

"To define is to destroy, to suggest is to create." - Stephane Mallarme

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## Quotes For Teachers: Be Inspired!

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"According to research at Texas M&A University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole."  
(Anonymous)

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"In youth we learn; in age we understand" (Von Ebner-Eschenbach)

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"Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew. They're what make the instrument stretch- what make you go beyond the norm." (Tyson)

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"What we hope ever to do with ease, we must learn first to do with diligence." (Samuel Johnson)

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"To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive." -Robert Louis Stevenson

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"It isn't the load that weighs us down - it's the way we carry it." (Anon.)

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"I touch the future. I teach." (Christa McAuliffe)

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"If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere" - anonymous

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"The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it." (Moliere)

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"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit"

By viewing the old we learn the new  
Proverb

Chinese

I have gathered a posie of other men's flowers and only the thread  
that  
bonds them is my own.  
Montaigne

Michel

They know enough who know how to learn.  
Henry Adams

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Anonymous

Even the clearest water appears opaque at great depth.

Anonymous

We think of the effective teachers we have had over the years with a  
sense of  
recognition, but those who have touched our humanity we remember with a  
deep  
sense of gratitude.  
student

Anonymous

Education is the best viaticum of old age.  
Aristotle

Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for  
granted... but  
to weigh and consider.  
Francis Bacon

Out of monuments, names, words proverbs ...and the like, we do save and  
recover  
somewhat from the deluge of time.  
Francis Bacon

Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man and writing an exact  
man.

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You can observe a lot by just looking around.  
Yogi Berra

Opposites are not contradictory but complementary.  
Niels Bohr

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Blessed are the hearts that can bend; they shall never be broken.  
Albert Camus

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Chinese  
Proverb

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lifetime. Chinese  
Proverb

The empires of the future are the empires of the mind. Winston  
Churchill

What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and  
instruct our youth. Marcus T.  
Cicero

I am not ashamed to confess that I am ignorant of what I do not know.  
Marcus T.  
Cicero

If I had more time, I would have written a shorter letter.      Marcus T.  
Cicero

The important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle.  
Pierre de  
Coubertin

To think is to differ.      Clarence  
Darrow

The chief cause of human errors is to be found in the prejudices picked  
up in  
childhood.      Rene  
Descartes

The origin of thinking is some perplexity, confusion or doubt.  
John Dewey

One can think effectively only when one is willing to endure suspense  
and to  
undergo the trouble of searching.  
John Dewey

There is no education like adversity.      Benjamin  
Disraeli

Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation, are men  
who  
want crops without plowing the ground.      Frederick  
Douglass

It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative  
expression and  
knowledge.      Albert  
Einstein

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.  
Albert  
Einstein

No one can become really educated without having pursued some study in  
which  
he took no interest ...  
T.S. Eliot

Reinventing the wheel is a process.      Rashid  
Elisha

To arrive at the simple is difficult.      Rashid  
Elisha

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us  
wordy  
evidence of the fact.      George Eliot (Mary-Ann  
Evans)

Every artist was at first an amateur.  
Emerson

Ralph W.

Whoso neglects learning in his youth, loses the past and is dead to the future.

Euripides

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.  
Henry Ford

Awaken people's curiosity. It is enough to open minds, do not overload them.  
Put there just a spark.  
France

Anatole

Being entirely honest with oneself is a good exercise.  
Sigmund Freud

I have an infamously low capacity for visualizing relationships, which made the study of geometry and all subjects derived from it impossible for me.

Sigmund Freud

When inspiration does not come to me, I go half way to meet it.  
Sigmund Freud

You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself.

Galileo

Galilei

There is more to life than increasing its speed.  
Gandhi

Mohandes

Vague and nebulous is the beginning of all things, but not their end.

Kahlil

Gibran

A talent is formed in stillness, a character in the world's torrent.

Johann W.

Goethe

An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher.  
Gardner

John W.

If you do not expect it, you will not find the unexpected, for it is hard to find and difficult.  
Heraclitus

People learn more quickly by doing something or seeing something done.

Gilbert

Highet

Education can be dangerous. It is very difficult to make it not dangerous. In fact, it is almost impossible.  
Hutchins

Robert M.

Sometimes one man with courage is a majority.  
Jackson

Andrew

In the practical use of our intellect, forgetting is as important as remembering.  
James

William

These then are my last words to you: be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact.  
William James

It is art that makes life, makes interest, makes importance... and I know of no substitute whatever for the force and beauty of its process.

Henry

James Jr.

Education is man's going forward from cocksure ignorance to thoughtful uncertainty.  
Johnson

Kenneth G.

Praise, like gold and diamonds, owes its values only to its scarcity.

Samuel

Johnson

To teach is to learn twice.  
Joubert

Joseph

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.  
Kempis

Thomas A.

Creative activity is not a superimposed, extraneous task against which the body, or brain protests, but an orchestration of ... joyful doing.

Gyorgy Kepes

Where there is an open mind there will always be a frontier.

Charles F.

Kettering

There are two ways to slide easily through life: to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking.  
Korzybski

Alfred

When asked what learning was the most necessary, he said, "Not to  
unlearn  
what you have learned!"  
Laertius

Diogenes

Learning is never done without errors and defeat.  
Vladimir Lenin

Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will  
never  
be uprooted.  
Vladimir Lenin

I have been maturing as a teacher. New experiences bring new  
sensitivities  
and flexibility...  
Lester

Howard

To do just the opposite is a form of imitation.  
Lichtenberg

Georg

Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or  
system  
respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important  
subject  
which we as a people may be engaged in.  
Lincoln

Abraham

Certain subjects yield a general power that may be applied in any  
direction  
and should be studied by all.  
John Locke

A note of music gains significance from the silence on either side.

Ann Morrow

Lindberg

To define is to destroy, to suggest is to create.  
Mallarme

Stephane

Education...beyond all other devices of human origin, is a great  
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of conditions of men --the balance wheel of the social machinery...It  
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prevents  
being poor.  
Horace Mann

People's behavior makes sense if you think about it inn terms of their  
goals,  
needs, and motives.  
Thomas Mann

The young don't know what age is, and the old forget what youth was.

Seumas

MacManus

Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle.  
Michelangelo

Let the potential artist in our children come to life that they may  
surmount  
industrial monotonies and pressures. Barbara  
Morgan

Teachers should guide without dictating, and participate without  
dominating. C.B.  
Nebllette

The critical factor is not class size but rather the nature of the  
teaching  
as it affects learning. C.B.  
Nebllette

How many writers are there... who, breaking up their subject into  
details,  
destroy its life, and defraud us of the whole by their anxiety about  
the  
parts. Cardinal  
Newman

Knowledge rests on knowledge; what is new is meaningful because it  
departs  
slightly from what was known before. Robert  
Oppenheimer

Only the mind cannot be sent into exile.  
Ovid

In the fields of observation, chance favors only the prepared mind.  
Louis  
Pasteur

The beginning is the most important part of the work.  
Plato

An object in possession seldom contains the same charm that it had in  
pursuit. Pliny the  
Younger

The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be ignited.  
Plutarch

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been wrong, which is but  
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Men learn while they teach. Lucius A.  
Seneca

The great pilot can sail even when his canvass is rent. Lucius A.  
Seneca

Wonder is the desire for knowledge. St. Thomas  
Aquinas

It is not often that we use language correctly; usually we use it incorrectly,  
though we understand each others meaning. St.  
Augustine

I know but one freedom and that is the freedom of the mind.  
Antoine de Saint-  
Exupery

It is such a secret place, the land of tears. Antoine de Saint-  
Exupery

A child educated only at school is an uneducated child. George  
Santayana

Always to see the general in the particular is the very foundation of  
genius.

Arthur

Schopenhauer

To me the sole hope of human salvation lies in teaching. George  
Bernard Shaw

The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire  
to  
appear.  
Socrates

One must learn by doing the thing; for though you think you know it,  
you have  
no certainty, until you try.  
Sophocles

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to  
let alone.  
Henry David

Thoreau

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts. Harry S.  
Truman

It is easy to spot an informed man -- his opinions are just like your  
own.

Miguel de

Unamuno

The best way to know life is to love many things. Vincent  
Van Gogh

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and  
catastrophe.

H.G. Wells

An artist is always out of step with the time. He has to be. Orson  
Welles

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something

he can do well.

Alfred North

Whitehead

The limits of your language are the limits of your world. Ludwig  
Wittgenstein

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relation of  
a mother to a son...

Thomas Wolfe

Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher.

William

Wordsworth

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages are perpetuated  
in

quotations.

Benjamin

Disraeli

## LEARNING NEVER ENDS

- **Just do what must be done. This may not be happiness, but it is greatness.**  
George Bernard Shaw --- Submitted by Didi C. --- California
- *July 27, 2005* **NEW!**  
" **The most valuable piece of real estate you own is the six inches between your ears.**"  
Jodie Victor --- Submitted by Matt Phipps --- NSW, Australia
- *July 27, 2005* **NEW!**  
" **Only the mediocre are always at their best.**"  
Author Unknown --- Submitted by Graeme Sullivan --- New Zealand
- *July 25, 2005*  
" We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take us or spare us."  
Marcel Proust
- *July 25, 2005*  
" To be surprised, to wonder, is to begin to understand."  
Jose Ortega y Gasset
- *July 25, 2005*  
" People look at you and me to see what they are supposed to be. And, if we don't disappoint them, maybe, just maybe, they won't disappoint us."  
Walt Disney
- *July 20, 2005*  
" We teachers can only help the work going on, as servants wait upon a master."  
Maria Montessori
- *July 20, 2005*  
" I put the relation of a fine teacher to a student just below the relation of a mother to a son."  
Thomas Wolfe
- *July 20, 2005*  
" Good teaching must be slow enough so that it is not confusing, and fast enough so that it is not boring."  
Sidney J. Harris
- *July 18, 2005*  
" The only limit you have is the one you set for yourself. The sky is the limit, so pick up your wings of knowledge and take off!!"  
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- July 18, 2005*  
 " 3D = Success: Determination, Dedication & Discipline are the three main pillars for Success."  
 Author Unknown --- Submitted by Vipul Rana --- Gujarat, India
- July 18, 2005*  
 " Change in society cannot be achieved with shouts or cries on the streets. If we want to change our society, let's start within our family."  
 Author Unknown --- Submitted by Dennis Escalona --- Negros Occidental, Philippines
- July 13, 2005*  
 " Don't let what you know be all you know."  
 Written in 2005 by Chris R. --- Kentucky
- July 13, 2005*  
 " Hard work with positive intention never FAILS."  
 Author Unknown --- Submitted by Acce! IT Academy --- Kerala, India
- July 13, 2005*  
 " A liberally educated person meets new ideas with curiosity and fascination. An illiberally educated person meets new ideas with fear."  
 James B. Stockdale
- July 11, 2005*  
 " Dare to be different."  
 Author Unknown --- Submitted by K.B., Age 18 --- Massachusetts  
 I know this quote seems kind of dumb and you've probably heard it a million times, but I can't help but think of it every time I'm walking into school or a party and I'm wearing something a little different or I did my hair a little different that day. I don't know, it makes me feel brave.
- July 11, 2005*  
 " The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts."  
 Bertrand Russell --- Submitted by Cray H., Age 17 --- Singapore  
 Learn to have doubts...It will make you much wiser and help you a lot in life.
- July 6, 2005*  
 " Success is your sweetest revenge."  
 Written in 2005 by Candice A., Age 18 --- Florida  
 I wrote this after a good friend wanted to give up on school, because everyone told him he wouldn't make it.
- July 6, 2005*  
 " Teachers are some of the most inspirational people, but some have forgotten just what that really means. Some might say that "to inspire" means to touch someone's heart and lift them from their emotional slump, but these people are but just a little off. "To inspire",

is to hold another's heart in your hands, fill it with hope, believe in it, and watch it glow. "To inspire", is to lift a person from the depths of the deepest, coldest ocean and raise them to touch the hands of the angels in the heavens above. "To inspire", is to make all dreams not only seem possible, but be possible. Most of all, "to inspire" is to love. Teachers inspire simply by being there, like a beacon of light and hope, shining through the darkness."

Written in 2005 by Courtney S., Age 14 --- Tennessee

- *July 6, 2005*  
" They say children are the future, but really teachers are the key to the future."

