

## Teaching Philosophy

My teaching philosophy is based on my experiences in and around the classrooms that I've been in for service learning and through my experiences being a student as well as having teaching run in the family. This being said I will use this to my advantage in my teaching philosophy in order to better myself as a teacher so that the students in my classroom will maximize their knowledge in history day in and day out. I want to continue to enhance my education so that I can in turn continue to advance my philosophies I employ in my classroom.

I see the role of school in society as enriching. If more people stayed with school this country would benefit long term and become better critical thinkers. This shows when looking at studies of people who continue with school making more money than most who do not further their education past high school. The purpose of education is to educate people so that the students now may become molded into the future of tomorrow. The way we assure that this task is reached is by creating a set of standards for our teachers and then allowing them the freedom to use their originality to find a successful way to use their methods to relay the information to the students.

I view the student as a natural learner. This meaning that they are curious and they use school to be shaped into the people of the future. This means that us as teachers need to stay focused to help the students day in and day out. The student plays an enormous role in his or her own education. They are the ones who choose to be engaged or not. No matter how good the curriculum is presented to the student, if the student just chooses not to pay attention or doesn't want to be involved in the classroom then nothing the teacher can do will change their mind. The student is like a person looking for an uber or lyft, they still need the driver to get to their destination but they ultimately control where they want to go. Schools set this expectation early on by creating self reliant students who then are capable of taking control and making the most of their education.

The way I view the role of the teacher would be one similar to that of a pilot figure. They take the students with them as they take them on a trip through new content in a specific field

throughout the day. I feel like this is consistent with many of the above ideas because many of these things all need to go hand in hand in order to all be as successful as possible. Some of the challenges with being a teacher are based around people valuing diversity. Although this value is important in society, it does make the jobs of educators much more hectic and stressful. However, when a teacher does this well the students really open up to the teacher and the class really seems to come alive.

I plan on designing my curriculum to meet the needs of each and every class. I know that some classes will need more time to understand some events in history more than others will and some will require more visual aids or hands on activities to stay engaged and on task. Since all classes are different I will have to work hard to make sure each and every class can be left off at close to the same ending point so I'm not spending time the following day going through my last thoughts from the day before. Other ways I will use to help the diverse society of people in my classroom will be by getting to better know my students to know individual things about them that they are passionate about so I can use that to keep them engaged and excited about what the class is covering.

This shows a couple objects that make up my teaching philosophy. I will continue to adapt to new and exciting things I pick up along the way as I teach and receive new feedback from other teachers on what works well for them and what they tend to shy away from because they have had difficulties with certain exercises in the past. I will use my future experiences to continue to be a life long learner as a teacher and to always remember that each class is teaching me just as much as I plan to teach them each year.