

Reasons to Love Teaching; Why You Should Not Postpone Your Retirement, And How to Survive and Enjoy Until Then

Reasons to Love Teaching	Why You Should Not Postpone Your Retirement	Survival Strategies In Case You're Far From Retirement
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since ideas and skills are not passed on genetically, student-teacher interactions are a meaningful and integral part of society. 2. In the classroom, a teacher has a major role in setting the tone and atmosphere. He creates the activities, workbooks, demonstrations, and labs. He decides the appropriate time for review and for most of the testing. 3. Teaching is an excellent opportunity for one to continue learning and expanding his own base and for seeing concepts emerge everywhere in day-to-day life. 4. The 11 weeks of vacation are not just a time to catch up on life and travelling, but they're a great time to taste the intellectual fruits that exist outside of the curriculum. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the same way that most companies are more motivated by profit than quality of product, educational institutions, services, industries and teachers' unions, are often not in tune with the long-term needs of students. 2. The content of courses and testing are being increasingly hijacked by educational theorists, who have either limited understanding of the subject and/or limited teaching experience. 3. Although as a responsible teacher has no choice to often go above and beyond the call of duty, he will have her share of colleagues and students who will imitate electrons: they will take the path of least resistance. 4. During time off, the majority of students fall prey to the increasing distractions of mass media, whose <i>raison d' être</i> is to dull mental faculties and sell , not to enlighten. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teachers gain more personal satisfaction from giving students more of their time for no financial gain than from earning more by writing a textbook that is probably no better than what is already out there. 2. While constantly attempting to refine and improve one's own teaching methods, a teacher should be very critical of new techniques that come along. Research should be done. Have they been successful elsewhere? Is the preacher of the method personally profiting? How transient have similar changes been in the past? 3. A teacher should invest energy in becoming like those who are more experienced or more capable than he is. He should dedicate her time to colleagues and to students with a cerebral and spiritual appetite. He should not lose sleep over people who are not looking to improve their aptitude, persistence and motivation. 4. If a teacher tries to compete with media, he will often fail. Instead, he should reveal to students that some glittering ores are not gold, and that like amethyst, some bland rocks hide spectacular gems.