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Teachers & inspirations in Life

**Part 1: Introduction:**

The reasons why I’m interested in teachers & inspirations in Life is because of I think I’m going to talk about something happened that may change my life, and I can also talk about someone that is important for me or others in this topic. When I do research of this topic, I can get some story from others and I may can also learn some inspirations that their teachers of life inspire them. I also have already known a part of it, I know everyone may have a teacher in life, although he may not realize that and this teacher not means a real teacher, that maybe your parents or your friends this teacher is the giant who support and inspire them.

**Part II: What I want to find out:**

I want to learn about other’s inspirations in life. What have they learned from their teachers? How do they use what they’ve learned in their life? Is that makes them successful? What do they want to say to their teacher? So my three questions are:

What are great teachers in our lives?

Where did we find inspirations?

If you have a chance, what will you say to your teacher?

**Part III: The Story of My Search:**

The first source I asked my parents, “Who was a great teacher in your life and how did they inspire you?” To my surprise there teacher of life is not my grandparents. They said the teacher in their middle school, Ms. Wang. “What did you learn from her?” I asked. This the most unforgettable part of the interview was when my father said, “She was a teacher that not only taught knowledge and skills but also teaches about the way to be a man.” My father told me he was so young that he often did some wrong things like beats others. The greatest inspiration Ms. Wang gave him is to be responsible to everything done by himself. The point I learned from Ms. Wang is to be a good teacher maybe is not how good the grade of his or her student, but the inspiration s/he gives to students, in Ms. Wang’s example, she taught my father the inspiration of be responsible to everything done by himself and he thinks this is the key point for him can be a successful engineer and a successful man.

The second source is from the book *Tuesday with Morrie*, I learned that a teacher should use his actions to inspire others. It’s a book about the old professor Morrie who caught ALS, in last of his life, use himself to taught Mitch the experiences in the life. This is the quote that I want to share.

“The fact is, there is no foundation, no secure ground, upon which people may stand today if it isn’t the family. It’s become quite clear to me as I’ve been sick. If you don’t have the support and love and caring and concern that you get from a family, you don’t have much at all. Love is so supremely important. As our great poet Auden said, ‘Love each other or perish.’”

This is quote that Morrie used himself to be an example to teach Mitch how important the family is. “Love each other or perish”

I think Morrie himself is the best example of teacher of life. He used his life to teach his student, of cause, he taught knowledge but he also shared his idea and experience of life with Mitch.

The third source is a video called Teacher of Life by Emilio Conde (<http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XNTA4OTA1OTgw.html>) it’s a song to thank teacher. My favorite part of the song is

“You taught me to sing and slay dragons even in the face of mischief.

You taught me how to make a sword.

With the words of a song and never give up on my dreams again.

You gave wings to fly away.

And there was you who taught me dreams can come true.

And so knight went off to find his ways and I can’t find the words to give you thanks.”

It basic means the singer want to say thanks to his teacher, the reason is his teacher taught him how to sing and helped him find a way his own to live. It assimilate the song to a sword and the difficulties in life to the dragons. This makes the song sounds like a legend.

I learnt the idea of thanks the teacher of life and the idea find my own way to live from it.

**Part IV: Reflections on My Search:**

I learnt the idea of thanks the teacher of life, the idea find my own way to live and the idea of use myself to affect others. Well, this project make me think about maybe to be a teacher is also a good job that I may try in the future, I like to be thanked. I learn the idea from interviewing my parents and I will try to be a kinder person and use myself to affect others. And I will keep learning from others’ inspirations, everyone may can be one of teachers of life.