

Readers Respond: Why Did You Become a Teacher?

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From the article: [Top Seven Reasons To Become A Teacher](#)

Teaching is more than just a job. It's a calling. It's an ever-surprising mix of grueling hard work and ecstatic successes. The most effective teachers are in it for more than just a paycheck. They keep their energy levels up by focusing on why they got into teaching in the first place.

Inspire other educators by sharing the top reasons you entered the field of education.

...because I could not avoid it.

I had the great good fortune to have a number of really excellent teachers when in middle and high school. This small handful of teachers infused their classes with kindness, fun, and laughter, and they made everyone in the class WANT to do well. With examples like that, how could I not want to teach, to try to do for my students what they did for me? I couldn't avoid becoming a teacher with those wonderful teachers as role models.

—Guest barb

Making an Impact

Christ was the best teacher, He left a tremendous impact through His teaching. therefore, I imitate Him. to make an impact in the lives of the learners, for them to have an impact in the society, through Geography and the Kiswahili language which is making an impact in Africa and the world. In short, I became a teacher in order to positively have an impact.

—Guest ok

It's a Calling

I believe that teaching is a special calling. The choice to become a teacher is a choice to become knowledgeable about the trends today. I teach because I want to touch lives.

—Guest I believe

Encourage students

Teaching students can have such an impact on their lives. I am hoping to be an encouragement and help them find their lifelong love of learning that I have. Some students just need a little extra help and attention for amazing success.

—Guest Tracy

I wanted to pass on my love of learning.

I had a voracious appetite for books and learning as a kid. I want to make sure that my 6 1/2 hours a day with students are positive and that we all grow in knowledge every day. I work to ensure that my students are happy to turn up in the morning and happy as they are going home....33 years later, I'm still going strong!

—**Guest Gayle**

investing in their possibilities

i am service oriented and believe that education embodies the value of investing in the possibilities of children. This forum also allows one to nurture, role model, and practice compensatory teaching. Teaching is a dream job where in each day brings new experiences and knowledge for both teacher and students. It is a sacred job and it allows one to give back to the world and communities. It also allows one to inspire, motivate and lead children and young people each day. Above all, it is an opportunity to model love, compromise and compassion to a large group of the building blocks of our future each day.

—**Guest Caroline James**

building lives

I became a teacher to help build lives and help the young ones find true purpose of living.

—**Guest biola**

For many reasons

First of all, because I love English. Since I was a teenager, I realized how much I liked this language and I had the opportunity to teach some students near my home, I got engaged with this subject. I hope everybody enjoys teaching as I do.

—**Guest Graciela**