



Questions for Classroom Discussion

Teacher Appreciation Week

What is the purpose of “Teacher Appreciation Week”?

- *Consider that teachers should be appreciated for doing one of the most important jobs in the world... educating children to succeed in the future.*
- *Consider that teachers have a very difficult job, not just in the classroom, but also preparing lessons, grading papers, and attending after-school functions*
- *Consider that as teachers try to push students to learn, it may feel like a “tense” relationship... and it’s good to remind them that they are appreciated*

What are qualities that make a “great” teacher who is worthy of being shown that they are appreciated?

- *Consider the obvious goal of a teacher... to educate students on the subject matter at hand so that they are ultimately prepared for college and career*
- *Consider that a great teacher inspires students and develops a love of learning that goes beyond memorizing simple facts*
- *Consider that a teacher helps develop certain traits that go beyond standards and textbooks... for example: leadership, confidence, healthy skepticism, etc.*

What are appropriate ways that you could show a teacher that you appreciate him or her?

- *Consider the main goal of any gift or gesture: to remind the teacher that all of their hard work is appreciated*
- *Consider that any gift or gesture must be reasonable and easy to provide with limited resources... for example, a cup of their favorite coffee can mean a lot*
- *Consider something “homemade”, such as a poem or drawing, sometimes means more than a fancy gift*