

TEACHING AS A CAREER



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Vocabulary

To reward – вознаграждать;
To remain – оставаться;
To retire – уходить на пенсию;
attempt – попытка;
to encourage – поощрять;
peculiarity – особенность;
to insist on – настаивать.

Teaching is a labor of love.

Most teachers find that there is no other career as rewarding as this one. Many of them stay in the classroom for a lifetime, even remaining as a substitute after they decide to retire.

Being a teacher is a calling. It means living your childhood again and again with every child, seeing the world through his eyes. The teacher is not a profession, but a way of life, according to which he lives, hurrying every day for lessons. L. Tolstoy also noted that a good teacher is someone who combines love for his work and love for his students. I would like to tell you about famous teacher.

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V.A. Sukhomlinsky began his activity and so-called experiment with education of six year old children. He took into consideration the peculiarities of a child's personality. He used principally different ways of teaching to read and to write. He combined social and individual demands of upbringing during those complicated times, when individual interests had to be subordinated to the society and the state. He insisted on humanity and respect to children.

As well as Makarenko, Sukhomlinsky thought: "Labour and only labour is the basis of an all-round development of a personality". He tried to combine labour with moral, intellectual, aesthetic and physical development, the variety of labour activities and creativity in labour.

In pedagogical system of Sukhomlinsky family, parents should become active participants in upbringing.

As to teachers, they should fully love and respect their pupils. Teachers have always to do self-education and enlarge their knowledge.

DISCUSS

Could you tell me about any famous Russian teacher?
What is he or she famous for?
Is teaching a rewarding career?

Have you already decided what you want to be?

*Do you have a person who you admire?
What is your dream?*