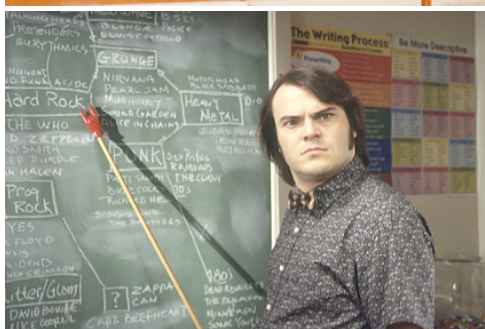


How influential have teachers been in your life?

Dear Teachers...

A letter of gratitude and appreciation



We all have had teachers in our lives

While not all of our teachers may have been influential people in our lives, some stand out among the rest. I can think of at least four teachers who have directly impacted my life - Mrs. Basarab (2nd grade teacher), Mrs. Lamb (7th grade ELA teacher), Mrs. Peleaux (8th grade humanities) and Mrs. Sorey (11th grade English teacher).

Who are some of the influential teachers you have had in your life? Name four and the grade level.

Teacher	Grade/Subject

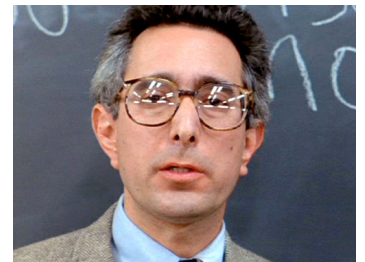
Take a moment to brainstorm what they have taught you. Do you have a vivid memory of this teacher? What about something you did in that class? If you could thank them for something, what would it be?

To Mrs Sorey,
my junior year English teacher who I failed one semester of,
who taught me that working hard
and not giving up on myself
was the essence of success and
who never made anything easy,
I say thank you.



My high school English teacher

For this assignment, read the following poem and use it as a mentor text as you compose your own poem about your influential teachers. A teacher is not limited to the traditional classroom teacher. A teacher is anyone who has taught you something valuable. Follow the same structure of this poem.



Dear Teachers,

To Mrs. Hunt,
my kindergarten teacher,
who taught me the pleasure
of making up fairy tales in my mind
to go with the classical music
she played each day during nap time,
I say thank you.

To Mrs. Sables,
my third grade teacher,
who respected my creativity so much
that she let me spend the whole day
working on my raindrop story,
that time I was so inspired,
I say thank you.

To Miss Slotnick,
my seventh grade English teacher,
who taught me
that solace and salvation
can be found
in the pages of a diary,
I say thank you.

To Myra Cohn Livingston,
the teacher I waited for
all my life,
who taught me
the infinite joy
of writing poetry,
I say thank you.

And to all of you,
who are out there every day,
teaching children to love
the written word,
I say thank you, thank you, thank you,
for giving them
this magnificent gift.

With deepest admiration and appreciation,
Sonya Sones

First Line:

Dear Teachers,

Structure of First Four Stanzas:

To (name of teacher),
my (who was this person to you),
who (what did they teach you with some detail),
I say thank you.

Structure of Fifth Stanzas:

And to all of you,
who are out there every day,
(what is it that teachers do in your eyes?)
I say thank you, thank, thank you,
for giving them
(what do teachers give students?)

Closing

With (how do you feel towards these teachers?)
(your name)

**DUE:
TOMORROW**