

Who Was Your Favorite Teacher?

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They say that no one ever forgets a great teacher! I remember my favorite teacher was not actually a teacher from school but from my college days. I decided to study Economics 'A' Level and the Lecturer was a gentleman by the name of Peter Moule;

a name I will never forget!

Not only was he incredibly knowledgeable about economics but he presented the information in a way that was fun, easy to remember and always made it sound interesting! He always used to make the class laugh and he always had everyone's attention. I don't ever remember a single time when he had to tell anyone to be quiet. All the students had a natural respect for him.

"Teachers teach more by what they are than by what they say."

I used to often chat to Peter after class and found out more about him personally. He was in his sixties, close to retirement age, and yet he looked more like a man in his late forties. He used to eat healthily and also went to the gym regularly. He was always full of energy and learning was a passion of his. I remember him saying that after retiring he planned on doing some further masters degrees.

As well as teaching economics, he used to also teach a supplemental 10 week study skills course. He taught advanced memory techniques, speed reading, mind mapping and anything to do with expanding ones learning potential. To this day I still have some of the notes from that course and it was one of the things that triggered my keen interest in personal development.

“Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.”

It’s not often that someone touches our lives in a way that you will never forget them. Peter was one of them and he didn’t even have to do much. He was just outstanding at his job and was a wonderful communicator! I unfortunately never kept in touch with him but if I were to see him now I would love the opportunity to say thank you for making me interested in education as well as making it fun for me! Thank you Peter Moule!

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