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I teach because I like the pace of the academic¹ calendar. June, July, and August offer an opportunity for reflection, research and writing.

I teach because teaching is a profession built on change. When the material is the same, I change — and, more important, my students change.

I teach because I like the freedom to make my own mistakes, to learn my own lessons, to **stimulate²** myself and my students. As a teacher, I'm my own boss. If I want my **freshmen³** to learn to write by creating their own textbook, who is to say I can' t? Such courses may be huge failures, but we can all learn from failures.

I teach because I like to ask questions that students must struggle to answer. The world is full of right answers to bad questions. While teaching, I sometimes find good questions.

So teaching gives me pace and variety, and challenge, and the opportunity to keep on learning.

However, the most important reason why I teach is that my students grow up and change in front of me. Some have become **doctoral**⁴ students with excellent success and found good jobs; some have been interested in the urban poor and served as civil rights lawyers; some have decided to finish high school and go to college.

But teaching offers something besides money and power: it offers love. Not only the love of learning and of books and ideas, but also the love that a teacher feels for that rare student who walks into a teacher's life and begins to breathe. Perhaps love is the wrong word, magic might be better.

I teach because, being around people who are beginning to breathe, I occasionally find myself catching my breath with them.

我教书是因为我喜欢校历的步调。六月、七月和八月这三个月的假期能够为我提供沉思、研究和写作的机会。

我教书是因为教学是一种建立在变化基础之上的职业。虽然教材一成不变,但我却在不断变化着——更重要的是,我的学生们也在发生着变化。

我教书是因为我喜欢那种不断犯错、然后从中吸取教训的过程,以 及那份充满激励作用的自由——作为一名教师,我可以自行作主。如果 我想让一年级新生通过自己编写课本的方法来学习写作,谁又能说我不 可以那样做呢?这样的课程也许会遭到巨大的失败,但我们都可以从失 败中有所收获。

我教书是因为我喜欢提出学生们必须用心思索才能回答出的问题。虽然这个世界充满了对拙劣问题的正确答案,但在教书的时候,我有时也会发现一些好问题。

因此,教书可以使我的生活富有节奏、多姿多彩,它向我提出挑战,还给了我不断学习的机会。

然而,我之所以教书,最重要的原因是,我的学生可以在我面前成长、进步。在我的学生中,有的成为了卓有成就的博士生,找到了理想的



工作;有的对城市里的贫民给予热情的关注,成为了维护公民权利的律师;有的胸怀远大的理想,决定继续追求科学与真知。

除此之外,教书还给我带来远比金钱和权力更为珍贵的东西——那便是爱。不仅是对学习、书本和思想的爱,还有教师对出类拔萃的学生的爱,这样的学生总能使教师的生活更富有活力。"爱"这个字眼也许并不恰当,说它是"神奇的魔力"才更为贴切。

我教书正是因为可以身处于这些活力 四射的学生之中,和他们在一起,偶尔我会 发现自己也变得朝气蓬勃。

热词盘点

- 1. academic [,ækə'demik] adj. 学校的,学院的
- M As a rule, our academic year begins early in September. 我们的学年通常在九月初开始。
- 2. stimulate ['stimjuleit] vt. 刺激,激励
- 例 I'm trying to stimulate him to study harder. 我试图激励他更加用功读书。
- 3. freshman ['fresmən] n. 新生;新手
- 例 This is my first year of college. I'm a freshman. 这是我进入学院的第一年,我是新生。
- 4. doctoral ['doktoral] adj. 博士的
- 例 My friend is writing her doctoral thesis. 我的朋友正在写她的博士论文。

佳旬欣赏

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2. Perhaps love is the wrong word, magic might be better. "爱"这个字眼也许并不恰当,说它是"神奇的魔力"才更为贴切。

短语攻略

1. grow up 你长大后想你 隆	长大;成长;兴起;发展 被什么?	
2. keep on	继续	
如果继续这样	羊开车,你会闯祸的。	



Lord, you who taught, forgive me that I teach; forgive me that I bear the name of teacher, the name you bore on earth.

Grant me such devoted love for my school that not even beauty's flame will detract from my faithful tenderness.

Master, make my **fervor¹** long-lasting and my **disillusion²** brief. Up-root from me this impure desire for justice that still troubles me, the petty protest that rises up within me when I am hurt. Let the incomprehension of others not trouble me, or the forgetfulness of those I have taught sadden me.

Let me be more maternal than a mother; able to love and defend with all of a mother's fervor the child that is not flesh of my flesh. Grant that I may be successful in molding one of my pupils into a perfect poem, and let me leave within her my deepest-felt melody that she may sing for you when my lips shall sing no more.

Make me strong in my faith that your Gospel is possible in my time, so that I do not renounce the daily battle to make it live.

Let your luminous radiance descend upon my modest school as it did upon the barefoot children who surrounded you.

Make me strong even in my weakness as a woman, and particu-

larly as a poor woman. Make me scorn all power that is not pure, and all duress that is not your flaming will upon my life.

Be with me, Friend, uphold me! Often I will have only You by my side. When my convictions become purer and my truth more burning, the worldly will forsake me, but You will press me then to Your heart, which knew so much loneliness and abandonment. I will not seek the sweetness of approval except in Your face.

Give me simplicity and give me depth; free me from being too complex or **banal**³ in my daily lesson.

Each morning when I enter my school, let my vision rise above the hurt in my own heart. Let me not bring to my desk my own petty material concerns, my paltry immediate sorrows.

Lighten my hand in punishment, and let my caresses be ever more gentle. May I reprimand⁴ in sorrow, so that I know I have given correction lovingly!

Let me make my brick schoolhouse into a temple of the spirit. Let the radiance of my enthusiasm encircle the humble playground and the bare classroom. Let my heart be a stronger column and my good will a purer gold than the strong columns and finest gold of the wealthy schools.

And, finally, let me always be reminded by the dimness of the canvas by Velázquez, that to teach and to love intensely on this earth is to arrive on the final day with the spear of Longinus thrust into the chest that burns with love.

海人不倦的主啊,请原谅我从事教育,请原谅我僭用"教师"这个称号——这个你曾在人间使用过的称号。

请赐给我爱,让我全心投入到我的学校之中,即使再美好的事物,也

丝毫不能减弱我对学校的情感。

导师啊,请让我热情永驻,并让我的绝望即刻消失。请从我心中根除这种仍旧使我烦乱的、对于公正的不纯洁的渴望,并将我在受到伤害时所产生的那种卑劣的不满情绪彻底消除。不要让我为了他人的蒙昧无知而烦恼,也别让我为了我所教的那些学生的健忘而悲哀。

让我比一位母亲更加慈爱,能够以母亲的情感去爱抚、保护那些并 非我亲生的孩子。让我可以成功地将我的学生陶冶成一首完美的诗歌, 让我将最动人的旋律留在她心中;这样,当我不再歌唱时,她可以继续为 你吟唱。



让我坚信,你的《福音》在这个时代就能成为现实,这样,我就会夜以继日地为这个理想而奋斗。

让笼罩着你身边那群赤脚孩子的光辉,也能照耀我这所最平凡的学校。

尽管我是个柔弱、穷苦的女人,但请让我坚强起来,让我可以蔑视一切肮脏的权力,以及那些加诸我生活之上的却并非出自你的强烈意愿的束缚。

朋友啊,请陪伴我,支持我!有很多时候,除了你之外,没有人在我身边。我的信念越纯洁,我对真理的追求越炽烈,我离世俗之人就越远;而每当这时,你就会把我紧紧搂在怀中,因为你是如此了解我的孤苦无依。只有在你的脸上,我才能看到温柔的赞许。

请赋予我淳朴和深刻;让我从日常教学的枯燥和烦琐中解脱出来。 请让我每天早晨走进学校时,都能够昂首挺胸,忘掉心灵上的伤痛。 让我在讲台上时,可以抛开个人卑微的俗事和渺小的烦恼。

让我的手在惩罚时变得轻柔,在爱抚时变得更加温和。申斥孩子时, 我会感到痛苦,因此我知道,我的责备也是充满爱心的!

让我将那砖石垒就的校舍变成崇高思想的殿堂;让我热情的光芒照耀那简陋的操场和教室;让我用纯洁的心灵和善良的意愿,将它变得比富有的学校更加金碧辉煌。

最后,请在贝拉斯克斯那微暗的画布上时刻提醒我,让我在这个世界上传授知识、热爱我的学生,直到朗基努斯的长矛穿进我那燃烧着爱的胸膛。

热词盘点

- 1. fervor ['fəxvə] n. 热情
- M He still retains the revolutionary fervor of the war years. 他还保留着战争年代的革命热情。
- 2. disillusion [ˌdisi'luɪʒən] n. 觉醒;幻灭
- The Great Gatsby is a novel which is about the disillusion of the American Dream.

《了不起的盖茨比》是一部反映美国梦破灭的小说。

- 3. banal [bə'nɑːl] adj. 平庸的;陈腐的
- M He preluded with some banal remarks. 他讲了一些老套话作为开场白。
- 4. reprimand ['reprima:nd] vt. 训斥,责骂
- M He was sharply reprimanded for his negligence. 他因玩忽职守而受到严厉的申斥。

佳句欣赏

- 1. I will not seek the sweetness of approval except in Your face. 只有在你的脸上,我才能看到温柔的赞许。
- 2. Lighten my hand in punishment, and let my caresses be ever more gentle.

让我的手在惩罚时变得轻柔,在爱抚时变得更加温和。

短语攻略

1. on earth 在世界上,在人间			
那里简直是人间天堂。			
译			
2. rise above sth 优于某物,有能力处理某事 我们一定能够排除万难。			