

Table 1.1: Characteristics of Your Best Teachers

Think for a few minutes about all of the good teachers you've encountered in your lifetime. What quality led you to put them in your best-teacher category? Check each question that describes your best teachers.

Characteristic	
Were they supportive in the way they interacted with you and other students?	
Was it obvious that they cared about their students and enjoyed teaching?	
Were the lessons they shared motivating?	
Did you have opportunities to work with others in the class?	
Could you see the reasons for doing what they asked?	
If you didn't get it the first time, were they willing to keep on helping you?	
Did you have some input into the materials they used, the projects you engaged in, and the ways you responded to an assignment?	
Did they make the content so interesting that you continue to enjoy it and seek out related topics?	