Oh! Captains, My Captains!

-My favorite teachers in my life

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I have met many teachers in my life. Some of them were quite not good teacher figure, others were obviously not only teachers but more like my mentor. Now, I am in a position that I would be one of them. I have been taught what a good teacher would be like, and the efficient method to teach children. However, there is a saying, “Practice is better than precept.”, which means I can get more lesson the actual teachers that I have met, not just from books. Following three examples will be about how I have learned what kind of teacher I will be by being taught from ‘real’ teachers in person.

The first person is Pandora who I met in Boston. When I went to the U.S for the first time, I stayed in typical American family and Pandora was a painter who was living in a boarding house like me. She was a painter and she was staying there because the house was near the community college she was studying Art. We both were kind of ‘guests’ of the house, and I felt rapport between us. We had a lot of time spending together, and I sometimes took some advice of studying English from her. The only thing that I concerned then was just ‘How I could be fluent in English.’ She told me to make the best use of audiovisual materials. She recommended to watch American movies, listen to pop music, and watch TV shows. She let me know the way of learning ‘actual English’ and furthermore, those would be very accessible and interesting. I would like to have my student enjoy learning English by using attractive materials.

In the second place, Ms Choi was one of my unforgettable teachers in my life. She was my homeroom teacher in 6th grade in Gok-sun primary school. Her philosophy of education and great teacher is ‘eye-opener’. She did not let her class be limited to pass down knowledge in subject. She always tried to expose us to as much the world, the society, and beyond where we were as possible. She led us to symphony orchestra concert hall, play theater in Daehak-ro and historic(al) site such as Hwasung and Chamsungdan in Kanghwa-Do. Every time I followed her, that was my very first time. She definitely was an ‘eye-opener’ in my life and that is exactly I really want to be. I am eager to show my students the world they have never experienced.

Lastly, Ms Kim who I was met in Tae-jang highschool. She was my first-grade homeroom teacher and taught Korean. She was one of the open-minded people and her outstanding personality made us feel closer to her. She always had been ready to communicate with her student and she clearly was a excellent listener and counselor. We loved her being like a friend and we love to share what we thought and what our routine was like which would be very uncommon when you are teenager. I really want to emulate her these educational ideology. I would rather be more like friend to my student.

Those three teachers I mentioned previously were my favorites and most precious. One was introducing me about interesting materials to study foreign language. Second was the ‘eye-opener’ and the last one was very friendly and approachable one. I was lucky to have them in my life as my teacher, and I hope someday some boys and girls recall me as one of their favorites.