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Lesson: Misconceptions about Teaching

In today's lesson we did a close reading of the article below.

Article link: <https://www.npr.org/2023/03/20/1164653389/alexandra-robbins-book-the-teachers-highlights-pressures-of-educating>

We created the following categories based on small and large group discussions.

Truth vs Misconceptions about Teaching in Italy

MISCONCEPTIONS

YOU HAVE THREE MONTHS OF VACATION.

YOU HAVE 15 DAYS VACATION FOR CHRISTMAS.

YOU ONLY WORK $\frac{2}{3}$ HOURS DAY.

YOU GET TO PLAY WITH STUDENTS.

IT'S NOT REAL WORK.

TEACHERS STRIKE ON FRIDAYS SO THEY CAN HAVE A LONG WEEKEND.

PARENTS KNOW MORE THAN TEACHERS.

STUDENTS THINK "MY TEACHER HATES ME"

TEACHING IS EASY BECAUSE IT IS NOT MANUAL LABOR.

IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME YEAR AFTER YEAR.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW THE BOOK.

TEACHING IS EASY BECAUSE YOU CAN JUST ASK STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BREAK YOUR BACK.

IT'S EASY TO WORK WITH CHILDREN BECAUSE YOU KNOW MORE THAN THEM.
ANYBODY CAN BECOME A TEACHER!
TEACHERS MAKE GOOD MONEY.
IT'S A "LAST RESORT" JOB.
IF YOU STUDY HUMANITIES IT'S THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO.
IT'S A WOMAN'S JOB.
IT'S TO GET A TEACHING JOB.
SCHOOL JUST GETS YOU TO MEMORIZE DATES AND SPIT THEM OUT.
YOU MUST LOVE/KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR SUBJECT.
KIDS WILL LEARN RESPECT AND MANNERS AT SCHOOL BUT YOU CAN'T EDUCATE MY CHILD.

TRUTH

IT'S NOT FOR EVERYBODY.
BECOMING A TEACHER IS HARD WORK AND IT COSTS MONEY AND TIME.
THERE IS A LOT OF DELAYED GRATIFICATION IN TEACHING.
YOU WORK WITH PEOPLE AND THEY ARE COMPLICATED.
YOU ARE AN EDUCATOR FIRST AND A TEACHER SECOND.
TEACHERS HAVE A LOT OF HOMEWORK.
TEACHERS WORK A LOT MORE THAN THE HOURS THEY ARE RECOGNIZED FOR.
YOU MAY TEACH THE SAME THING BUT THE LESSON WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.
WHEN YOU TEACH YOU STAY YOUNG BECAUSE YOU WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.
THE SYSTEM CAN "WORK AGAINST" TEACHERS.
TEACHING REQUIREMENTS CHANGE ALL THE TIME.
POLITICIANS TALK ABOUT STUDENTS BUT NOT SCHOOLS.
POLITICIANS DON'T TALK ABOUT EDUCATION.

TEACHERS WHO WANT TO CHANGE THINGS DON'T FIND THE SUPPORT TO MAKE REAL CHANGE.
YOU NEED TO LOVE YOUR JOB OR IT WILL CAUSE SUFFERING.

WHAT ASPECTS ARE THE SAME FOR ITALY AND THE SCHOOLS IN THE ARTICLE?

LACK OF RESPECT FOR THE PROFESSION.
RELIGIOUS PENETRATION INTO THE SYSTEM.
TEACHERS THERE AND HERE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO BUT PEOPLE THINK THEY DON'T.
MONEY PERCEPTION IS DIFFERENT HERE THAN IN THE STATES.
CROSS-CURRICULAR COLLABORATION.
TEACHERS IN ITALY ARE NOT CENSORED IN THE SAME WAY THEY ARE IN SOME STATES IN AMERICA.
TEACHERS TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT POLITICS.