On the following pages, you will find responses from teachers who were asked the question, **“What major factors lead you into teaching?”**

**Your task is to read over the responses and determine the key factors.**

Step 1) Look at key words in the responses

Step 2) Think the major reasons that are coming up

Step 3) Create categories that come to your mind

Step 4) Separate the content into the categories you made

Step 5) If a response does not fit into a category you created, create a new category.

In class, you will share your results with another group:

1. Did you generate the same categories? Which categories care the same and which categories are unique?
2. What are the top 5 categories for each group? How many are the same?
3. How did group members handle responses that stated more than one factor for entering teaching?

**What major factors lead you into teaching?**

**Respondent**

**No.**

1 I felt I could make a difference in childrens’ lives and teach them effectively.

6 Coaching, summer vacation, my love of working with kids

12 I decided to go into teaching for several reasons. I love children, I feel I have a natural gift to teach children, and it's a great job for moms with children at home because of the schedule.

20 Helping kids, I love the subject I teach.

36 Love kids

40 The passion that my high school teacher had for teaching motivated me most.

49 Actually the very good and the very bad teachers I had were factors that led me into teaching.

50 I enjoy the learning process. I also like working with kids.

51 My love of music and the desire to show others the joy music can bring. I also enjoyed working with children.

54 I needed a stable job with lots of vacations

57 A teacher I had in school, the subject area, and my mother and father are teachers.

64 I participated as a peer tutor in high school with students with disabilities and enjoyed it. The teacher for the class was a positive role model. I have always liked working with children so it made sense.

69 My desire to help and guide children, along with my love for children led me into teaching.

73 I like working with people, especially kids. I like having an impact on the future of our world.

77 Love of kids and content area

85 Most of the teachers I had in school went out of their way to help me do good in school. I want to help others like my teacher helped me

80 A need/want to help others, love of learning and for children.

83 Ability to impact lives, make a difference, improve lives, also I love the subject.

105 Summers off are important when raising family, but I also enjoy being around children

123 My parents - they were both teachers and love of children, I thought teaching looked like it would be a fun and enjoyable career.

124 Learning new things is my passion.

125 Hours - Summer off - vacations with my children are the same. Also, love working with children.

126 The students. Making an impact in young peoples' lives.

128 Making a difference in children's lives. Good working hours. My love for children.

129 Wanted to make a difference. My mom was an excellent master teacher and example.

131 I enjoyed teaching kids and helping them learn new things. I always enjoyed my subject area, and saw that my teacher enjoyed it.

134 One of my teachers told me I'd make a good teacher.

137 The teachers in my life. My parents also encouraged me.

138 Wanting to help kids.

145 Being able to help children, watching them learn, watching them grow, the hours, the yearly schedule.

151 I wanted to be able to help other children learn including my own.

152 I wanted to make a positive impact on kids.

162 The thought that I could help children better their lives.

164 Ability to influence and make a difference to children, time off.