

THE IDEAL TEACHER - THE MYTH?

Most of the students ask whether the ideal teacher exists. Nowadays, although the teaching methods have changed, we still think that teachers are too authoritative, intolerant and they are happy with writing the next bad mark to the register.

I asked some classmates, which features must the teacher have to be called ideal. Most of them said that the ideal one shouldn't give so much homework. They mentioned that the teacher should rather teach than only demand and give marks. He (or she) should understand the student – his abilities and willingness to learn.

Some of you probably know the extremely popular film *Dead Poets Society*. In this picture you can see John Keating, who can be surely called one of the greatest. He hadn't only taught, asked questions and given marks. No, he also tried to motivate the school boys. He encouraged them to create their own poetry and inspired to change their way of living (seize the day!). Keating was the only teacher admired by the students. After he was fired, they gave him probably the best gift the teacher can get.

But in the real life you can also meet the fabulous teachers. In the secondary school we had the Geography teacher, who made his subject extremely inspiring. I can remember our small talks about Otwock's history, unknown places and interesting facts about the town. Thanks to him, I got 6 in the end of the third class. Moreover, I will give the example of the ideal teacher from my new school. The History test is coming soon, but I'm not even going to write it! Our teacher said that if somebody got a higher note than 1 from the latest short test, he wouldn't have to write it! How nice! From my viewpoint, that's the feature of the ideal teacher.

In conclusion, I'm convinced that the ideal teachers exist and you can find them at most of Polish schools. The fact that the one doesn't teach you, doesn't mean every teacher lost his vocation.