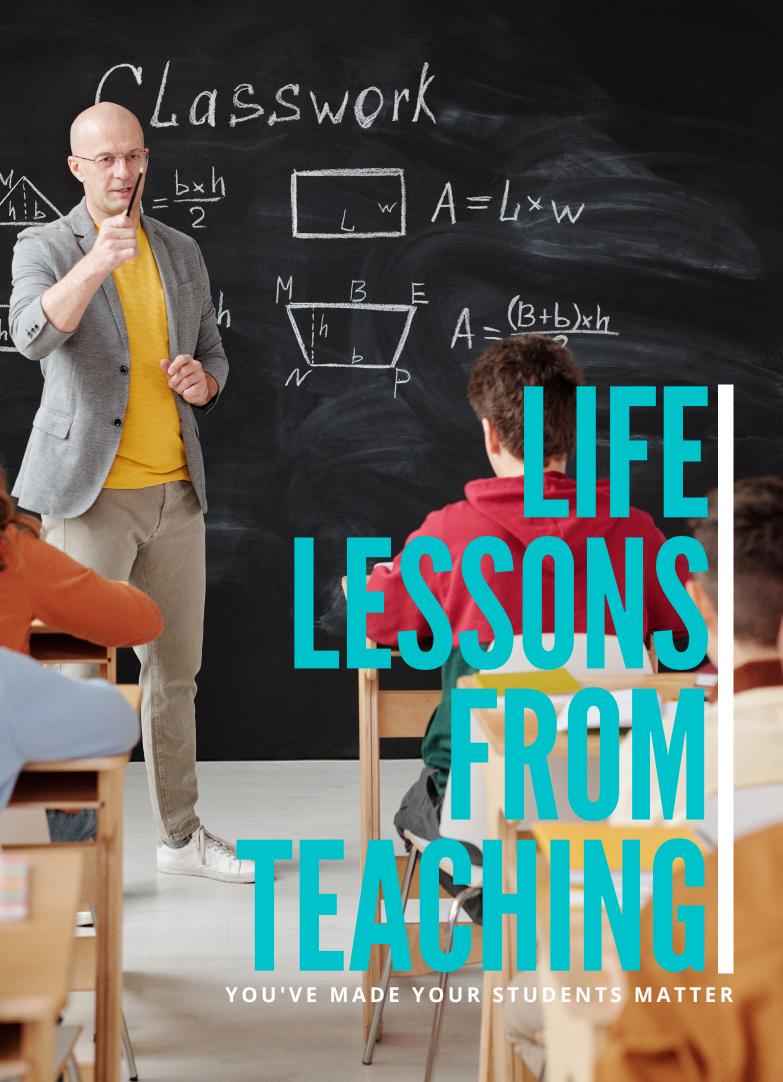
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Teaching can be incredibly stressful, but fantastically rewarding.

It can incite anger in you, but draw compassion from you.

Their rudeness can dumbfound you, but their simplicity will make you laugh.

Difficult home lives for some, will redefine your definition of character.

Their unexplainable behaviours will baffle you, until a hidden reason offers up an explanation.

"I know my rights!" is a common theme, but their sense of fairness will leave you admiring them.

Your ego will be tested, but your humility must reign.

You may consider yourself well read, but will be amazed by the new jargons they'll throw at you.

If being liked is your thing, be aware that many will think you unlikable.

Divide your definition of cool by 1000, to understand how uncool you will likely be judged by many.

You will witness the peak heights of stubbornness, and the calm valleys of compliance. Their over confidence could be masking a weakness, so engage their silence to unmask their intelligence.

Resistance will come from unappreciative parents, but greater traction comes from those that appreciate.

Your knowledge will be expanded, but only if you are prepared to learn from your students.

The workload will be a constant burden, but your colleagues will be your support. You will wonder if they ever think at all, until their questions challenge your thinking. Pressure will become the twin of leave now temptation, but your WHY will keep you in. Resignation will come calling, but your fortitude will resist its advance. Your resourcefulness will be forced to lead, but only if you truly care. Your empathy will be your best tool that will endure you to even the most challenging.

Your passionate words and acts, will inspire a life beyond your wildest imaginations.

When the dust of time settles, you will likely judge that it has been worth it.

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