Influential Teacher Interview

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Introduction

- Mr. William Brown
- Teacher and Conductor at Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute
- My mentor
- Interview to encourage self reflection
- Four prominent themes to be explored: motivation, mentorship, legacy and challenge



Motivations

- Positive Influence of music educators- Mrs. Poethier and Professor Daryl Johnson
- Nurtured Talent
- Joy and Happiness when playing music
- Be able to spread passions
- Receiving praise and feeling that he is good at this
- Sharing his positive experiences
- Inspiring his students



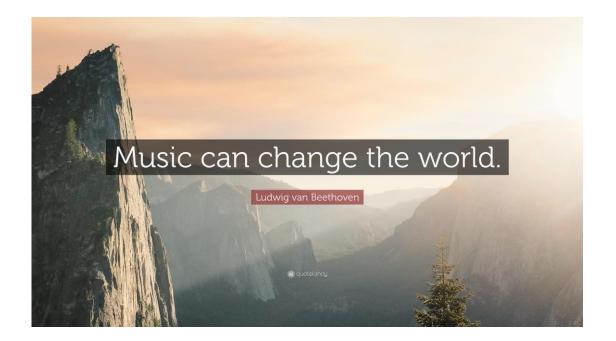
Mentorships

- Learned about technique
- Foundation laid out for him
- Concept of perfectionist
- Pushing students to strive for excellence
- Importance of discipline and hard work
- Spread his teachers' wisdom and knowledge





- Shift to student centered teaching method
- Goal to prepare students for life
- Using music to teach life skills
- Feeling of praise and reward after hard work and practice



Challenge

- Positively challenge students
- Music that is engaging and challenging
- Balance of difficulty and attainability
- Considering all students' learning styles
- Catering to clientele
- Meeting needs of students



Self Reflection

- Reflect on skills Mr. Brown taught me
- Variety of skills learned through music
- Theory: Math and science
- History: Writing a well-structured essay
- Repertoire and Choir: Discipline, Punctuality and Hard work
- Created success and accomplishments for me



Conclusion

- Strong belief in a music education
- New creative and innovative way of thinking
- Life skills
- Grateful for teaching by my music educator
- Spread my experience and love of music to others
- Affect a student in the same way I was affected

