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### Chapter 1 Reaction Paper

I cannot wait to start shaping young minds and getting to express my love for knowledge and growing as a person. I have always loved to be in the classroom. When I was a young child, I would always make my cousins and sister play school with me. I love the idea of grading little kids' worksheets and correcting spelling to help them learn.

I have a lot of influences to pursue my career as an elementary school teacher, including my aunt, grandpa, great aunt, and two cousins who are also teachers.

Teaching is one of the most inspiring professions a person can have, regardless of the pay. Sure, a doctor can save lives and make a huge salary, but without teachers, nobody could learn how to become a doctor or a lawyer or basically anything!

I have been working in after school daycare every day after school for three years and I cannot even imagine myself in any other work setting. I am so in love with preparing snack for my kids, helping with homework, doing cool science projects, playing games, and just having a conversation with them. Even though I am the teacher, I learn, and continue to learn, so much from these kiddos every day.

We all know that to become a teacher, you have to have students, but they are not the only factor in schools; your colleagues are also a big part of being a great teacher. Every person

has their own opinions. Who knows, maybe you will really like one person's method better than your own and incorporate that into your lesson plans?

Lastly, teaching children is so rewarding, not just for the teachers, but the kids, too. I have a girl in my after school care class who has Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disease. She is very smart, high-functioning, and so funny. However, when something happens that ticks her off, there is no calming her down and it is one of the most stressful things I have to deal with. She has even made me bleed because she gets so angry and physical. But when she finally calms down or returns the next day, she apologizes to me, no grudges held against her, and we both learn from that experience and talk through it to decide how we should handle the situation next time.

Teaching has always been my passion and I cannot wait to begin my career.