TED Talk Discussion Questions: Motivation and Education

1. What motivated you when you were a teenager? What motivates your children now (if you have children)?

2. Do teenagers like to be “independent”? How can parents motivate their children to make good choices in regards to health, education, friendships, and career?

3. What is your proudest accomplishment so far this year?

4. What's the ultimate goal in life? How can people achieve that?

5. Think of the best teacher you ever had. What made that person the best teacher for you?

6. What are the qualities of a good teacher?

7. What are some of the things that poor teachers tend to do? What makes a poor teacher?

8. What is one of the biggest problems with the current education system in your country?

9. If you could, what's one thing you'd change about the education system?

10. How can you make sure your children are getting the best education?

11. Can children teach themselves? What are some things children cannot learn on their own?

12. With internet access, can people teach themselves? What have you taught yourself recently?

13. If it's on Google, do students need to memorize it?

14. Should teachers make a personal connection with their students?

15. Should teachers hang out with their students outside of the classroom?

16. Should college teachers hang out with their students outside of the classroom?

17. Should college teachers drink alcohol with their students?

18. Should students be taught to take risks? Or should they be taught not to make mistakes?

19. How can teachers encourage safe risk-taking?

20. How can learning to take risks benefit students?