**TA qualities**

* Present additional problems using different angles
* Helpful, engaged, not just showing up
* Effective at soliciting student feedback
* Relatable, approachable, accessible
* Be excited about topics, shares, interests, what they like about subject, enthusiastic
* Be tough but fair/flexible/open minded
* Be knowledgeable about subjects/class
* Know your students
* Honest
* Able to reward questions for understanding
* Enthusiastic
* Funny (not dry/only factual)
* Bigger picture/relevance of knowledge
* Strategies for different learning styles
* Be patient

What makes a good teacher:

* Friendly, polite
* Enthusiastic, excited, genuinely having a good time, encouraging, builds student confidence (supportive)
* Shows video of some amazing thing to stimulate curiosity, inspiring.
* Gives lots of helpful feedback (gives positive feedback ways to improve)
* Patient, wants students to succeed
* Dedicated, put lots of time into teaching
* Ask lots of questions, make students think, get students involved and engaged

Challenge student to think critically

* Encourages students to get involved in extracurricular opportunities related to class (get students involved in science).
* Organized
* Be good in your own way, be yourself
* Make difficult topics approachable
* Really interested in the topic
* Share cutting edge research with students
* Supportive, guide students to manage new situations.

Impacts from a former teacher

* Teacher very accepting and encouraging, interacting one on one
* Enthusiasm
* Teachers value their teaching very creative, approachable (challenging)
* Critical pedagogy – horizontal rather than vertical relation between student and teacher
* Good facilitation, can make boring topics interesting
* Friendly yet professional, really listen
* Passionate, humble.
* Fantastic communication
* Nice, knowledgeable, provide information where to search
* Respectful
* Fairness, believing in your students.

     