



Teaching the Great Books with Josh Gibbs

Lesson 11: Who is the Teacher?

Outline:

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- The classical educator is predictable.
- The classical educator does not need to reinvent the wheel!
- Lesson plans should be purposefully boring and vague.
- The classical educator should lead the classroom in reading and discussion.
- The classical educator should illustrate ideas to their students through personal storytelling.
- The classical educator should present moral questions and moral instruction to their students.
- Show your students how to read a book for the first time!
- The classic literature of Western Civilization is sufficiently interesting on its own!
- Teachers should be standing and pacing.
- Make sure to read with authority!
- “Hearing good literature read powerfully will change someone.”
- Discussion is not good for its own sake.
- Let your books do the majority of the work in your class!
- Covering curriculum is an accident of learning in classical education.

