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The two sources I decided to write about were “Teach Teachers How to Create Magic” by Christopher Emdin and “Every Kid Needs a Champion” by Rita Pierson. I first watch the Ted Talk of Christopher Emdin where he discusses the importance of engagement that teachers need to have with their students. For example, he explains how teachers really should go into those communities that they are teaching in and see what their students are engaged in. For instance a barbershop or a concert. As for Rita Pierson’s ted talk, she explains the importance of a student and teacher relationship in education. She tells the story of another teacher saying that she doesn’t need to like the students she teaches she just needs to teach. However, Rita responds knowing that students learn from teachers they don’t like. These two sources have a major correlation with how teachers have a major impact on the next generation in their classrooms and how they need to make sure they do a good job.

Personally, I enjoyed the two Ted Talks that I listened to for this reading response. As well as I believe that what they are speaking about is really important for teachers to understand. Also, like the tips that Christopher Emdin gave of examining the communities that they are teaching in in order to understand really what kids enjoy. Also, believe that Rita Pierson’s presentation was the most important out of the two. Especially for the younger generation of students, it’s easier to learn when you see your teacher as a friend instead of an enforcer. If teachers create that bond with the students it can help ask for help more if they are struggling because they see that teacher as a friend. Personally, I have had teachers as friends when I was

younger and it was easier to learn with them. I would ask for help with homework even if it wasn't for their class also I would pay attention more because I wanted to show them I understand the lesson after class.