



## Teacher Background Survey

**Need help coming up with questions to ask for your teacher interview? Here's a handy list to use as a reference:**

Where did you go to college? What degrees do you have? What, if any, further degrees or certifications are you pursuing?

Do you have any other special training that has prepared you to be a better teacher (list)?

Where have you taught before?

Have you taught other grades before? If yes, what prompted you to change and why? If no, what has attracted you to staying with teaching at this grade level?

What honors/awards have you received?

Could you give some personal background (single/married, children, etc.)?

Are you involved in any community organizations (charities, church, etc.)?

What are your hobbies?

Where did you grow up? Did you move around a lot? If yes, how did this affect you? If no, how did the stability of living in one place all your life affect you?

Are there any political or social issues you feel passionately about?

Do you have a nickname?

List your favorites (book, movie or play, quote, poem, website, type of food or individual dish, music genre, song, band or individual musician, perfume, clothing style or designer, etc.).

Where have you traveled?

What's the hardest thing for you about being a teacher? How do you address that?

What comes easiest to you as a teacher?

Who was your favorite teacher and why?

So far what's been your most embarrassing moment as a teacher or student teacher?

What's the newest, freshest approach you are bringing to your job?

What's the next skill or knowledge set you want to add to your repertoire to make you a better teacher?

What song do you get stuck in your head the most often?

Do you sing in the car or other times when you're alone? What kind of music? How good are you?

Favorite weekend activity.

What's your favorite funny story about yourself?

Name one thing about yourself that most people don't know.



List three misconceptions that people often have about you (and, if known, why).

What's your life plan? What do you plan to have accomplished in five, 10, 20, and 50 years -- personally and/or professionally?

What was your favorite toy (or game) as a child, and why?

What makes you laugh?

Best compliment you've ever received.

Things you would do if you weren't afraid