

Questions for article: Most likely to succeed

5 points

1. What, other than teaching, is the occupation Gladwell uses to demonstrate the difficulty in predicting success?
2. What are the differences, according to Stanford economist Ed Hanushek between the productivity of a good versus a bad teacher?
3. What is the general argument the author makes about the relative impact of teaching ability versus other educational factors (e.g., class size, curriculum design, school funding)?
4. Explain what “regard for student perspective” means in the context of teaching, and why it is seen as a measure of teacher performance.
5. What does the research say about the importance of teaching certificates and masters degrees in predicting teacher performance in the class?
6. What is a desist event?
7. What general approach, is being advocated here, to identify the best teachers?
8. What characteristics do you believe: (a) good teachers have in common, (b) predict teacher effectiveness?