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I am an instructor because I have a passion for guiding students through the learning process, in addition to a passion for the material I present. I encourage learning by creating a relaxed environment for students, stimulating conversation about concepts being presented and organizing material in a way that makes it easiest to understand. I treat subject matter as interconnected, emphasizing that everything students are learning fits together into a holistic understanding of the world, from which they develop their personal worldview. I believe this is best accomplished when I am demonstrating general research methodology. I demonstrate that learning how to find information applies to all areas of life and I use topics and examples that are multidisciplinary. Finally, I believe that respect for my students is one of the most important things I can show - not only to encourage their openness to the material I am presenting, but also to inspire them to respect each other and all other humans.

One of the most important concepts I hope to impart to students is that learning is a process that never ends. For me, the learning process includes improving myself professionally. I want to read more about formal learning theories to expand my understanding of how learning takes place. As I continue to instruct classes, I also aim to enhance my ease and confidence in front of classrooms and audiences. I plan to experiment with different methods and means of presenting information to classes in order to improve the learning atmosphere I create for students.

To conclude, my goal as a teacher is to instill a passion for learning within my students while providing them with an educational environment that is encouraging and positive. I hope to provide the skills and tools necessary for success and foster the individual talents of each student, giving them the confidence to embrace their dreams and make them real a reality.