

Gilbert Highet Quotes

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What is politics but persuading the public to vote for this and support that and endure these for the promise of those?

~Gilbert Highet

Many people have played themselves to death. Many people have eaten and drunk themselves to death. Nobody ever thought himself to death.

~Gilbert Highet

These are not books, lumps of lifeless paper, but minds alive on the shelves.

~Gilbert Highet

Wherever there are beginners and experts, old and young, there is some kind of learning going on, some kind of teaching. We are all pupils and we are all teachers.

~Gilbert Highet

A very wise old teacher once said: I consider a day's teaching wasted if we do not all have one hearty laugh.

~Gilbert Highet

A teacher must believe in the value and interest of his subject as a doctor believes in health.

~Gilbert Highet

He meant that when people laugh together, they cease to be young and old, master and pupils, jailer and prisoners. They become a single group of human beings enjoying its existence.

~Gilbert Highet

The relation between parents and children is essentially based on teaching.

~Gilbert Highet

If you do not actually like boys and girls, or young men and young women, give up teaching.

~Gilbert Highet

Many of the twisted minds and crippled characters in the world were made by careless parents who kept their children away from knives and fires, but put permanent scars on their souls.

~Gilbert Highet

Bad teaching wastes a great deal of effort, and spoils many lives which might have been full of energy and happiness.

~Gilbert Highet

The best school in the world will scarcely save a boy who hates the school and the purpose it serves and the society that created it.

~Gilbert Highet

The real duty of man is not to extend his power or multiply his wealth beyond his needs, but to enrich and enjoy his imperishable possession: his soul.

~Gilbert Highet

The wise teacher knows that 55 minutes of work plus 5 minutes laughter are worth twice as much as 60 minutes of unvaried work.

~Gilbert Highet

The Sonnets of Shakespeare have the fascination of an autobiography, without its clarity. It is like reading an important document in a cave by the light of matches which keep blowing out.

~Gilbert Highet

Poetry is halfway between prose and music: it is sometimes like an intimate conversation, in words and phrases which need not be fully uttered, and sometimes like dancing and wordless music.

~Gilbert Highet

A good teacher is a determined person

~Gilbert Highet

Leisure is one of the three greatest rewards of being a teacher. It is, unfortunately, the privilege which teachers most often misuse.

~Gilbert Highet

Language is a living thing. We can feel it changing. Parts of it become old: they drop off and are forgotten. New pieces bud out, spread into leaves, and become big branches, proliferating.

~Gilbert Highet

The teacher's chief difficulty is poverty. He (or she) belongs to a badly paid profession. He cannot dress and live like a workman, but he is sometimes paid as little as an unskilled laborer.

~Gilbert Highet

Like all great teachers he knew that a picture is worth a thousand words and that people learn most quickly by doing something or seeing something done.

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I believe that much of the maladjustment in our societies is caused, not by malevolence and corruption, but simply by ignorance.

~Gilbert Highet

Most Americans do not like poetry. We may respect it, but we do not enjoy it.

~Gilbert Highet

A period of high civilization is one in which thoughts fly freely from mind to mind, from one country to another-yes, from the past into the present.

~Gilbert Highet

Many of the snarly bad-tempered teachers whom we remember with hatred were really nice people soured by years of anxiety and penny-pinching.

~Gilbert Highet

You [the teacher] do not merely insert a lot of facts, if you teach them [the students] properly. It is not like injecting 500 cc. of serum, or administering a year's dose of vitamins.

~Gilbert Highet

Know the subject; love the subject; like your students; know your students.

~Gilbert Highet

The young do not demand omniscience. They know it is unattainable. They do demand sincerity.

~Gilbert Highet

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