

# Marva Collins

## Quotes

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People, Inspirational, Kids, World, Success, Want, Happiness, Mistake,  
Excellence, Good Dream, Work Out, Encouragement*

Trust yourself. Think for yourself. Act for yourself. Speak for yourself. Be yourself. Imitation is suicide.

~Marva Collins

Once children learn how to learn, nothing is going to narrow their mind. The essence of teaching is to make learning contagious, to have one idea spark another.

~Marva Collins

Mr. Meant-to has a friend, his name is Didn't-Do. Have you met them? They live together in a house called Never-Win. And I am told that it is haunted by the Ghost of Might-have-Been.

~Marva Collins

When someone is taught the joy of learning, it becomes a life-long process that never stops, a process that creates a logical individual. That is the challenge and joy of teaching.

~Marva Collins

Excellence is not an act but a habit. The things you do the most are the things you will do best.

~Marva Collins

Success doesn't come to you, you go to it.

~Marva Collins

Determination and perseverance move the world; thinking that others will do it for you is a sure way to fail.

~Marva Collins

Don't try to fix the students, fix ourselves first. The good teacher makes the poor student good and the good student superior. When our students fail, we, as teachers, too, have failed.

~Marva Collins

I'm a teacher. A teacher is someone who leads. There is no magic here. I do not walk on water. I do not part the sea. I just love children.

~Marva Collins

If you don't give anything, don't expect anything. Success is not coming to you, you must come to it.

~Marva Collins

What all good teachers have in common, however, is that they set high standards for their students and do not settle for anything less.

~Marva Collins

There is a brilliant child locked inside every student.

~Marva Collins

An error means a child needs help, not a reprimand or ridicule for doing something wrong.

~Marva Collins

Character is what you know you are, not what others think you have.

~Marva Collins

Kids don't fail. Teachers fail, school systems fail. The people who teach children that they are failures, they are the problem.

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I have discovered few learning disabled students in my three decades of teaching. I have, however, discovered many, many victims of teaching inabilities.

~Marva Collins

I cannot change the world, but I do not have to conform.

~Marva Collins

If you can't make a mistake, you can't make anything.

~Marva Collins

There isn't a certain time we should set aside to talk about God. God is part of our every waking moment

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You can pay people to teach, But you can't pay them to care.

~Marva Collins

Before I can effectively discipline students, I have to earn their friendship and respect.

~Marva Collins

Praise is essential in developing the right attitude toward learning and toward school.

~Marva Collins

None of you has ever failed. School may have failed you. Goodbye to failure, children. Welcome to success.

~Marva Collins

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The purpose of a liberal arts education is to learn that a person can like both cats and dogs.

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Teaching children to read was one thing; keeping them interested in reading was something else.

~Marva Collins

People have to live by rules in the world. Why do we pretend in school that they don't?

~Marva Collins

Death cannot put the brakes on a good dream.

~Marva Collins

Everything works when the teacher works. It's as easy as that, and as hard.

~Marva Collins

Readers are leaders. Thinkers succeed.

~Marva Collins

That's how I try to think of education - a school is a miniature society where children learn to function in a real world.

~Marva Collins

[Kid] never learned to read in kindergarten, first, and second, so in third grade he begins to be placed in the EMH or the learning-disabled rooms.

~Marva Collins

A person cannot all of a sudden become good at what they do just by switching streams.

~Marva Collins

Parents often brag about the amount of money spent per child, but I think, perhaps ironically, those great monies that are spent - I call it putting a band-aid on a hemorrhage.

~Marva Collins

We've been brainwashed into thinking that it takes more monies than it actually does to educate children. That's been one of the brainwash jobs.

~Marva Collins

I think what we've done is given children a lot of things that they didn't ask for instead of what they do want.

~Marva Collins

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