



## Document Your Most Important Day

If you have begun teaching, you have already taken that important first step. If you are still in the preparation phase, you will soon meet your students. Document the day--and every significant day ahead!

1. Get a sturdy journal that will travel with you, through thick and thin.
2. On the first page, declare your mission statement.
3. Start by answering some simple questions. What kind of teacher do you aspire to become?
4. What do you hope to achieve?
5. Who was your most memorable teacher? How did that teacher influence your own aspirations?
6. Write your impressions as you progress through this course and pursue your career.
7. Journal your thoughts as you complete the sessions ahead.
8. Celebrate later successes when a student inspires you.
9. Jot down practical ideas, commitments and turning points.
10. Make each day better than the last—and every day as important as the first.

Someday, as you train young teachers, after all, you may want to pass along your own wisdom. The student who appreciates you most just might be a future teacher.