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Good teachers fill a pupil's mind with trusty concepts and precepts. Great teachers go a step beyond and teach their pupils how to work ideas; how to explore their hidden layers, stretch them, mix them, or even tighten their shape. Good teachers teach their pupils *what* to think; great ones teach them *how* to think.

–*Unknown*

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