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You have 90 minutes to read the articles and then answer the essay question about the topic. Be prepared to use information from the articles as support.

Article 1: [^, } Á š } E μ P ^ š μ v š • w i t t e r](#) by David L. Kirp and published on October 30, 2016 in the newspaper [New York Times](#) on page 2 of section L

When I was in high school, I earned A's in all my math classes

college teachers should maintain a positive attitude toward students. Teachers were open minded, friendly, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable about students' names and interests demonstrated several of the personal qualities that motivated students the most. The second most important factor was methodology. We found that students tuned out instructors who relied solely on lecturing. Using a variety of methods in the classroom pushed students to participate more actively in their learning. Effective materials and activities cited by the participants included case studies, role plays, experiments, and focus groups. Classroom management and organizational skills were found to be the third most important factor in motivating students. Participants suggested that an instructor should create a safe and open learning environment in the classroom to facilitate learning. Establishing a climate of understanding and acceptance among students (Boekaerts, 2002). Plus, students reported that they learned from instructors that were organized. The students were more likely to be prepared for class and work harder toward their goals if their instructors exhibited the same behavior.

Teachers often believe they know what is best for their students, and they are often right. But in the extreme, this attitude can be harmful.

Essay Question

Educators often cannot understand why some students perform below their abilities. Why do some students lack motivation and underperform? What strategies do teachers implement to motivate students to work harder and perform better in their classrooms? Write a multi-paragraph essay of approximately 400-500 words defending your position. Use evidence from the articles as support and to demonstrate your ability to cite sources. You may also incorporate general knowledge and your personal experience to support your thesis. Use the publication details at the top of each article and the APA style guide provided to cite the sources properly and create a references list at the end. Do not skip lines.

Seeking strategies for better education has been an interesting issue in education
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suggested through various researches. I argue that positive feedback, various methods for
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(2016) suggested three strategies developed by other researchers. The three strategies were
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