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# Teacher Feature

**1. Your full name**

•Chad Liptow

**2. What do you teach and where?**

•8th grade history at Shumate Middle School

**3. How long have you been at that school?**

•I've been in Gibraltar nine years (three at Chapman and six at Shumate)

**4. Where did you grow up and where were you educated?**

•I grew up in Newport and went to Jefferson. I have degrees from Monroe County Community College, University of Toledo and Marygrove College

**5. Main reasons you decided to become a teacher.**

•I enjoy trying to help kids learn and be better people

**6. Who was your greatest inspiration when you were a child and why?**

•People who were successful inspired me because I wanted to create a better life for myself

**7. Best thing about your job?**

•Helping and watching kids be successful

**8. Worst thing about your job?**

•Trying to reach unmotivated students

**9. Best recent development in education?**

•Parent Connect: it allows parents to keep constant tabs on their child's education

**10. Worst recent development in education?**

•Standardized tests which drive schools and lack performance incentives for students



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**11. If you had a magic wand, what would you provide for your students?**

•Stability at home because so many come to us from a tough situation at home

**12. Finish this statement: Kids today need to \_\_\_\_\_.**

•...be accountable

**13. If you had to choose another profession, what would it be and why?**

•I enjoy sports, so something in the sports field like a broadcaster

**14. What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?**

•I am the varsity baseball coach and also coach football. I also have two daughters.

**15. Best advice to pass along to beginning teachers?**

•Be prepared each day, get involved in extra activities at school, and enjoy your job or do something else

**16. Best advice to pass along to parents of kids in school?**

•Be involved and hold your kids accountable instead of making excuses

**17. Look into your crystal ball and tell us what you see in the future for American education.**

•We need legislators who will work with the people on the front line instead of trying to tell them what do from a far away office. For the system to be successful we really need parents to be involved with their kids and hold them accountable for what they do at and away from school.

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