

The Good Instructor

A good instructor must demonstrate the following characteristics:

1. **Enthusiasm.** A cadet's initial enthusiasm must be maintained and this can be done by the instructor showing enthusiasm for his work in all its aspects.
2. **Sympathy.** A cadet must be treated with sympathy and, at the same time, firmness.
3. **Explanation.** A cadet will want to know what it all means. His questions must be answered willingly and accurately.
4. **Accurate Instructions.** The first thing a cadet learns stays in his memory, whether it is good or bad, accurate or inaccurate. Instructions must be sensible and accurate.
5. **Example.** At the impressionable age when a cadet first joins, example is worth any amount of instruction. The instructor must set himself a high standard and he must not deviate from it.
6. **Interest.** At the age of joining interest may flag easily. Frequent changes of approach and instruction are necessary to maintain it.
7. **Encouragement.** A cadet will be put off by a short-tempered instructor. A little encouragement is worth a lot of correction. An instructor must never lose his temper; he must give praise when it is due and never humiliate a cadet.