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First, I want to thank you for downloading this free guide.

Let me introduce myself, I am Temitope Oni and I help teachers like you find their voices and achieve career fulfillment. I also help elementary students learn Mathematics in a simplified way.

**10 AMAZING SECRETS YOU MUST KNOW TO BECOME
A CUTTING-EDGE TEACHER**

INTRODUCTION

I am a SUPERHERO!!!

I believe teachers are SUPERHEROES!!!

I cannot believe that I am a teacher and that teaching happens to be my superpower, my go-to career.

While growing up, there were different kinds of careers modeled to us, teaching did not strike me as a career or a dream job. My dream was to become a food science technologist. I wanted to create unique canned foods to reduce food wastage and come up with better ways to maintain their freshness.

I started teaching during my university days when I had my industrial training in a girls' secondary school as a biology teacher. It was an amazing experience, having teenage girls looking up to you as their role models.

After my National Youth Service (NYSC), I started teaching elementary school. I taught children ages 5 - 6 how to identify letters, and phonic sounds, and how to blend the letters together to form new words. The children learned to read through the use of phonics. I was happy to hear them read with excitement.

Teaching is a great career and has afforded me several opportunities and privileges to model, correct, motivate, discipline, nurture, prune, and teach thousands of children who have become adults.

I remember a few years ago climbing the stairs of a beautiful mall in Stratford(United Kingdom) and a young, dark, beautiful lady walked up to me. I was wondering where I knew her from until she mentioned the school where I work and that she was one of the old students. It was a remarkable moment for me as I felt honored to be associated with such a prestigious profession that has produced great role models.

I cannot help but reflect on the secrets that have helped me become a cutting-edge teacher of global influence. I am glad to share these 10 secrets in this free guide. I believe they will help you as they have greatly helped me. What does it really mean to be a cutting-edge teacher?

A cutting-edge teacher is a professional who sees teaching beyond just making a living but as a tool to impact, influence, and change the lives of his students. He is an innovative thinker who is passionate about discovering and developing the potential of his learners so they can become the best of themselves.

He has high self-esteem as he does not see himself to be in a disadvantaged profession. He makes learning real, relatable, and relevant to the children. He stands out among others because he always goes the extra mile to do more than what he's paid.

10 AMAZING SECRETS TO BECOME A CUTTING-EDGE TEACHER

Let's now look at the 10 amazing secrets I've discovered in the 23 years of my journey as a cutting-edge teacher.

1. Be Adaptable:

as a cutting-edge teacher, my students' understanding of the subject matter is of utmost importance to me.

Therefore, I adjust my teaching style and approach to meet the learning needs of each learner in my classroom. This enables them to easily understand the concept.

2. Collaborate:

The ability to work effectively as part of a team helps me to learn, unlearn and relearn from other teachers, educators, and people of like minds. Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. I work with other teachers to share knowledge and competence on how to deliver the qualitative learning experiences for my learners.

3. Be Creative:

I discovered that I love to do things in a unique way. Albert Einstein stated that "it is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

I wanted to be outstanding in the ways I did things, most particularly in how I taught Mathematics and other subjects as a teacher.

I noticed that teaching fractions was always a bit of a challenge. So, I decided to use a box of pizza and a birthday cake to teach the students. I saw the light bulb moments come alive in them.

4. Inquire-

There is this hunger for newness, I am curious to discover new ideas about how things are done differently in a colleague's class or school. I love to learn from people and ask relevant questions to improve my teaching career; as the saying goes 'No man is an island'. What new technology or learning apps are age-appropriate for elementary students? What teaching resources are new? I discovered that the more I asked questions or made inquiries, the better I comprehended.

5. Maintain a Healthy lifestyle:

Are you the type that believes that you should just eat any type of food to build up strength or stamina before the day's work begins? do you feel heavy after eating some kind of food? am sure sometimes you might feel heavy or constipated? Can you give your best when you are bloated and overeat? Certainly not, we should take it upon ourselves to eat healthy to fight any immunity that would not allow us to be productive and fruitful.

Healthy living makes me consciously watch what I eat and drink which helps me to be actively involved in my

daily life.

I decided to be intentional about my health, keeping fit by exercising to shed off some fat and disciplining myself to eat healthier homemade food including vegetables and fresh fruits. If you are not fit physically, you will not be happy with yourself.

Be Happy: Learning is emotional. I realize that you cannot be at your best in the classroom if you're not happy. So, I choose to be happy every day and also create a lively environment that inspires my learners to become their very best. As Voltaire said "I have chosen to be happy because it is good for my health."

6. Be a Life-long Learner:

I have found myself attracted to skimming, scanning, and reading (including the blurb) self-development books as I come across them, even at times when I do not have full access to reading.

I listen to audiobooks and some podcasts to reinvent myself and be relevant. I also invest in continuous personal and professional development by attending conferences both within and outside the country, taking courses online, and also join a community of practice with other professionals.

Professional development has given me the extra lens to see clearly, boosted my confidence level, and connected me to people.

7. Be Flexible:

There are several times that I have had to alter or make changes to how I carried out the teaching of topics in the curriculum. This was to provide a tailor-made approach to meet the needs of the students for that particular academic session.

I look out for cutting-edge technology and instructional strategies to engage learners so that learning can be real, relatable, and relevant.

8. Be Tech- savvy:

As a 21st teacher, I engage in digital innovations and tools to make learning real and fun. I also use them to communicate and evaluate learning outcomes. This has transformed the classroom experience for my learners as they always look forward to coming to my class. Developing 21st-century digital skills is non-negotiable if you must become a cutting-edge teacher.

9. Growth mindset :

I realize that to become the best version of myself, I must be open to change and progress. I embrace new ways of thinking, challenge the status quo and innovate novel ways to solve problems. It's either you grow or you're changed. You must be intentional in developing a growth mindset that catalyzes you to greatness and exemplary achievements.

10. Delay Gratification:

I have had to sacrifice my money, time, energy, and comfort to afford myself the ability to invest in professional

development that will prepare me for the future.

This ability to think long-term and forego immediate comfort has been pivotal to making me a cutting-edge teacher.

To attain the pinnacle of success, you must be ready to sacrifice the pleasure of today for the good life you desire tomorrow.

Finally, I believe with this guide, you have gained insights into how you can become a cutting-edge teacher of great influence and international standard.

If you feel you need more help on how to achieve your dream of becoming an outstanding teacher, kindly visit www.temitopeoni.com/workwithme.

I can't wait for you to start living your dreams as a cutting-edge teacher with remarkable impact as you wave your teaching magic wands in the lives of the students.

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