

ABSTRACT

Title: **"SALUDO AKO KAY TEACHER, WHAT MAKES A TEACHER EXCEPTIONAL: A GROUNDED THEORY**

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The study aimed to know what is an exceptional teacher that plays a very important role in making the personality of every students. We explore the concept, focusing on teachers live and work personal and professional elements of teachers' lives, experiences, beliefs and practices.

This qualitative study was conducted to further examine and comprehend the stories of exceptional teachers in Gen. E. Aguinaldo National High School-Bailen. An interview has been conducted in two teachers, who belonged to Junior High School and Senior High School in Gen.E.Aguinaldo National High School-Bailen. Lichtman's 3Cs of qualitative data analysis was done to analyze and interpret the results of the study.

The four themes emerged from the study are BesideTheCliff, Unique Technique, Faded Tears and Sweat and The Twist and Turns of Life. To have a better understanding, we present a conceptual framework outlining the qualities of a teacher that can prove that they are exceptional among others.

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