Developing a Teaching Philosophy Statement

The following questions are designed as a starting point from which to develop your teaching philosophy statement:

1. For me, learning occurs best when…

2. I recognize a good instructor by…

3. Think about opportunities where you have had to teach (even on an informal basis). How would you describe the approach you used? Why?

4. How do you assess students?

5. What do you see as the biggest teaching challenge? How have you addressed or overcome this in your classroom?

6. How has your discipline contributed to your understanding about the roles of the student in the teaching process?

7. How does your approach to teaching relate to your fundamental beliefs about learning?