**Cornell Notes – Every Kid Needs a Champion**

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**Theme:** The Importance of Student-Teacher Relationships

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| **Key Ideas** | **Notes** |
| * **Positive student-teacher relationships are critical to student success**
* Building relationships with students does not need to be difficult
* In the example, the +2 encourages the student to keep working hard to boost the number up next time
* It is important to be an actor/actress as an educator to ensure that all students are able to develop a solid, positive relationship with their teacher
* As educators, we should be a champion for our students (= someone who celebrates student success, and lifts them up when they fall)
 | * Reasons kids drop out of school include poverty, low attendance and negative peer influences
* *James Comer*: “no significant learning can occur without a significant relationship,”
* One way to build relationships with students is by apologizing when you make a mistake
* Teacher has the challenging role of raising a child’s self-esteem and academic achievement at the same time
	+ i.e., This can be done through daily positive affirmations, and the way the teacher marks (-18 vs. +2)
* Teacher has the opportunity to make a difference in children’s lives
* Tough students show up for the connection
	+ It is possible they are lacking this connection at home
* Our goal as educators should be to encourage students to take risks and to think outside the box
* **All students should feel loved and wanted**
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| **Summary** |
| * Student-teacher relationships have a major influence on a child’s school experience
* The classroom should be a safe, welcoming, positive place for all students
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