

Turtles are some of the slowest animals out there. Not only that, but they are not very smart, not very big, and not very much of anything. However, if you inject them with an alien mutagen, leave them in the sewers of NYC, and have them trained by a mutant rat who happens to be a ninjitsu master, you will have the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Although the mutagen is what physically transformed the Turtles in this 90's classic, Master Splinter was the one who shaped them to be who they would become. He was the best possible influence on them and the Turtles needed him to guide and protect them. Although there were many risks to training these mutants, Splinter took the challenge and indirectly influenced the many lives saved by the Turtles. Master Splinter was the best possible trainer and father for the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Master Splinter was very qualified to train the Turtles and was the perfect master for them. Splinter was one of the best ninjitsu masters to ever live and was able to train the Turtles using his skills. He was also very strict and trained the Turtles diligently, ever preparing them for the outside world. On several occasions, the Turtles used the self-discipline he taught them to save many people and defeat enemies. As well as having the qualifications needed to train the Turtles, he could also identify with them very well. He, like the Turtles, was a mutant (a human-sized rat) and could relate to them in this area. Although it could be said that Splinter was not qualified to train them because he also was a mutant, he was even more suited to the job because of his mutation. He knew what people thought of mutants and how they reacted to them and he protected the Turtles from these things. As a result of them being similar in this area, he knew their struggles and sorrows and could comfort and guide them in almost every area of their lives.

As a result of Master Splinter's training, the Turtles protected and saved many innocent people. Through the great diligence and wisdom of Splinter, all the Turtles were able to reach their full potentials and become the protectors of NYC. They fought and defeated the Shredder and his dreaded Foot Clan when they attempted time and time again to overtake NYC, they stopped the invasion of the alien race called the Kraang multiple times and forced them to retreat back to their home planet, and they protected the city streets from a ruthless gang called the Purple Dragons when they tried to harm and steal from innocent civilians. However, none of this could have been possible without the preparation and teaching of Master Splinter. He taught them to value others' lives and to stop evil in its tracks, he taught them to protect themselves while protecting others, and he taught them to stand up for the right thing, no matter what the opposition.

Master Splinter taught the Turtles the most important lesson they could ever learn, the significance of family. When the Turtles were young and dumped in the sewers, Splinter found them and raised them like they were his own children. He taught them the lessons of a father and soon they became a close-knit family. Splinter always looked out for the Turtles and brought them together like no one else could have done. He showed them the importance of family and how sacred and priceless it is. As a result, the Turtles did everything together and were extremely close. It also helped them develop the great teamwork and chemistry they used to defeat the forces of evil. Ultimately, it was Master Splinter who demonstrated to them that family is precious and that love for one another is much more powerful than hate.

Turtles and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles alike are not the most intelligence creatures out there and, just like everyone else, need guidance. Master Splinter was the source of this guidance and provided much-needed teaching for the Turtles in the areas of physical battle and emotional strength. He trained the Turtles in the art of ninjitsu and demonstrated to them the importance of family. He stepped up to the challenge of training the Turtles and in the end, reaped the benefits of having a family, despite his

appearance, and of being responsible for raising the protectors of NYC. Master Splinter is exactly what the Turtles needed and because of his selflessness, many innocent lives were saved.