

It's All About Me! 8/27/20

Mr. Carter - 7th Grade English/Language Arts

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1. First and Last Name: *

2. Date: *

Example: January 7, 2019

3. Period Number: *

Mark only one oval.

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Five Minute Do Now:

One word answers and sentence fragments will not be accepted. Please write your answers in three complete sentences.

4. Do Now: Write about coming back to school after a long summer vacation and during this current pandemic. * 5 points

Learning Target:

I will introduce myself and become acquainted with my teacher and classmates.

It's All About Me! Lesson

Please read through the following descriptions and instructions. Then, complete the readings and answer the activity questions.

Introduction:

Hello Westview Scholars,

My name is Mr. Carter and I am excited to be teaching 7th grade ELA this year. This is my fourth year teaching and my second year here at Westview Middle School.

I have written up some questions for you guys—here are my answers:

1) What do you like to do in your free time, when you are away from school? What do you like about it?

When I am away from school, I like to build guitars in my free time. I'm in a cigar box guitar club that meets every third Saturday of the month and we build a variety of stringed instruments from found objects. I'm currently working on a halloween themed guitar, as a surprise for my dad.

2) If you could interview one person from the past, who would it be? Why?

If I could interview one person from the past, I would interview George Orwell. He is a mid 20th century author that is most famous for writing Animal Farm and Nineteen Eighty-Four. Orwell was also an essayist and, aside from the aforementioned novels, wrote many essays that shed light on the difficulties inherent to his time—it would be interesting to have even a short conversation with him.

3) Write down one book or story that you really liked. Why did you like it so much?

One book that I like, and would claim as my favorite, is The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. It is a children's book and the message is clear and simple, but it is timeless in it's application to the real world. We will do a lesson at some point in the year with this book; I think you will really like it.

4) What subject (math, reading, social studies, science, writing) do you find hard? Why?

Traditionally social studies has been my most difficult subject throughout my time in school. It was hard for me to memorize all of the dates and keep all of the people and events straight. However, over time I developed an appreciation for history and have since worked past my memorization difficulties.

5) What subject (math, reading, social studies, science, writing) do you find easy? Why?

The subject that I find least difficult is English. Writing has always felt easy and I like writing in just about any format, whether it's an essay, poem, short story or even a screenplay. Reading, on the other hand, can be more difficult, because I read slowly, which makes it less enjoyable, so I have to work hard and invest a lot of time.

6) Which of these activities do you feel would help you learn?

I feel that my learning is helped most by hands-on activities. Hands-on activities offer me an opportunity to learn by doing, which allows me to more quickly become better at whatever I am learning. This past summer, my son had a problem with his scooter; I was able to fix it by researching on the internet and then working on it through trial and error.

7) Mark the ways you feel that you work the best.

I feel that I work best alone in a quiet room. However, I do value work with a partner or small group, because it helps to get feedback from others when working on a project. I find that listening to music while writing lowers my ability to focus, so I often work in silence even though I rather be rocking out.

8) If you could learn about anything you wanted, what would you choose to learn about?

At this point, if I could learn anything I wanted, I would choose to learn how to make guitar effects pedals. I have never been an electronics wizard, and can barely read schematics, but I think I think I could build some awesome stuff if I could learn the fundamentals. I currently build simple effects pedals with the small amount of electronics knowledge that I have, but I would like to take it to the next level.

9) Name one thing that you know so much about that you could teach a class on the subject.

Aside from writing, I have a lot of experience with making everyday objects into working guitars. I have built a lot of interesting instruments and have a pretty good eye for what works and doesn't work. I already have a website where I show off my instruments and offers tips and instructions, so maybe I am already part of the way there.

10) What do you imagine that you will be doing in 5 years?

In five years, I imagine that I'll still be teaching. I enjoy teaching, but more importantly, I like getting to know students and helping them grow over the course of the year. I am excited to meet everyone and am positive that this is going to be a great year.

Instructions:

1. Read through my answers to the question, so that you can get to know me.
2. Take another look at my answers and notice that I answered with three or more sentences and added details. Please try to answer the questions thoughtfully. Answering questions completely will be necessary for helping your writing improve throughout the year.
3. Fill out the form/worksheet while reflecting on the articles presented.
4. After answering all of the questions and proofreading your answers, submit the form (if participating online) or hold onto your work for a drop off at the school at a later date.

Assignment Overview:

Take some time to fill out this form, so that I can get to know you.

Activity Questions:

One word answers and sentence fragments will not be accepted. Please write your answers in complete sentences and do not be afraid to let your voice be heard.

- 5. 1) What do you like to do in your free time, when you are away from school? 1 point
What do you like about it? *

- 6. 2) If you could interview one person from the past, who would it be? Why? * 1 point

- 7. 3) Write down one book or story that you really liked. Why did you like it so much? * 1 point

- 8. 4) What subject (math, reading, social studies, science, writing) do you find hard? Why? * 1 point

9. 5) What subject (math, reading, social studies, science, writing) do you find easy? Why? * 1 point

10. 6) What helps you learn? (Check all that apply) * 1 point

Check all that apply.

- Hands-On Activities
 Reading
 Taking Notes
 Reading Aloud

11. 7) Mark the ways you feel that you work the best. (Check all that apply) * 1 point

Check all that apply.

- in a quiet room
 in a noisy room
 with some noise
 working alone
 working with a partner
 working in a group
 at my desk
 at a table
 on the floor

12. 8) If you could learn about anything you wanted, what would you choose to learn about? * 1 point

13. 9) Name one thing that you know so much about that you could teach a class on the subject. * 1 point

14. 10) What do you imagine that you will be doing in 5 years? * 1 point

Five Minute Exit Ticket:

Reflect on today's lesson and answer the question(s) using complete sentences.

15. Exit Ticket: What is one thing that you learned about your teacher and/or classmate today? * 5 points

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