



Allow Me to Introduce Myself

Hello, my name is Mindy Wara. I am a student at UW Oshkosh for secondary education in English with minors in theatre and creative writing. Though most of my teaching experience has been with high schoolers, I volunteered over the summer for the Young Writers' Camp and worked with middle schoolers who are interested in writing.

In my free time I read a lot and write poetry. I also enjoy knitting, sewing, scrapbooking, and have recently started participating as a vendor in craft fairs. I also love spending time with my friends and family.

I love working with young people and am passionate about my teaching. I am always astonished at how much I learn from my students and cannot wait to learn what this group of eighth graders has to teach me.

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THIRD QUARTER

Most of third quarter will be spent on Holocaust literature. I will be guiding classroom discussions on the theatrical version of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. We are currently reading *Night* by Elie Wiesel. The students will also have a choice of novels and non-fiction books to read in small literature circles.

I want students to connect with Anne and understand the difficulty of living in the secret annex for nearly two years. Though this is a Language Arts class, I want the students to understand the history, social, and spatial implications of the Frank family's circumstances.

I have created a wikispace for you and your student to explore relating to WWII and the Holocaust. I feel that to truly understand the severity of the Holocaust and the world it happened in, that one needs to look at the culture of the times. On the wikispace you will find music, video spoofs (to lighten such a dark subject), daily assignments, and much more. I will be continuously adding to the wikispace as the unit progresses.

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