



MS. GARZA'S CLASSROOM

MY TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

I have recently graduated from the University of Houston with a B.A. in English and a Certification in Education. This is my abbreviated teaching philosophy.



Teaching is about Relationships! I know that it doesn't matter how great my lesson is, how diverse, if I don't take the time to build a rapport with my students, I can't effectively do my job.



As an educator, one of the essential things I can do for my students is to encourage them. This is why I believe in praising advancements and achievements of students more so than pointing out disappointments.



Community is such an important part of the classroom. Being from the Houston Area, I know that where you come from means something. It is so important for students to interact with community members and make learning personal.



I believe that every child should be provided the support they need to continue onto higher education. Whether it be college, technical school, or the military, it is a goal of mine to encourage every student to continue after they graduate.



A lot of my classroom centers around the classics but also what is contemporary. I believe students should take what is happening in the world today and interact with it personally in my classroom. A portion of my classroom curriculum is dedicated to current events.



William Butler Yeats once said, "Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire." I believe in every student I encounter. This belief in their success is the cornerstone of my philosophy.



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