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BIOGRAPHY

My name is Mr. Archibald and I will be your English Language Arts teacher this year. I recently graduated from Rice University in Houston, where I taught high school for two years before moving to Harlingen. Before teaching, I worked on an assembly line in a pencil eraser factory, trained as a professional mime, and conducted a children's orchestra in Siberia.

I love everything about English; in fact, I love it so much that's what I studied at Rice! While in college, I also studied literary theory in England for a year. I was not always sure I wanted to be a teacher, but writing is my favorite thing to do, so teaching it seemed like a natural fit. When not in the hallowed halls of RSA, I try to find as much time as possible to write and read. My favorite authors include Zadie Smith, Thomas Pynchon, Kurt Vonnegut, Paul Beatty, and Joan Didion.

I grew up in Minnesota before moving to Austin, Texas with my family and eventually to Houston to go to college. Most of my family still lives in Minnesota, including my identical twin brother who is also a teacher. I have two dogs named Lenny and Wally who love to go on walks, eat food, and bark at birds outside the window while I'm trying to sleep. Besides reading and writing, I like to play guitar, watch Astros games, and paint. I also enjoy writing short biographies about myself that all of my students diligently read.