

My Favorite Teacher

English can be fun, but only if the teacher is fun. Ms. Brooker is one of those types. I firmly believe that Ms. Mary Elizabeth Brooker, my funny but kind 7th grade English teacher at Golden West Middle School is by far the greatest teacher ever. She taught me so much over this school year.

First of all, she taught me to really love and appreciate good literature. From heartwarming animal stories to Edgar Allen Poe to Charles Dickens to poetry and finally World War II stories, Ms. Brooker made sure we understood what was going on and looked at things in other perspectives. I especially loved our book reports. We got to use a lot of creativity and critical thinking on them. In addition, they introduced me to new genres. For instance, one of the book reports had to be science fiction or mystery, two genres I'm normally not interested in. But I really enjoyed the book I read, and am glad I had the opportunity to give a whole report on it.

Furthermore, Ms. Brooker really helped me become a better writer. After covering literary response, summary, persuasive, and narrative essays, I felt much more confident on the state writing test than I have in the past. Sometimes, when we had to write essays as an assignment, I'd be having so much fun, I'd forget it was homework. As you can see, Ms. Brooker helped me to write much better-in fact, if it weren't for her, I probably wouldn't be able to write this right now!

Another thing I love about Ms. Brooker is that she loves to have fun. For example, when we studied Edgar Allen Poe at Halloween time, she decorated the classroom with bats and spiders hanging from the wall, and famous horror story quotes. Then, when we reached the Christmas Carol, Ms. Brooker had us act it out-complete with costumes and props. And of course, Ms. Brooker has a great sense of humor. She's famous (at Golden West, at least) for her pranks on her students. From spraying her inattentive students with "just a bottle of water for cleaning the whiteboard", to hiding her students' backpacks, Ms. Brooker makes sure we laugh enough and don't get too serious.

Ms. Brooker is clearly the most fantastic teacher ever. She's witty, intelligent, helpful, and most importantly, caring for all 90 of her students. I'm so glad I was lucky enough to get her as my teacher and she has changed my life forever.

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