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Teaching Assignment

I currently teach eleventh-grade U.S. History for a virtual public high school. I also teach a few college-level courses, primarily in the Running Start Program, including U.S. and World History as well as American Government.

Area of Expertise

My educational background is in World History, with a primary focus on 20th century China and Sino-American Cold War relations. I have dedicated most of my teaching career to promoting civics education; I have a deep passion for helping our youth form their civic identities as they develop the foundational skills needed for a democratic society.

Background

I earned a B.A. (2002) and M.A. (2007) in History from Central Washington University. While at CWU, I studied abroad in China, Cambodia, and Vietnam, and received notable scholarships, research fellowships, and several awards of distinction. Since 2006, I served as a secondary social studies teacher at Kittitas Secondary School, teaching World and U.S. History, U.S. Government, Current World Problems, and Geography. I earned my National Board Certification in 2010, which I recently renewed in 2019. In 2014, I was a finalist for Washington State's Civics Educator of the Year, an honor for which I was formally recognized by our state's legislature in Olympia. In 2017, I desired a new challenge and accepted a position as a full-time online history teacher, a position I have now held for four years. I also teach history and political science classes for a local community college. Finally, I serve as a teacher-leader in various programs, including Alumni Mentor Program (CWU), National History Day (judge), Holocaust Center for Humanity (board member), Big Bend Community College High School Relations Committee (chair), and Critical Thinking Fellow for McGraw Hill Education. In my free time, I love to lift weights and Jazzercise, take my Aussie on long walks through the woods, chef it up in the kitchen with my husband, travel the world, and read historical fiction.