

## Joshua Parker

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## **Teaching Assignment**

Instructional Specialist—6–12 Social Studies

## Area of Expertise

Civics Education, Curriculum Design, Engagement and Motivation in Instruction, and Inquiry Education.

## Background

I was in the classroom for eight years and have been working as an instructional specialist and literacy coach for five. My classroom experience was mostly at the high school level, but I have worked 6–12 since taking on the specialist role. I love working with teachers to help them be the most effective and engaging versions of their professional selves.

In addition to work in the school system, I've also written and edited curriculum for the WA state library, WA Secretary of State's office, OSPI, and National Geographic. I care that the materials teachers have to work with are engaging and meaningful. What we put in front of kids should help change the world for good.