



Sarah Jensen

Teacher

Hello! My name is Ms. Sarah, and I currently teach Study Hall at Genius Academy. I also teach and have taught various reading and writing classes as well as high school chemistry and math. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from UCLA, where my background in Chemical Engineering gave me an in-depth view into college-level math, chemistry, and physics, which has helped me aid students taking these classes at the high school level.

I grew up in Fremont, where I attended American High School and dedicated a LOT of my time to the marching band and its related organizations (including winter guard and percussion, winter drum majors, and pit orchestra). I carried this love for marching band into college and had the chance to march field show at the Rose Bowl, perform for a gala at Fox Studios, and play at Michelle Obama's College Signing Day at UCLA. While in college, I also participated in the Shakespeare Company's productions of *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Macbeth*, and *Evening of Shakespeare* and wrote and edited for *OutWrite* Newsmagazine, the first queer collegiate newsmagazine.

My academic interests include Asian American literature, especially in the modern day, as well as Shakespeare and Greek mythology. I'm also super interested in the concept of negative capability (which is sort of the act of the writer erasing their own voice in order to inhabit a character's) and the validity of the writer's own voice.

Outside of teaching, I spend a lot of time writing short and long fiction. Currently I have an ongoing Pokémon story that is over 210,000 words (that's longer than 6 of the Harry Potter books) and counting. I also have been working on several short stories that play with interiority and how well we can truly know ourselves. Otherwise, I enjoy watching and playing D&D, listening to Porter Robinson, and reading every novel I can get my hands on.