



August Agnelli

Teacher

My name is August Agnelli and I graduated with a B.A. in English Literature from Sonoma State University after receiving A.A. degrees in Liberal Studies, Child Studies, and English at West Valley College. I teach a variety of English Language Arts classes at Genius. Previously, I have worked as an afterschool educator, a private writing and study skills tutor for students aged K-12, and as a college level writing tutor for undergraduate and graduate students. I have also provided resources and given speeches on the importance of inclusivity, accessibility, and intercultural education to social workers, psychologists, K-12 and undergraduate educators, community members, and students.

My passion for inclusive and accessible education means that I teach with a firm belief that students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to thrive if they're given the opportunity to learn effective study techniques and pursue topics that ignite a spark of passion. I am a firm believer that everyone can learn to love reading and my time working at a bookstore in early college showed me that all kids become bookworms when they find the perfect book.

I'm an avid reader; my favorite genres are literary fiction, fantasy, poetry, and biographies. I read 49 books—19,200 pages—in 2024 and I'm aiming for 50 books this year! My favorite books include *Time is a Mother* by Ocean Vuong, *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt, *Disability Visibility* by Alice Wong, and *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. LeGuin. My favorite series is Brandon Sanderson's *Cosmere*, which I could talk about for hours! I also love to play D&D, journal, collect library cards (I'm up to 18!), watch nerdy trivia and game shows, and spend time with my 18 year old orange tabby cat named Erin. I am also trying to start a program at my local library to help elementary and middle school students learn collaborative communication and public speaking skills by sharing their interests and hobbies!