

Leslie Kalmbach **Star Teacher**

English is not my strong suit, so when I entered Mrs. Kalmbach's class for the first time I knew it was going to be challenging. Her class was heavily based on analytical essays written about the literature we read. Reading is a strong suit of mine, but writing not so much. Kind of ironic considering I had to write this speech.

After the classes first few assignments, I found that I wanted my results to be better. I started to talk to Mrs. Kalmbach about how my essays could improve. She helped me with my simple problems like spelling and grammar, but her main response everytime was "I need more." I thought to myself, "What's that supposed to mean? More words, more pages, more what?"

However, I trusted Mrs. Kalmbach, and I saw my essays improve as I began to give her more substance and thoughts in my essays. By the end of the semester, I started to find myself getting the results I wanted out of my essays because of Mrs. Kalmbach's help and hard work.

Her teaching was more than just how to write a good essay. She taught me how to truly take criticism and learn from my mistakes and I feel that is a lesson I will carry with me throughout my life. She also takes an interest in the lives of her students by asking them how their games or concerts went.

Mrs. Kalmbach views her students as the future of the world. She uses all of her effort and energy to make sure she has a meaningful influence on their lives so that they will be successful in the future. It is for these reasons that Mrs. Kalmbach is my Star Teacher.

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