

Carrie Baskett **Star Teacher**

From Pre-K to tenth grade, I didn't enjoy the subject of English. The books and the assignments never really sparked my interest as a student. I always felt a lack of motivation when it came to learning English due to the main focus being based on reading long passages along with answering multiple-choice questions. I thought I would never enjoy learning English until I took AP English Language and Composition my junior year. Junior year is when English turned from one of my least favorite subjects to my favorite subject, thanks to my phenomenal teacher, Mrs. Baskett.

Mrs. Baskett's English class was different from any previous English class I had ever taken. While it was more challenging, it was also more interesting. The majority of the assignments throughout the semester were more opinion-based rather than subjective. Mrs. Baskett always encourages her students to share their perspectives on the books she assigns. This opens the door for class discussion, as every student is given the opportunity to share their opinion and perspective and possibly gain a new perspective from other peers. Not only do I admire Mrs. Baskett's teaching style, but I also admire her work ethic. Mrs. Baskett manages to keep grades updated on a daily basis, despite having numerous students and additional obligations.

Overall, Mrs. Baskett is an incredible teacher. She has a kind and enthusiastic personality that lights up the classroom and makes learning enjoyable. Being in her classes has sparked my interest in wanting to read more books and become a better writer. If I were ever to pursue a career in teaching, I would want to be just like Mrs. Baskett.

Thank you Mrs. Baskett for being such an influential teacher. I am eternally grateful!

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