John James

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**SUMMARY** 

A highly dedicated and experienced English Educator with a decade-long proven track record of

fostering a stimulating and engaging learning environment at Warren Township High School.

Possessing a strong academic background from Harvard University, including a major in English and

a minor in Psychology, I am adept at cultivating critical thinking, communication, and analytical

skills in students. A passionate and results-oriented professional committed to student success and

driven by a relentless work ethic. Eager to leverage my expertise to contribute to a dynamic and

innovative educational institution.

**EDUCATION** 

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Bachelor of Arts in English, Minor in Psychology

- Dean's List Recipient all 4 years.

- GPA: 3.9/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Advanced Composition, Literary Theory, Cognitive Psychology,

Developmental Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Creative Writing, Shakespearean Literature,

American Literature, World Literature.

- Actively participated in the Harvard Literary Society, contributing essays and short stories.

Warren Township High School, Gurnee, IL

High School Diploma

- Graduated with Honors.
- Member of the National Honor Society.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Warren Township High School, Gurnee, IL

**English Teacher** 

August 2014 Present

- Developed and implemented engaging and comprehensive English curriculum for high school students, fostering a love for literature and improving critical thinking skills.
- Consistently achieved high student performance on standardized tests, demonstrating effectiveness in teaching and curriculum development.
- Created a positive and supportive classroom environment that encouraged active participation, collaboration, and respect among students.
- Mentored and advised students on academic and personal matters, providing guidance and support to help them reach their full potential.
- Integrated technology into the classroom to enhance learning experiences and promote digital literacy.
- Collaborated with fellow teachers to develop interdisciplinary projects that connected English with other subjects, enriching the educational experience.
- Served on school committees, contributing to the development of school-wide policies and initiatives to improve student outcomes.
- Organized and led extracurricular activities, such as the school newspaper and debate club, fostering student leadership and teamwork skills.
- Received positive feedback from students, parents, and administrators for dedication to teaching and

commitment to student success.

- Spearheaded the implementation of a new reading program which increased the overall reading comprehension of the students by 15% within the first year.

## **SKILLS**

- Curriculum Development: Proficient in designing and implementing engaging and effective English curriculum aligned with state standards.
- Classroom Management: Ability to create a positive and supportive classroom environment that promotes student learning and collaboration.
- Communication: Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to effectively communicate with students, parents, and colleagues.
- Critical Thinking: Adept at fostering critical thinking skills in students, encouraging them to analyze information and form their own opinions.
- Technology Integration: Experience in integrating technology into the classroom to enhance learning experiences and promote digital literacy.
- Student Mentoring: Passionate about mentoring and advising students, providing guidance and support to help them reach their full potential.
- Teamwork: Collaborative and team-oriented, with the ability to work effectively with colleagues to achieve common goals.
- Adaptability: Flexible and adaptable, with the ability to adjust teaching methods and strategies to meet the diverse needs of students.
- English Literature: Comprehensive knowledge of English literature, including classic and contemporary works.
- Psychology: Strong understanding of psychological principles and concepts, which informs teaching practices and student interactions.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Teacher of the Year Nominee, Warren Township High School, 2018, 2020, 2022
- Excellence in Teaching Award, Warren Township High School, 2016

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Volunteer Tutor, Local Library, 2010-2014
- Assisted students with homework and provided guidance on academic matters.