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Education

- Masters in Education, University of California Riverside 2006
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of California Riverside 2005

Professional Background

- A.P. U.S. History Teacher, Citrus Hill High School, Perris, CA 2007-Present

Specific Duties- Teaching United States history from the early native civilizations of North and South America to the founding of the United States, and concluding with the current social, political, and economic conditions of 21st century America. The development of my U.S. History lesson plans encourage student participation, critical thinking, historical discussions, and student connections with past and present historical issues. My U.S. History lessons promote student achievement by following the Understanding by Design Model of planning and backward mapping in which the assessment is the starting piece of the planning and all the direct instruction and instructional activities are aligned with the assessment. Various media outlets and visual context clues are also incorporated within the course to give students an enlightened experience and knowledge in U.S. History. I also incorporate the Common Core Standards by encouraging students to analyze primary sources and incorporate evidence in their historical writing.

- World History Teacher, March Middle School, Moreno Valley, CA 2006-2007

Specific Duties - Taught 7th grade World History from ancient to modern times emphasizing the political, social, and cultural characteristics of Africa, Asia, and Europe. Students were taught using the Understanding by Design model and were given various opportunities to participate in discussions, reenactments, and critical thinking activities.

Administrative Experience

- Social Science Department Chair – Citrus Hill High School 2011- Present
- U.S. History Data Team Leader – Citrus Hill High School 2008- Present
- Secondary Curriculum Council Member 2012- 2016
- Cooperating Teacher for UCR Social Science Credential Program 2012- 2016

Licenses and Certification

- Single Subject Teaching Credential in Social Science 2006 – Present
- Specifically Designed Alternative Instruction in English Authorization 2006 – Present

Awards

- Inland Empire Social Studies Council Teacher of Excellence 2012