

Dear YST Male Student ranging in age from 10-13 (Grades 6-8th),

There once was a young man with big aspirations. He dreamed of having the opportunity to learn about times past, of heroes and heroines of long ago. He yearned to find out about the world, about the causes that caused effects, and of the effects that those causes caused. He wondered what life was like for people in foreign places and times past, and what were all those funny sounding events that he had heard “big people” talking about when he was young, but had no idea what they were talking about! He hoped that he could go to a class in which all these things and more were taught. He was willing to work hard, if that’s what it took to gain such unfathomable (deep, profound) knowledge (and to get a good grade). He pined (craved, strongly desired) for a mentor who could help lead him along the path to gain this knowledge, who would make the experience both fun and educational. He yearned to have a teacher that cared about his success both in and out of class, and tried his best to make abstract concepts seem a little less abstract, and distant places seem not so far away.

It is my ambition to be such a teacher, and my deepest hope that you desire to be the young man described above. Together we can delve into events both current and historical and try to make sense of this ever-changing world, and to find our place in it.

Let’s make it happen this coming year: allow history be our guide to a great year and a brighter future.

Your humble guide,

Y. Lokensky