



Dear student,

Welcome to Read 180! My name is Miss Shalyn Roberts, and I will be teaching you during my first year at Davis High School. This is my seventh year teaching, and I have experience at NUAMES and Sunset Junior High School.

As we go through our time together, I hope to bring my professional experience to the classroom. For five years, I worked as a copy editor and a journalist for two different newspapers within the Salt Lake City area. I have a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah in English, a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from Westminster College, and a Master of Arts in English (MA) from Northern Arizona University. I was born and raised in Kaysville, and I graduated from Davis High.

Reading is one of my favorite activities. My top favorite novels are *Dracula*, *The Crucible*, and the *Harry Potter* series. I enjoy all kinds of books and find value in pretty much any reading. I also like to write, and enjoy spending time with my family, cycling, kayaking, cooking, riding my motorcycles, and playing tennis and racquetball. I also build models, including building and flying radio controlled aircraft. Finally, I like music. My favorite bands include Led Zeppelin, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Tool (all Maynard bands).

English class is not just about learning to speak English. English class is about studying what it means to be human, why we do the things we do, what other possibilities there are, and how culture affects our lives. Essentially, English is the study of everything. This class is about helping you to build a foundation so that studying, reading, and school overall become a bit easier for you to do well at. I expect all my students to be responsible, to work hard, and to have an investment in learning.

I believe in open communication. A teacher is only one of three parts to a successful student. Parents and the surrounding community help make a student's education whole. I believe in working together to find the best route for you to take as a student in my class.

I look forward to beginning this journey.

Shalyn Roberts

