



# Mr. Walker

## University of New Hampshire

### Social Studies

#### **A Learning Experience that Changed Me:**

When I was 16 I went on a rock climbing and backpacking trip in the Sierra Nevada near Yosemite National Park. It was an Outward Bound course, and the first time I'd stepped into a true wilderness environment. My instructors were so knowledgeable and inspiring, like Jedi masters. When I finally asked one how he knew so much about the world around him, he simply told me he'd committed to being a life-long learner.

#### **My Favorite Book:**

Infinite Jest by David Foster Wallace

#### **My Hobbies and Interests:**

Drinking coffee at odd hours of the day, watching Star Wars, and riding bikes on any and all terrain!

#### **Prior Experience in Education:**

After graduating with a degree in Outdoor Education from the University of New Hampshire in 2014, I completed an internship at a school in Albuquerque, New Mexico with an experiential education curriculum. I taught outdoor leadership through rock climbing and kayaking and lead weeklong backpacking trips for 7th and 9th graders in the Southwest. I was a substitute teacher for DSST in 2016 as well as an apprentice teacher here!

#### **Something Super-Unique About Me:**

When I was eight years old, my family and I went through a Chik-fil-A drive thru on our way to visit my brother in college. They were having a sweepstakes at the time, and I won 100 free chicken sandwiches. The manager gave me a thick booklet of coupons, but my older brothers ended up using most of them.

#### **Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:**

I'm excited about working at DSST because it is staffed by the most genuine, caring, socially and politically active teachers that I have ever met. DSST pushes me to be a more effective, inclusive, and cultured teacher every single day.