

FINAL NARRATIVE

MY STORY WITH ENGLISH

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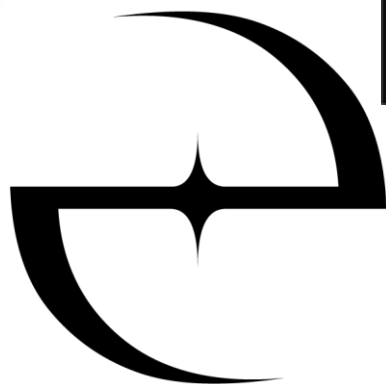


THE BEGINNING

I had my first contact with English very early. My aunt was a Letters student, and she had a few books. When I was 12-13 years old, I was watching Harry Potter and the Chamber of the Secrets. I've always been very curious and a huge movie fan, so, by curiosity, I changed the audio of the movie from Portuguese to English, to "see how their original voices were". It was the turning point. I've started to watch every single movie in English, and my love for their "original voices" has grown. I've started to repeat what I was listening, and study from my aunt's old books.



I remember that I was very surprised about how easy it was to learn English. It was like joining business with pleasure. I've always liked movies, dubbing of films, international culture, rock and pop. My favorite bands were Linkin Park, Evanescence and Red Hot Chili Peppers. My favorite writers were J.K. Rowling and William Shakespeare. I realized that I was slowly learning English. By the age of 15, I was talking with my cousins who lived in US. in English.



THE 'MIDDLE'

I entered High School in 2008. We only had English classes in the first and second year, and they weren't very good. My first English teacher spent the entire year teaching the 'verb to be'. Her pronunciation wasn't good, and she always consulted a dictionary to find the right word. I always had the feeling that our school didn't care about English. It was a bit frustrating.

In my second year, we had a different teacher. His pronunciation was much better than our previous teacher. He was very competent in teaching, and I quite liked it.

Like in the previous year, I received compliments about my English, which made me very happy. Even taking classes in school, I was always studying by myself at home.



In my third year, we hadn't had English. So I decided to enter in a language school. I had to do a test of leveling, and I entered the intermediate level course. The professor who interviewed me told me that my pronunciation was in an advanced level, but I needed to do a little better in grammar. I did English for a year and a half, along with the Japanese language, but I haven't had the chance to finish the courses.



THE 'NOW'

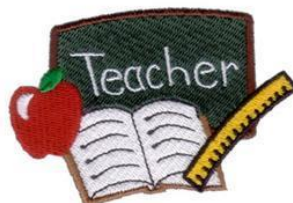
As a lover of foreign language, I wanted to do a course that combined the study of language and interaction with foreign countries. My options were Journalism and International Relations, but after some research, I saw that I was wrong. I realized that was not what I wanted. I realized I was going in the opposite direction of my plans for my future.

So I decided to follow the steps of my aunt, and make Letters. As a joke of fate, I passed to International Relations in ESAMC and Letters in UFU. I decided to study Letters, and I don't regret it. I started working, and by knowing another language, I joined the bilingual area of the company where I work.



THE FUTURE

I want to keep going with English Degree. I still don't know if I'm going to be a teacher, but if I decide to, I want to be a College Teacher. I know I have a lot of work to do, but I'm not a "quitter"; I am a "planner". I want to go to another country to learn more. The biggest plan in my life so far is to be fluent in Japanese. Even if I have to go to Japan to be. Thankfully, I have enough support from my friends and my family. I know I can be very good in English. And I will study hard to be.





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