

Narrative

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Hi! My name is Eloá. I'm 19 years old. I was born in São José dos Campos, São Paulo, Brazil. There, I studied at a public school, and I didn't have any contact with English as this language isn't taught in the curriculum of elementary school.



The few words I learned when I was a child, I learned with my aunts and from one of Xuxa's DVDs.



When I was 8 years old, I moved to Uberlândia where I have lived since then. Here I had my first contact with the English Language. I was enrolled at a private English school. I started studying English at Cultura Inglesa, and also at the regular school. Though I have always enjoyed speaking English, I didn't like the English classes at regular school very much because every year there used to be the very same starting point: verb to be - it looked like nothing would go further.



I really liked the classes at Cultura Inglesa and I was the best student in my class for many times. I used to get some medals and a lot of chocolate because I used to get good grades.



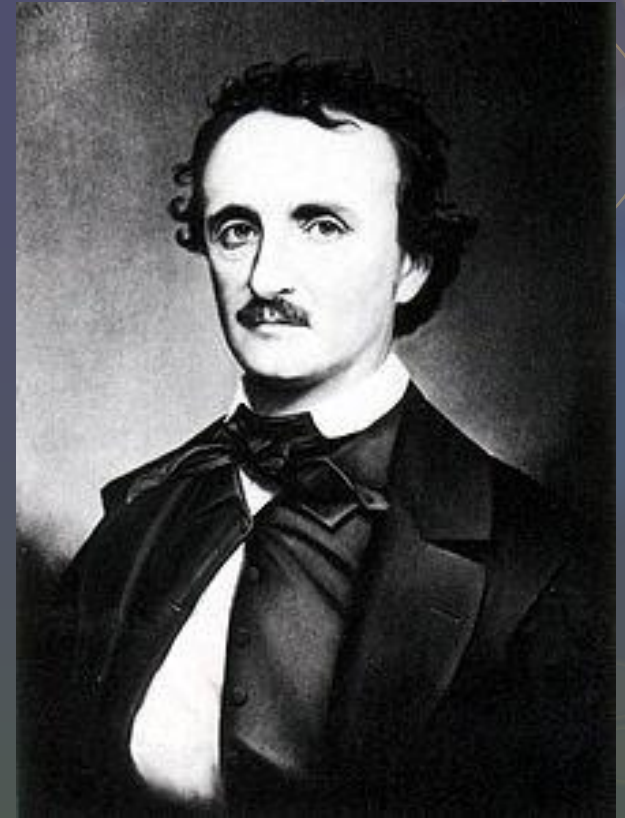
At this school, there was an activity that my friends and I liked a lot: singing at the lab. First, we studied the song in class: we used to hear the music, practice the new words, look up the new vocabulary, and so on. Then, we used to go to the lab. There, we sang the song, and it was recorded. After that, we used to hear ourselves singing, so we could notice if we were pronouncing the words correctly.



When I was about 12 years old I changed school, I started studying at CCAA. From a British teaching English school, I was, at this time, exposed to American English. I think it was very positive to have both experiences. At CCAA I made new friends and I also learned a lot with the way the teachers teach there. I enriched my vocabulary, learned more difficult language structures and became more proficient in the language. I also won the prize "The best" when I was at the intermediate level. I studied there until I was 18 years old, when I finished my English course and got my diploma.



Besides taking English classes I have also learned English from songs, movies and reading texts on the internet and books in English. I read some abridged tales from Edgar Allan Poe and I am reading the "Fallen" series, the third book. Nowadays I'm enrolled in a conversation course. I have a two hour class every Tuesday.



I've decided to take Letters Course because besides enjoying English and being in contact with it, I like teaching English and I think I will make a good teacher. I intend to interact a lot with my students, always bringing new things to class, being creative and paying attention on each student's way of learning. This course will give me the basis for working with what I like and working with what one likes is complete happiness.

