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Why do you want to teach?

I love being able to help pull students out of the struggling pit I used to find myself stuck in. My previous teaching/mentoring relationships have been some of the most meaningful in my life. Moreover, I have never had an international teaching experience and would love to be able to take this global learning experience to my future career hopefully at Khan Academy.

What are your teaching experiences?

I have tutored math & science HS subjects for 6 years, been a TA for 8.01 with 20 students, and worked as a content creator for EdX. Moreover, I've regularly mentored high school students in college admissions & SAT for the last 3 years, personally mentoring over 20 seniors. However, one of my favorite things to teach is English and

debate, which I am proficient at having ran workshops for Model UN students. I have also taught Indian dance to several students through MIT Bhangra.

What would you like to teach?

I am comfortable teaching almost any subject, particularly English and debate which are my favorite. Following that, I prefer any science subject or math subject.

Relevant courses taken:

See transcript
EdX content



Why do you think you'll be good at teaching?

I think my best asset when teaching is my personability. I have been told by almost all of my students that I am very easy to talk to and that I made learning a lot more fun for them than their usual teachers. I have a unique ability to bring abstract concepts down to earth given a student's context using visuals and analogies. I drive a lot of methods off of my own experiences and the experiences of my previous students. On top of that I believe I serve as a source of inspiration for my students by taking initiative in the process – reaching out rather than waiting to be asked – and bringing energy to every single presentation.

Why do you want to go to Italy?

Since my friend Muneeza showed me how fantastic her experience was last year, I've been very excited to have a similar cultural experience myself. Exploring a country through both a historical and present-day lens by visiting beautiful sites and engaging with people's life experiences would cap the perfect end to my MIT experience. I think Italy presents a unique opportunity to explore a different part of Europe compared

to my upbringings in England. This could prove to be very fruitful in understanding global learning styles, especially considering the growing role online education is having in Europe, which I can potentially take with me to Khan Academy as they further their international presence.

Relevant experiences abroad:

10 Years living in Scotland & England
UTokyo-MIT Research Symposium
London International Youth Science Forum
Model UN Conferences