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My Inspirational Teacher

Every single teacher that I have had was influential to me but one teacher has been the most inspiring of all. My 8th grade LA/Lit teacher, Mrs. Palic has made me realize how much I love to write and has helped me build important writing skills. She is always in a good mood and always kind to the whole class.

Before 8th grade I had always hated writing and was never very good at it. My whole life I have struggled with writing. Mrs. Palic has helped me with many aspects of grammar such as adding details or descriptions to key events. I struggled most with run-on sentences but she has helped me with adding commas and fixing them. Every Friday we had something called "Free Write Friday " where we got to write about whatever we wanted. I ended up submitting my first piece titled *Losing Lucile* to my school's writing competition called "Write In The Middle."

Before this class I would have never thought about writing something for fun let alone submitting it to be published in my school's publication. Just a few days ago I found out that I was accepted and was to be published in the book.

It isn't just writing that she is great at, Mrs. Palic is super knowledgeable about the Holocaust and Civil Rights. During our Holocaust unit she knew the answers to every single question and was always trying to learn new facts. She also spent countless hours planning a field trip to the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

Every single day Mrs. Palic inspires us to do our best on each and every assignment that we turn in. Instead of boring and repetitive ways of learning things like stems, we play games that not only help us learn but also let us have fun. Students need a teacher to trust when times get tough and someone that can help when they need it. Rita Pierson once said, "Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be." Mrs. Palic was the teacher who never gave up on me and truly inspired me to be the best student and writer that I could possibly be.