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Secondary Social Studies Teaching Certification, University of New Mexico
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What I love about teaching in the IB: I love the international minded focus of our school, and that students are allowed to pursue some of their own interests through things like Personal Project.

Subject(s) I currently teach at Mandela: 8th grade World Geography, 9th grade Seminar and 9th grade New Mexico History.

Number of years at Mandela: Two!

IB Learner Profile I identify with and why: I'm currently working on being **Balanced**. Life is so full, and there is so much I need and want to do...I'm working on being able to balance what I need to do, what I want to do, what would be healthy to do, and what would bring me joy.

Something you can expect in my classroom this year: Students will spend a lot of time collaborating, discussing, and sharing out their learning. I think that a dynamic classroom includes LOTS of student voice and participation, and that means everyone is contributing, sharing, exploring and challenging ideas.

My summer in a nutshell: Snorkelling in crystal clear waters, Broadway shows in NYC, and spending a lot of time with extended family!

Favorite quote: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
—Margaret Mead

