Hi, I'm Ms. Ntoso!

I am originally from Philadelphia & New York City, and my parents, brother and sisters still live there. My parents both emigrated to the United States before I was born; my mother came from Haiti in the Caribbean, and my father is from Ghana in West Africa. These two cultures have both shaped my experience of growing up as a first-generation American.

I believe in empowering students and families, and my goal is to bring out the best in each of you and to help you grow as scholars, authors, readers, writers, listeners, speakers, and above all, as human beings.



Growing up I went to several really awesome schools including--a Montessori school, a Quaker school and public schools--and I have had many great teachers. I attended Columbia University in New York City for college and graduate school, and I worked for the University for several years before attending dental school. I served as a dentist in the U.S. Army, and then later did my teaching certification through Texas A&M. I have been teaching high school full time since 2017, and I have a daughter and son who are both in college.

My strengths:

- Thinker: Think a lot and very deeply about ideas and issues
- Empathizer & Coach: Care a lot about people
- **Deliverer**: Like to do my best in everything
- Focus Expert: Like to do work that is meaningful to me

I love teaching and learning, and I love education; I also enjoy writing, reading, drawing & painting, yoga, running and walking in my neighborhood, and most of all, I enjoy spending time with my daughter and my son.

I am excited to be your teacher this year, and I look forward to having a wonderful class together. Welcome to English III and AP English Literature!

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