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To Whom It May Concern:

This year I had the pleasure of working with Heather Turner. I teach 11th grade Regents English class at Cazenovia High School. We were working on a major project, the 11th grade Literary Analysis Research Paper, in which students were expected to read and research the work of a chosen author. Early in our unit, the students spent considerable time in the library searching for bibliographic sources and taking notes on them. As a student teacher in the library, Heather was there to help, and help she did. I was impressed by her knowledge of her field, her patience, and her obvious love for her job.

Students at our school are responsible for finding 20 bibliographic sources (examples of literary criticism) that have something to say about their chosen author and book. Heather's first interaction with the students saw her introducing them to the research databases that are available at our school. She introduced the kids to a helpful website that greatly facilitated their creation of a Works Cited list. The kids were very excited about this resource, and Heather taught the lesson clearly and effectively.

Throughout the next step of the process - when students were searching for book sources in the library and working on generating note cards - Heather worked closely and, again, effectively with the students to help them find what they needed. Her knowledge of the library was impressive, and kids soon came to regard her as another librarian, willingly asking her for help. Her demeanor was confident, her interaction with the kids was friendly and courteous, and her patience with them was unlimited. However, she never hesitated to challenge them to apply what she was showing them and work independently to find sources - exactly what a good teacher should do.

Finally, in addition to working so well with my students, Heather made a lasting contribution to our library, updating the library web page to facilitate student research. She really went above and beyond what was required of her.

Heather was an absolute pleasure to work with, and I was very sorry to see her leave, as were my students. I know that she will continue to enjoy success in her future endeavors and would strongly recommend her for employment.

Sincerely,



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