Over the years people have called me a glorified babysitter and in general they don't think that I work hard enough for the money I make. I have gotten into many arguments about why my subjects are even relevant in today's society and why school is important in general for all children. I think some people feel this way because they either had a bad experience in school themselves OR they are not looking at the big picture of everything else that comes with school and how I can effect my students in everyday life ways.  
a) Five things that would help others understand me as a teacher more are:  
1. I care more about the life lessons I teach students than that they know how to write an essay.  
2. That ALL knowledge is power  
3. Reading and writing are two foundations of understanding and communicating in the world  
4. I love that I have a job that can effect change, even when it is a rough day at work.  
​5. I wish I did not have to put a 'grade' to everything I do.   
 Five stereotypes people have about teachers are:  
 1. I only do it for summers off   
2. We assign home work just to watch students suffer  
 3. I play movies everyday.   
4. I go home at 3:30 and get to relax everyday   
5. I want a few students to fail to show how hard my class is.   
  
\*\*\*The Best thing about being an English teacher is that I can provide choice! Choice in what my students read, how they write and what they want to research. With this kind of flexibility I believe that I can help them to become confident in their communication skills AND become well rounded members of society. ANNNNDDD summers off are pretty sweet....