

Who is Mr. Henry?

Mr. Henry is your third grade teacher. He is 53 years old. He was born on June 9, 1967, in Oceanside, New York. That is close to New York City. He lived in two different towns in New York state as he grew up. The first town is named Ronkonkoma. It is a native American name. He lived there until he finished 5th grade. Then he moved to Red Hook. He lived there until he finished college. He went to college at the University at Albany, in Albany, NY. He studied Social Studies Teaching and Business. He graduated in May of 1990.

After college, Mr. Henry and some of his friends drove to California. Mr. Henry wanted to become a teacher there. When he got there he found out that he didn't have the correct teaching license yet though. So, he got a job to teach English in Japan! Then, in March of 1991, he went to Nagoya, Japan and taught English conversation to all ages (6-76) of Japanese students at a private school. It was a great experience for him. He stayed there for one year.

Mr. Henry returned to New York after that to look for a teaching job. He could only find ones as a substitute teacher. So, he also was a waiter at an Italian restaurant. He did this for two years.

In June of 1994, Mr. Henry got accepted into the US Peace Corps Volunteer program. He was sent to the country of Slovakia. He taught English to high school students in the very small village of Spisska Stara Ves. There wasn't even one traffic light in the whole town! And sometimes cows would walk past his window down the street. While he was there, he met another volunteer, who he liked very much. They fell in love and would get married a few years later.

In the summer of 1996, Mr. Henry returned to the United States. He and his fiance traveled a little bit around the country, before deciding to come to Stockton. He got there in October. And he has been here ever since.

Mr. Henry got hired by Stockton Unified School District in December of 1996. His first teaching position was in second grade at Harrison School, Since then he has mostly taught third grade. He has been at Hong Kingston for the past 4 years.

Mr. Henry has been married since 1999. He has two teenage children. He also has 3 dogs. He likes to go kayaking and ride his bike. He loves rock and roll music, the beach, movies, sushi, and New York pizza. He even drives to San Jose to get it!

I hope that you have found out some things about me and I look forward to learning more about you. Let's have a great year together!

Mr. Thomas Henry

