

Mr. Gough's Bio

So, who is this Mr. Gough guy anyway?

I was born in 19XX in Pomona, California, I was a bubble kid. I spent a lot of time in a hospital oxygen tent with severe allergies heightened by smog. After a few years of that my parents moved our family out of the city and into the country, out where gold was discovered (Nor Cal)... and it was country, no kidding, there was one house on our road... and it was a long road.

Our small town started to grow several years ago and continues to grow today, as people move away from the city. Some from LA, but most from Oakland and the San Francisco Bay area (think Silicon Valley, computers, Google, yahoo, etc). It's a decent size town now, but you can be out in "the sticks" with a very short drive.

I went to a mid-sized High School. I actually liked High School... well, not all of the classes and work, but everyone was there. I liked hanging out with all the different people. If we had online communities like MySpace back then, I probably would have been on it... a lot. Yes, you read that right, NO MySpace... the internet didn't even exist for public use back then. I actually *had* to get my first email address in college on a university server for a class assignment...I thought, when will I ever use this? The professor told us to buy stock in a tiny company called America Online and another called Microsoft...I thought, who would ever have the internet in their home? I should have listened.

I met my wife in high school...although she didn't know she liked me for about 10 years. I was a junior, she was a freshman, and we went on one date...then she dumped me. Ten years later we met again and I have seen her every day since. ☺

Following High School I studied at a variety of colleges and universities. CSU Sacramento, Ohio State University, Golden Gate Theological, Wheaton College, CSU Hayward, and the University of LaVerne, to name a few. I earned a bunch of degrees, but more importantly I fell in love with learning.

I think learning how you learn is the most important thing you can do with your time.

I have been teaching for about 15 years. I have taught World History, US History, American Government, Economics, Web Design, and Student Leadership. I also taught at a Big Picture charter school (maybe you have heard of the San Diego Met, Frida Kahlo/Jefferson Continuation - LA, or Animo Film and Theater Arts- LA... those are Big Picture schools).

My wife Dori and I have one son, named Pete. He is two... and the reason why I will be regularly holding my office hours down at my favorite coffee shop. He is super fun and loves to crash into things... I'll YouTube it one of these days... it's pretty funny.

I am interested in lots of different things: Education Technology, Ancient History, Archaeology, Geography (Geo-History), Native American Cultures, MesoAmerican peoples, Theology, Ethnography, Classic Automobiles, and all things Frank Sinatra (in fact he's prob playing on my ipod right now).

I like to surf, although its cold water up here...my fav spot is Lindamar beach in Pacifica (<http://www.surflife.com/reports/report.cfm?id=5013>).

So, that's me. I don't expect your bio to be as long, but I'm looking forward to getting to know you too. ☺