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Equation of Me

Philip = 6 Student + 5 Reader + 4 Writer + 3 Wordsmith + 2 Geographer + Designer +
(Author)

My name is Philip. I prefer to go by my full first name instead of a shortened “Phil” or any other variant. I’ve attended Elevate since my first day of Kindergarten, an accolade very few other students have attained. I’ve only been enrolled in one other actual school, which was for my year of Transitional Kindergarten that occurred right before my admittance into Elevate. My whole family is Vietnamese, with both my maternal and paternal sides of the family immigrating to North America due to the horrors of the Vietnam War. My parents’ families coalesced later in life and have been bonded ever since. I am currently twelve years old and slated to experience my next birthday in late October.

Although I’ve been in this world for nearly thirteen years, I’ve been a student for nearly all of them, which is why I’ve selected it to be the most valuable component of my equation. Throughout my years of schooling, I’ve always had an affinity for attending school. Naturally, this opinion has been proven to be controversial by my peers, most of which possess a more lukewarm attitude on this topic. Still, I love the purpose going to school gives me and how it really harnesses the hardworking part of my personality. As I

mentioned beforehand, I have been going to Elevate for almost the entirety of my education, and my positive outlook on school has not waned and likely will not in the foreseeable future.

I am also a dedicated reader. I began to read and gained literacy at an early age, and I've never looked back. Throughout the years, my bookshelf has begun to burst at the seams with strain from my lofty catalog of reading material, and I've had to include books whenever my family donates our belongings to free up space. I prefer reading fictional books over their informational counterparts, and I'm not particularly picky when it comes to genres. I'm always open to fantasy, realistic fiction, mystery, or even a potpourri of genres. As long as it's an enjoyable read, the genre doesn't matter to me. My favorite books are *Death on the Nile*, *Six of Crows*, *An Ember in the Ashes*, *Two can Keep a Secret*, and anything created by Rebecca Ross or Marissa Meyer. I try to find reading time as often as possible, and you can often find me with a book open at my desk during downtime during classes. All in all, reading is just one of the joys of my life that I just can't seem to get enough of.

It seems as if my adoration for writing developed alongside my love for reading, and ordering words on a page in a mellifluous flow is something that simply fills me with happiness. I don't write often, since I often grow too critical of my work, and generating a worthy idea for a story is my Achilles' heel. But when I get that spark of inspiration, I tend to go into a brief writing craze before fizzling out. One of my favorite things to write is long, multi-chapter stories with plenty of characters and action. This is one of the reasons why mystery writing is one of my favorite types of genres to write; The only problem for me is making the end result or culprit hard to decode, which can be just as

tough as thinking of ideas. However, when the stars align, writing can be an incredibly fulfilling experience for me and can be one of my favorite pastimes.

Like writing, exploring geography is another one of my valued pastimes. Sometimes, when life is mundane, I like to whip out Google Maps or Google Earth and just explore. Traversing the Earth with a bird's-eye view just has an enthralling and majestic quality about it that I simply adore. Some of my favorite locations to see on a map or delve into online are airports, wide streets, and other metropolitan concoctions of the sort. I've once memorized all of the United States Capital Cities and nearly all of the World Capitals (on different occasions), a feat I take great pride in. Overall, having the ability to view so many different land features and cities with different cultural influences is something that I greatly appreciate and cherish.

Even though I do enjoy looking at already-built places on maps, I also enjoy designing things, too. Some of my favorite online games and programs are ones in which I can create and tweak large places with excruciating detail. At one point in life, I was a big fan of creating cities in Minecraft. Now, I usually release my design creativity in a zoo design program where you can build and manage massive zoological parks. I would say that the main appeal of designing things to me is making labyrinth-esque types of structures that infuse ingenuity and unique designs with realism and sensible architecture. Overall, I believe that designing projects really helps me use my creativity in an entertaining way.

Sometimes, I think about what comes next for me in life. Perhaps I could like geography and writing now, but absolutely detest it later in life. But one thing I am fully confident about is the fact that I am determined to become a bestselling author at some

point in my life. As I mentioned previously, my talents in writing are best used in long, multi-chapter mega-projects. I think my style would fit the world of lengthy series and would be profitable in the competitive market of today. The road to publishing a book can be long-winded and painful, but being able to do so would be very fulfilling and jubilant in the end. Of course, I would have another career while writing to pay the bills, but publishing a book will always be my ultimate goal.

I find that I have many other layers of character, but I have deemed these components of me to be the most important parts of me. At least, for now, since peoples' opinions and hobbies always evolve. I am hopeful that you learned much about me as a person in this report. Of course, there is always more to learn about a person, but I hope these little tidbits helped you get to know me a little better. Naturally, I'll evolve throughout my lifetime, but as of the start of the year, this is me in a nutshell.