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Something you should know about me...

(mentor text was Clint Smith's poem by the same title in his collection Counting Descent.)

Something you should know about me

Is that school is all I've ever known.

I'm in my 14th year as an educator and

I've been in school since

I was six.

I teach young people who are emerging readers,

Young people who excel at reading

Young people who **start out** as indifferent to reading

I stayed in school for three degrees:

Bachelor of Arts from Wilfrid Laurier University

Masters of English from McMaster University,

Bachelor of Education from Brock University.

6 years of post-secondary education

because I just loved to learn and

I was worried the learning would stop

if I left.

So I became a teacher

I'm learning to support the reading lives of my students

I'm learning what it means to be intentionally anti-racist

I'm learning how to see my readers as problem-solvers for their own reading experiences

I'm learning to teach young people how to read

I'm learning that letting my students read is the most powerful and impactful move of my career

I'm learning to #DisruptTexts and #ClearTheAir

I'm writing about my learning at reflectiveteaching.ca

I was worried that when I left university,

I would feel lost and bored

Now I don't understand what I was so worried about

I couldn't do any other job