



Meet the Teacher

Imagine your next class teacher is from another time.



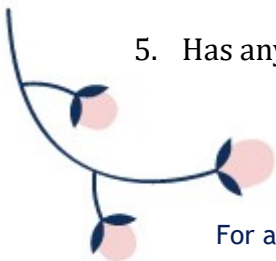
A strange-looking character burst into the room. Her dress was made from patches of fur stitched together. Small white bones dangled from her ears... Her hair didn't grow down in the normal way but stuck out sideways and it was brown, grey and orange all at once, like Nathan's tortoiseshell cat.

In the Arlo books, Class X encounter a number of different teachers. There's Miss Pythia from Ancient Greece, Dr Bland from the Victorian era and Mrs Ogg from... well, she doesn't ever tell us.

It might be fun to make up your own teacher character.

'Arlo, Mrs Ogg and the Dinosaur Zoo' by Alice Hemming (Maverick 2018) Illustration: Kathryn Durst

1. Decide what era your teacher comes from. Your new teacher could come from an ancient civilisation, like Ancient Egypt or Mesopotamia. Or perhaps from a more recent time like the 1960s. Maybe they even come from the future.
2. Choose a name for your teacher. Miss Pythia's name comes from a high priestess in ancient Greece.
3. What will new your teacher wear? How will they speak? Will they be strict? Try drawing them and writing a short description, like the one above.
4. What would your new teacher's lessons be like? Mrs Ogg is keen on fire-making. And school trips? Class 4X visit a dinosaur zoo.
5. Has any of this given you an idea for a story? If so, start writing!



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