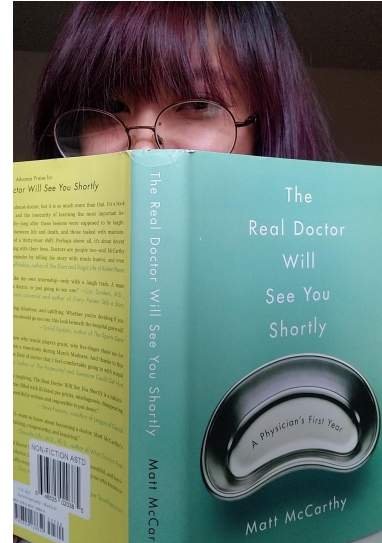


Queen's Literacy Profile

Introduction: Get to know Queen *Your Majesty *cuttsy**

Queen is transferring to UC Davis from Cosumnes River College located in Sacramento. She is majoring in Psychology and chose UC Davis since it is closer to Sacramento. Which makes it easier to commute and she will be living off-campus since Sacramento is close to campus. Also, Queen describes UC Davis as feeling more like a community than a university. Fun fact about her is that she likes being a penpal, a good way to express her thoughts through writing.



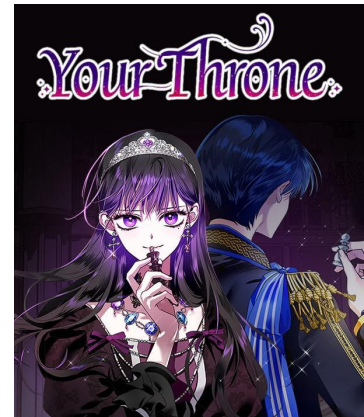
Queen's history with reading

Growing up, Queen liked to read. It felt like she was getting transported to another dimension. I feel the same way. Reading is fun, especially as a kid. In the Literacy Sponsors Padlet, Queen lists teachers, librarians, and books as her sponsors. School helped her read different types of readings and genres, which exposed her to various readings. She likes to read fiction since it is "smooth as butter," easier to read. She loved to read and go to the library frequently. The environment of the library is welcoming and makes reading more enjoyable. Her mom encouraged her to check out library books and get good grades. Another literacy sponsor are PBS Kids shows like Reading Rainbow and Beyond the Lion which influenced her to read. Watching it as a kid made her enjoy reading; I can relate since I also grew up watching PBS Kids. She learned a lot of vocabulary and spelling through the shows, especially since her mom did not know English well. Transitioning to teen years and young adulthood, her love for reading took a turn. She loved reading fiction and going to the library but reading for a letter grade felt like a punishment. In her collage, Queen admits that reading is something that lulls her to sleep. She has lost interest in reading, especially since reading within a time frame takes the fun away. Assigned reading has made her lose her focus and interest in reading. Not only does assigned reading make reading difficult, but adulting and social media are culprits on Queen's loss of passion for reading and more. Social media plays a part in her reading comprehension and understanding skills since reading is different now. Her mind wanders off, and she can't focus on reading since it feels draining and not visually appealing as social media. Queen uses an example to support how social media plays a role in literacy. She indicates that scrolling through TikTok is much easier since it is more entertaining than books. In TikTok, you can skip a video that you

find uninteresting but when reading, you can't skip since you can miss key information. I agree with Queen; TikTok is more addicting and interesting than a book. Adulting has also made it difficult for her to read. In the interview, Queen stated how she does not have time to read since classes have started. Adulting has made it challenging to find time to read. I, too, have difficulties finding time to read. However, she wants to get back to reading novels, but social media and adulting make it difficult.

Reading: Webtoons and speed reading

In her collage, Queen acknowledges her earliest memory of a skill she had. The earliest skill she developed that is related to reading is speed reading. Back then, she did not know the purpose of speed reading. All she knew was that it was to test one's ability to read. She admits that she likes to challenge herself on how fast she reads. Speed reading gave her the ability to comprehend sentences if she read them quickly. Speed reading impacts her reading skills since reading everything word for word makes it hard for her to comprehend sentences. Slow reading does not work for Queen, so she uses speed reading in order to understand and engage. I can somewhat relate to Queen, I speed read when using audiobooks with the speed rate at 2x-2.5x. But speed reading without audiobooks is quite hard for me.



Reflecting back on her reading journey, Queen states that she does not have the time to read as much as she wishes. However, she enjoys reading Webtoons which are better than chapter books full of words. Since Queen uses speed reading, reading webtoons is perfect for her since the text is short in speech bubbles and there are many illustrations, similar to manga. Webtoons are easy to access via phone, tablet, or computer. Queen indicates that webtoons are easily accessible through her phone and can be read whenever. Today, she enjoys reading the fantasy/romance genre set in a royalty-type realm. Not only does she find the artwork prettier and a form to escape reality, but her name is Queen! (*Your Majesty*) Two of her favorite webtoons she reads are *Your Throne* and *The Remarried Empress*. Both webtoons are fantasy comics.

***Images:** Your Throne and The Remarried Empress, both are fantasy/royalty webtoons that Queen enjoys to read.

Writing: Penpals and Free-writing

Just like reading, Queen started to dislike writing since she had to follow formats, felt restricted. However, she found writing letters fun since it allows her to write freely. She acknowledges how writing to classmates and friends was a form of communication and to feel less lonely. Queen liked to write letters before social media/cell phones since receiving letters is more exciting and keeps the conversation going. Whereas, texting/messaging her online friends is different since they cannot write as much due to not having time and running out of topics. In the interview, this past year,



Queen enjoyed being a penpal. She indicates that being a pen pal is an excellent way to express their thoughts through writing and a great way to catch up with a friend. Comparing her writing to format writing and free writing, Queen admits that being a pen pal is a fun outlet since there are no limits on what she can and cannot write. Not only is she able to free-write, but she can also test out different writing styles and calligraphy. Her thoughts on free writing is that she loves to free write since it's an outlet for her to express her thoughts without constraints. I feel the same, I like to free-write since it allows me to express my thoughts especially when I have writer's block. She admits that she dislikes following formats but she does find it hard to properly wrap up her writing cleanly. It makes her feel as if she is leaving the reader hanging and leaving the ending abruptly. A topic that she wants to free-write on is traveling. Queen is considering whether to start a travel blog or not. She doesn't travel out of California as much but she loves taking road trips and day trips. I think that's a great idea, I don't travel for financial reasons so reading travel blogs is a good way since it let's me read about other people's experiences. If she were to start a travel blog, she would write about places that people can explore, where to start and what to do. I will totally read her blog if she decides to make one.
***Image:** Penpal setup, she likes to include polaroids and stickers to share with her penpal

Conclusion: What the trends mean

The three trends identify that Queen was and still enjoys reading and writing even though her relationship with reading has changed. Her reading has changed from loving to read, to dislike, and now getting back to reading. She likes to read webtoons, even though she wishes she has more time to read novels, reading webtoons is what she finds enjoyable. She also likes to read

reviews and other people's opinions/tips/experiences on the internet. It allows her to see through their eyes and it excites her. I agree, reading reviews and other people's experiences can be fun. In her interview she admits that being a pen pal lets her take a glimpse into another person's life by reading their letter. So today, Queen enjoys reading and writing through reading webtoons and being a pen pal, enjoying the little things.

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