

Ms. Sylvia Canada was that teacher, in a young person's life, that would leave a lifelong positive influence. Her dedication to excellence, in every category, left an indelible mark on me.

She taught English at Gates County High School. She was my English teacher from 1983-1985. She ruled her classroom with an iron fist, but was fair to everyone. If she saw that you were there to learn in earnest, she would bend over backwards to help you. If she saw that you were there to disrupt her lesson, she had no problem with quick and decisive punishment. Usually that meant you left the classroom.

Her strong and fair style of teaching was a powerful influence. She demanded excellence, nothing less. It would make average students work harder. She was well like, also. Students worked hard on assignments, as to not disappoint her. This style of teaching today may seem harsh by today's standards, but it was powerful and effective. A positive, strong and effective teacher, that is what I remember about Ms. Sylvia Canada.

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