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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly recommend Collin Barnes for a teaching position in history for middle school or high school students. I've come to know Collin very well during his undergraduate work at Trinity Christian College as his instructor in courses on modern Europe, modern Britain, and world history. Collin is an excellent student who is active in class with questions on particular issues and with comments that reveal his interest in broader cultural connections. Collin writes very well and is not afraid to take on research projects that demand insights on global cultures. For example, his senior seminar paper focused on social history and political leadership in seventeenth-century China, and his paper for modern Britain examined the English response to the 1858 mutiny in India. Collin has an English minor and enjoys studying novels in their historical context.

Collin enjoys learning and easily conveys his enthusiasm to his students. He offers positive and effective leadership to his classes. He has been very active in campus events that have been sponsored by the History Student Association and other campus organizations. I believe that he would also promote and guide extra-curricular involvements for his students. He would also be an excellent advisor in broader issues of student development.

Therefore, I confidently recommend Collin Barnes for a teaching position in history.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Rice" followed by a small flourish.

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