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Greetings;

Collin Barnes has asked me to write him a letter of recommendation in support of his application for a teaching position. I am very happy to do so. Collin combines hard work, teaching skills, and Christian character.

During the last four years, I have had Collin in five different courses. He consistently stayed ahead of reading assignments and he was always prepared for class discussion. Collin understands the processes of development in both western and non-western cultures. He is also able to read texts carefully, think about them critically, and write about them persuasively. Several papers that we wrote for different courses were some of the best examples of student writing that I have ever seen. Finally, Collin is able to talk cogently about history in ways that are understandable by all kinds of different people. It was a pleasure to have him as a student.

Furthermore, Collin has the tools to be a successful teacher. He consistently got A-'s or A's in Trinity's education classes, even while completing his history major, an English minor, and an education minor. While I have not observed Collin myself, a cooperating teacher at one of his teacher aiding placements wrote, "Mr. Barnes carries himself in a very positive and professional manner. He interacted well and had a great rapport with students. He will have great success in the classroom." I truly believe that Collin would make significant contributions to any junior high or high school faculty.

Finally, Collin has shown a lot of character during his time here at Trinity. He was a leader in worship activities and the campus Men's Ministry, as well as participating in mission trips to help with hurricane restoration in Texas and Alabama. This with his course load, part time work, and (for the last two years) being married. It is clear Collin is an attentive and caring husband. He is the type of person that I would want teaching students in my district.

Please accept my recommendation of Collin for any history or social science teaching positions that you may have. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that I might be able to answer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Fry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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