

20 Random Things About Me Assignment

As a way to get to know you a bit better, I'm asking you to write 20 random things about you for me. Fair is fair, so I've included 20 random things about me for those who are interested.

1. My nickname growing up was Grace. Sadly this was not because I was coordinated or graceful. Unfortunately for her, my poor daughter has inherited the same clumsy gene.
2. I'm a homebody and have been my whole life. I'd much rather stay in on a Friday night with a pizza, watch tv with friends, than go out.
3. If I had to choose another job, I'd either be a wedding planner, a counselor or a social worker.
4. I am an introverted extrovert - I like being around people and interacting with them but I don't like being the center of attention. I'm more the be in the group but on the outskirts kind of person.
5. I'm definitely a morning person. I chalk it up to years of early morning crew practices. Even though I don't row anymore, I still like to get up, workout, shower and get ready for the day before most people are even consider waking up.
6. I drink more than a gallon of water each day. I may be the only person I know who would be ok with a bread and water diet.
7. I can't sleep without sheets on. Even if it's 90+ degrees, I still need at least a sheet covering me.
8. I once fell asleep at Stomp. In the 3rd row. I also fell asleep at the symphony while Yo-Yo Ma was performing. I blame my parents for that one - they used to put on classical music and pump up the heat on our car trips to NH and I now connect classical music with sleep.
9. My husband, Andrew, used to go through my closet changing the direction of the hangers and rearranging my clothes just to see how long I could hold out before fixing it – I never made it very long. I also arrange my clothes by color and style of clothing. Yes, I'm a bit OCD.
10. I met my husband when I started working at L-S. He was a history teacher here as well – scandalous, I know! I've since driven him to our rivals (he's now a principal at Acton-Boxborough Junior High.)

11. I rarely swear and I have never smoked or experimented with any drugs. Blame it on my first-born status.
12. I am a dog person – I grew up with dogs and we now have a lovable 8 year-old Golden Retriever named Molly who my kids and I adore. We’re planning on getting another dog next summer.
13. I worked at Star Market as a cashier for nearly 6 years. I like to blame that job for the fact that I am somewhat neurotic about always making sure my money is facing the same way in my wallet.
14. I only write in pen. I hate how pencil smears and gets all over your hand..
15. I’ve never understood people who think ice cream should only be eaten in the summer. Ice cream cannot be relegated to one season of the year - it is an all year affair.
16. I love to cook and have dreams of quitting my job and going to cooking school full time. In the meantime, I cook when I’m stressed.
17. I love television (probably more than I should admit) – at the moment I’m watching *The Good Place*, *Veronica Mars*, *The Handmaid’s Tale*, *Younger* (a guilty and totally trashy pleasure), and *Brooklyn 99*.
18. Growing up, I was terrified of my mother and her Irish temper. I am not someone who yells a lot and I aspire to never have my kids fear me.
19. Two of my biggest pet peeves are when people chew with their mouths open or who sniffle because they need a tissue but refuse to get one.
20. I hate/loathe/fear public speaking (and yes, I realize that my job doesn’t make much sense in light of that fear.) One of my worst nightmares involves having to speak in front of an auditorium full of people. You will never see me host an assembly or perform in the Faculty & Staff Variety Show. I also hate making small talk with people I don’t know. I am terrible at it.

Now it’s your turn!