My History Teacher is a CIA Agent

Thomas Lee
tleeisfree@gmail.com

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/student_folklore_all

Recommended Citation
Lee, Thomas, "My History Teacher is a CIA Agent" (2017). USU Student Folklore Fieldwork. Paper 121. https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/student_folklore_all/121

This G7: Academic Legends is brought to you for free and open access by the Student Folklore Fieldwork at DigitalCommons@USU. It has been accepted for inclusion in USU Student Folklore Fieldwork by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@USU. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@usu.edu.
My History Teacher is an Undercover CIA Agent

Legend

Informant: Derek Lee is 17 years old. He is a senior at Green Canyon High School. He is involved in many extracurricular academic clubs and associations. He lives in North Logan, UT.

Context: Derek told me this at our kitchen table on evening. He has a lot of respect for this particular teacher and seemed to be excited to tell the story.

Text: I’ve heard tons of rumors that my history teacher is a CIA agent because he grew up in Panama on a government compound and his wife is a recruiter for the CIA and when they went to Washington DC for close up field, they flew separately, his daughter was “sick” the whole time, and they only saw him like once the whole trip. So, I mean, it seems like maybe he wasn’t just looking at the tourist stuff, so… And he’s super smart, like I feel like he could be doing a lot more with his knowledge base then just teaching kids. I first heard about this like last year, but I’ve heard it a lot more recently, since the DC trip. If it was true I’d be a little surprised that kids were right about it, but at the same time it would make sense, like I wouldn’t be THAT surprised, ya know.

Texture: Derek seemed like he thought the story was a rumor, but was careful to never say that he didn’t believe it. His respect for this particular teacher’s intelligence seemed to make him think that it was a possibility that he could be something more extraordinary than a high school teacher. He was excited to lay forth the evidence and says it is a story that every student of the school is familiar with.