



¡Hola! My name is Zulma Castañeda and I am the Spanish teacher at Freedom Academy. Spanish is not only my first language but also my passion and a vocation that has led me to discover the world of education.

I am a BYU graduate and have a M.A. from Yale University. This is my fifth year teaching at Freedom Academy, and I also have the opportunity to teach at BYU as part-time faculty.

Spanish has always been a very important part of our school curriculum and for that reason I have had the chance to teach it from Kindergarten to 8th grade. This year, due to the school's growth, I am teaching Spanish to Kindergarteners and grades 5th to 8th.

My favorite quote belongs to one of the most influential and complex philosophers ever, Immanuel Kant who said:

Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life.

This quote represents not only a personal goal in progress, but also the secret for efficiency and success in life. This is the recipe of the many unheard heroes who strive to educate future generations.

My favorite book is "*El ingenioso hidalgo Don Quijote de la Mancha*". This book, considered by many as the first novel written in the Spanish language, has been able to survive more than four centuries keeping the wit and humor which seduced its audience when it was first published in 1605.

My goal as a language instructor is that my students can become fluent in Spanish and have the desire to visit and learn the many cultures Latin America offers.