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David Barber is a retired (2005) professor of literature and writing at the University of Idaho. He has published on American prose writers and poets (e.g., Henry Adams, Mark Twain, Archibald MacLeish, Muriel Rukeyser). His favorite teaching texts include *The Scarlet Letter*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *Don Quixote*, and any poem by Emily Dickinson.

In retirement his interests include improving his Spanish and learning how to teach English as a foreign language. To this end, and for fun and travel and cultural exploration, in the last decade he has spent half a year in Nicaragua, two months in Spain, and shorter periods in Baja California, Mexico City, and Peru. For the past two years he has taught English as a Second Language at the American Language & Culture Program of the University of Idaho, teaching students from China, Japan, the Middle East, and various Latin American countries especially Brazil. So he's not really retired right now and figures this second "career" will end when he's too ancient to keep going.