

Torture Time!

When? Scheduled for Friday the 13th of February.

Where? Hazel Park Academy. Hallways, classrooms, lunchroom, auditorium, office, basement and bathrooms. Maybe even the roof.

Who? 8th Grade Pre-AP English students and few others that are hand-selected by Ellickson and Gilbertson. They'll be wearing the Yellow Stars.

What? A day of sheer pleasure for the staff being themselves as Nazi Officers and becoming Adolfs (i.e. Adolf Vang, Adolf Detzler, Adolf Madera, etc.)

Why? Because staff need the stress relief and entertainment. J/K!!! Extension of classroom learnings. Most students say this is one of their most memorable 8th grade experiences and it's the one assignment that I'll miss most when I no longer teach English. After our day, we will spend a week in making a video that addresses injustices, their experiences, findings, etc.

How? With all of your help and ideas! Please share!

All participants must submit a permission slip signed by parents that they can participate and endure our torture. I think since I can't technically make this an Assessment (not common - not happening across my PLC), I'm going to ask students to pay me \$10 for their badges and if they "die" that day, I keep their money. The key is that they have to survive and take the simulation seriously. If they survive, I'll give back their money. Maybe for kids who can't come up with the money, I'll take agendas and threaten with a detention if they die or something like that.

Our Pre-AP group this year is definitely different. I'm not sure they all will be as serious as this last year's group was (if you don't remember, I had a few crawl from the cafeteria to 107, Glen and Coley had them picking up coins they threw out during passing time, Amy had to dig up her agenda in the garbage, etc.)

Any more ideas? Think of your most favorite student and what you'd like to do and I'll do it to these students for you. Ha!