

Literature project: Bootcamp

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Teacher's notes

8th grade, children have already read "Bootcamp" by Todd Strasser

This is a project which can be done independently by a group of students. It is intended not to be a standard project, but similar to a boot camp. Therefore, try to adapt your wardrobe to look like a drill sergeant who is absolutely authoritative by nature. Think of accessories which might emphasize the illusion like a thunderer whistle.

Necessary preparations

Enough instruction sheets at each station

Station 1: Vocab cards

Station 2: Postcards

Station 3: Stamps and fine liners

Station 4: A4 sheets

Station 5: PC with internet connection, printer

Station 6: -----

Guideline for the teacher

Hand out the instruction sheet with the points system and tell them to start!

DRILL READING PROJECT: BOOT CAMP

WELCOME TO LAKE BATTLEFIELD!

IN ORDER TO SURVIVE THIS DRILL IN GROUPS OF 4, YOU HAVE TO RISE AT LEAST 10 LEVELS:

STATION 1: PHRASES	LEVELS TO EARN: 1
STATION 2: POSTCARD TO PARENTS	LEVELS TO EARN: 2
STATION 3: POST STAMP	LEVELS TO EARN: 2
STATION 4: FOLDER	LEVELS TO EARN: 3
STATION 5: NEWSPAPER SNIPPET	LEVELS TO EARN: 2
STATION 6: BACK IN TI	LEVELS TO EARN: 2

HIGH LEVELS WILL BE REWARDED!

NOW TAKE A LEVEL ACCOUNT (FOLDER) AND START WORKING!!!

AND REMEMBER:

YOUR PARENTS SENT YOU TO LAKE BATTLEFIELD BECAUSE THEY LOVE YOU. AND REMEMBER: YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO LAKE BATTLEFIELD'S PROGRAM

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STATION 1 - PHRASES

SINGLE WORK / LEVELS TO EARN: 1

TAKE THE BOOK AND CHOSE 3-5 NEW PHRASES THAT YOU WANT TO REMEMBER AND WRITE THEM ON THE VOCAB CARDS!

AND DON'T FORGET:

YOU WILL BE OBSERVED BY A STAFF MEMBER OR STUDENT GUARD AT ALL TIMES, SO CHOOSE WISELY!

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STATION 2 – POSTCARD TO PARENTS

GROUPS OF 2 / LEVELS TO EARN: 2

IMAGINE BEING KIDNAPPED FROM YOUR HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, TO BE TAKEN TO A BOOT CAMP FOR TROUBLED TEENS. IMAGINE KNOWING THAT YOU DON'T DESERVE THE CRUEL BEATINGS AND HARSH LIVING CONDITIONS, BUT THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT. YOUR PARENTS DECIDE YOUR FATE.

HOW WOULD YOU REACT IF YOUR PARENTS DID THIS TO YOU? IN YOUR GROUP, WRITE A POSTCARD TO THEM IN ORDER TO CONVINCE THEM TO GET YOU OUT OF THERE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE!

AND REMEMBER:

**YOU WILL ENDEAVOR TO RISE THROUGH THE LEVELS
NECESSARY FOR GRADUATION!**

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STATION 3 – POST STAMP

SINGLE WORK / LEVELS TO EARN: 2

IMAGINE YOU ARE ONE OF THE INMATES IN LAKE HARMONY. THINK OF A PLAN TO GET AWAY AND WRITE IT ON ONE OF THE POST STAMPS AS YOU CAN EASILY MANAGE TO GIVE IT TO YOUR BEST FRIEND IN THE BOOT CAMP: GARRETT

OF COURSE, YOU CAN USE THE BOOK TO REREAD PASSAGES IF NECESSARY; TRY TO USE APPROPRIATE VOCABULARY.

AND DON'T FORGET:

YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS!

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STATION 4 – FOLDER

GROUP WORK / LEVELS TO EARN: 3

IMAGINE YOU ARE THE HEAD OF THE BOOT CAMP "LAKE HARMONY". NOW YOU WANT TO EXPAND AND LAUNCH A BOOT CAMP IN AUSTRIA. YOUR TASK IS NOW TO DEVELOP A BROCHURE FOR THIS NEW FACILITY WHICH SHOULD ATTRACT LOTS OF PARENTS WHO THINK THEIR CHILDREN MIGHT NEED A STRONGER LEAD. TAKE AN A4 SHEET AND FOLD IT LIKE THE SAMPLE SHEET AND WRITE YOUR ADVERTISING TEXTS (AND DRAWINGS) ONTO THIS FOLDER. AFTERWARDS, WE'LL DO A SHORT POLL AND OF COURSE, THE GROUP WITH THE MOST PERSUASIVE FOLDER WILL BE REWARDED WITH 1 EXTRA LEVEL!

AND REMEMBER:

ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES WILL BE YOUR REWARD FOR RISING THROUGH THE LEVELS!

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STATION 5 – NEWSPAPER SNIPPET

GROUP WORK WITH PC / LEVELS TO EARN: 2

IMAGINE YOU ARE A JOURNALIST WHO STUMBLED UPON GARRET AFTER HE HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE BOOT CAMP IN GRAZ. HE TOLD YOU THE WHOLE STORY AND YOU ARE SIMPLY SHOCKED BY THE FACT, THAT THERE ARE FACILITIES LIKE THOSE EVEN IN GRAZ!

NOW WRITE A VERY SHORT, REVEALING COVER STORY FOR A NEWSPAPER ABOUT THE HORRIBLE

BOOT CAMP IN THE SOUTH OF GRAZ. IMAGINE YOU COULD PREVENT MORE BOOT CAMPS FROM BEING LAUNCHED IN AUSTRIA AND EVEN SHUT DOWN THE ONE IN GRAZ! THINK OF AN ATTENTION-GRABBING TITLE AND USE POWERFUL WORDS YOU CAN FIND IN THE BOOK BY TODD STRASSER! REMEMBER, THAT YOUR WORDS ARE STRONGLY LIMITED IN THE SNIPPET!



<http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp>

AND REMEMBER:

ANY VIOLATION OF THE RULES WILL RESULT IN DEMERITS!

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STATION 6 – BACK IN TI

SINGLE WORK / LEVELS TO EARN: 2

AAH!?! WHERE.....? WHERE AM I? BACK IN TI? BUT WHY?
WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME? OH MY GOD IT'S COLD IN HERE! I AM
FREEZING! IS BLOOD DRIPPING OUT OF MY NOSE? AND MY HEAD!!! IT
HURTS GRUELINGLY.....

AND NOW CONTINUE THIS INNER MONOLOGUE! (MIN 80 WORDS)

AND DON'T FORGET:

**SUCCESS AT LAKE BATTLEFIELD CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY
CHANGING YOUR ATTITUDE!**