

GEAR UP ACTIVITY IDEA

SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITY



Objective

To host a Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship Activity, you can integrate it as an "English Assignment + Scholarship Entry" within a "Senior Project Class & English 12 Class". This activity was presented as part of a Scholarship Workshop at Inchelium High School.

Procedure	• Review Scholarship Pitfalls and Strategies: https://gearup.wa.gov/file/scholarship-pitfalls-and-strategies • Use Materials: https://gearup.wa.gov/file/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship-activity • Form Small Groups: Divide participants into small groups. • Distribute Submissions: Assign different submissions (presumably sample essays or entries for the scholarship) to these small groups. • Grade Submissions: Have the students within their small groups grade each submission. When coaching student writing, consider criteria such as: • Assignment: Does the essay or short answer response completely answer the question being asked? • Focus: Does the writing adhere to the main point or thesis throughout? • Organization: Does the writing have a clear beginning, middle, and end, and a clear progression of ideas? • Support: Does the writing include evidence and elaboration to explain, clarify, or illustrate the main point? • Proofreading: Is the writing free of grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors? A suggested recap for coaching writing is: "Assignment first! Focus second! Organization then supports! Proofreading last!" • Large Group Discussion: Reconvene as a large group to discuss why each small group scored the submissions the way they did. It is suggested to project each essay as the groups present their reasoning. • Individual Essay Writing: Finally, have students write their own essays for the zombie scholarship. • Submission: Students can then submit their essays to their English teacher for a grade and submit them to Unigo for a potential scholarship. Unigo is a scholarship search engine that can be used for submissions. You can also find "Free Essay Review from Get Schooled" as a resource.	Themes
		Scholarships
		Audience
		All GU students
		Grade Level(s)
		12, but could be 9-12
		Cost
		Printing cost.
		Required Materials
		Handouts/score sheets
		Prep Time
		Limited.
		Additional Notes
		Contributed by Inchelium MS/HS.