

Directions for the teacher:

1. Walk around your school finding enough different spots for the number of students you have in class.
2. Print out the 'permission slip' below.
3. Type of the list of locations and chop them into pieces.
4. Have the students randomly draw out of hat.
5. Synchronize watches. Have everyone go to their spots with a reporter's notebook and pen. Stay there for 15 minutes and take notes. Do not talk to ANYONE.
6. Take a few minutes to formulate some story ideas based on your spot:
A conversation you overheard among the lunch ladies. The fact that all the clocks are wrong. The kid who walked by you four times. Etc.
7. Share these with the class. Think about which of them might actually become stories for your publication.
8. Consider a "What's happening at 12:43?" spread for your publication. Cover different aspects of the school that are happening at the same time.

Observation

Name: _____

Location: _____

ASSIGNMENT

YOUR ASSIGNMENT: Sit in your designated area for 15 minutes. DO NOT TALK to anyone who passes by, unless someone official is wondering what you're doing there. If that happens, this sheet is your pass. Jot down anything you see, hear, smell on your paper, including snippets of conversation if applicable. Write down everything you can, but also try to think in terms of journalistic stories; what's happening in your area that people might not know and might be interested in? Remember; you're just watching, not interacting.

1. On Freshman Bench
2. Bench in front of old gym (under the defibrillator)
3. Across from boys bathroom outside old gym
4. Next to room 306
5. 300 hall, on windowsill, across from LGI
6. On Junior Bench
7. In Media Center, upper level empty table (if possible)
8. Against wall across from 206, under fire alarm
9. Under clock between 216 and 217
10. Next to media center entrance, on sophomore bench
11. At entrance across from 407
12. Next to 410, in front of vent
13. Between 412 and 417, under clock
14. Next to room 108 (computer lab), by the pole in the hallway
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16. Across from room 115
17. In the far corner of the track around the new gym
18. Next to room 504, under showcase
19. Next to room 510
20. Next to trainer's room (between old gym and new track)
21. In main office, on chairs next to Mrs. Polerecky's desk
22. In office, on chair across from Mrs. Lintz's office
23. In counseling center waiting room,
24. In front of bookstore
25. Drinking fountain across from room 111
26. Under clock in main school entrance
27. Across from room 200
28. Next to room 213, under fire alarm
29. In weight room, against an open wall
30. In pool lobby, on chair across from front desk.
31. In the lunchroom, outside of doors to the auditorium