

## 'Put a fork in it. It's done.' Daughtry Times final edition leaves students asking, 'So it's Friday... now what do we do?'

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Like every year about this time, television networks call it quits and steamroll reruns over the summer while brokenhearted middle students come to the frightening conclusion that their beloved Daughtry Times is coming to an end. From Daniel Dupiche to Sydney Thomas, possibly two of the times most loyal members to Emily Harrison or Taylor Woody whose skin would cringe at the thought of receiving another; the impact has become evident throughout the 88 students of Team 7-1.

In honor of The Daughtry Times closing out its sixth successful year, I have assembled a series of thought provoking questions intended for purpose of educational reflection as opposed to horrific mathematical word problems.

1. What was your initial reaction on Friday, August 5 when you received your first Daughtry Times? Explain.
2. The Daughtry Times was frequently a conversation piece in parent conferences. Why?
3. Was there ever a Friday when you were sure I had forgotten to generate The Daughtry Times? Explain.
4. Obtain and annotate the perspective of a Language Arts and other teacher on The Daughtry Times?
5. Multiple paragraphs were completed on the information found on the "**Reading Across The Curriculum**" poster. What purposes do you believe I had in mind with assigning this question in mass repetition?
6. What was Cyber Monday (volume III, edition 4) all about? Explain.
7. Likewise, the "**Writing Guidelines**" appeared in almost as many editions. What was my intent?
8. Using contextual clues only, quickly became a necessary skill one must possess not only in The Daughtry Times; however, 7<sup>th</sup> grade as well. Explain the impact this skill has upon your ability to comprehend information.
9. For more than 30 weeks, I asked that you explain five legitimate and educational purposes behind The Daughtry Times. Looking back at previous responses, do you truly agree? Explain.
10. What was your favorite edition of The Daughtry Times? Explain.
11. What was your least favorite edition of The Daughtry Times? Explain.
12. What edition proved to be most difficult? Explain.
13. What future benefits may be derived as a result of being the only team in the state of Georgia to receive The Daughtry Times? Explain.
14. What were some of the more memorable parental and/or peer responses when seeing your Daughtry Times?
15. Volume I, edition four and six, volume II, edition I and III, volume III, edition 3 and volume IV, edition 2, all refer to Hurricane Katrina. Why so much emphasis on one particular event? Explain.
16. Billionaires made there mark in the first three editions of volume V. Does money = power in today's world?
17. What Daughtry Times left the most lasting impression upon you? Explain.
18. Volume III had a couple of issues pertaining to holidays and in some case religious ones. Does this type of material have any place in the classroom environment? Explain.
19. What common theme, if any, have you observed throughout all of The Daughtry Times?
20. Volume VI, edition 1, sparked great controversy, and generated concern. Was it necessary to print? Explain.
21. In your personal opinion, did you prefer The Daughtry Times when it followed a specific theme (Hurricanes, Billionaires, etc.) or did you prefer more variety like when it jumped from dropouts to Russian earthquakes?
22. Did looking back upon earlier editions of The Daughtry Times spark memories from that segment of the year?
23. Were your surprised that 35% of parents were gamers? Explain.
24. Did it seem fair that Ford cut off the CEO's pay when profits were slipping? Explain.

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25. Were the Delta Pilots legitimate in their strike or simply overpaid whiners? Explain.
26. The Olympics came and went in a hurry. Did The Daughtry Times encourage you to tune in? Explain.
27. Why in volume II, edition 5, did a reported Iowa print an article about a person in Oregon? Explain.
28. Who, in volume I, edition 2, did we say are most likely to contract asthma and when? Explain.
29. Tell me something you learned about Punxsutawney Phil.
30. Back to volume VI, edition 5, "What will you do on May 26, when you realize for the first time in 36 consecutive Fridays The Daughtry Times is not available? How will you fill this void in your life?"