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— CHAMPION EXCELLENCE —

# Inquiring Minds Want To Know

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Sept. 11 [REDACTED]

Dear President [REDACTED]

I think you are half Right  
and half wrong.

yours truly,  
Anthony Ferreira.



**OPRESSION**



**CONFLICT**



**REVOLT**



**DEMOCRACY**



**DICTATORSHIP**



**INTERVENTION**



# My Experience

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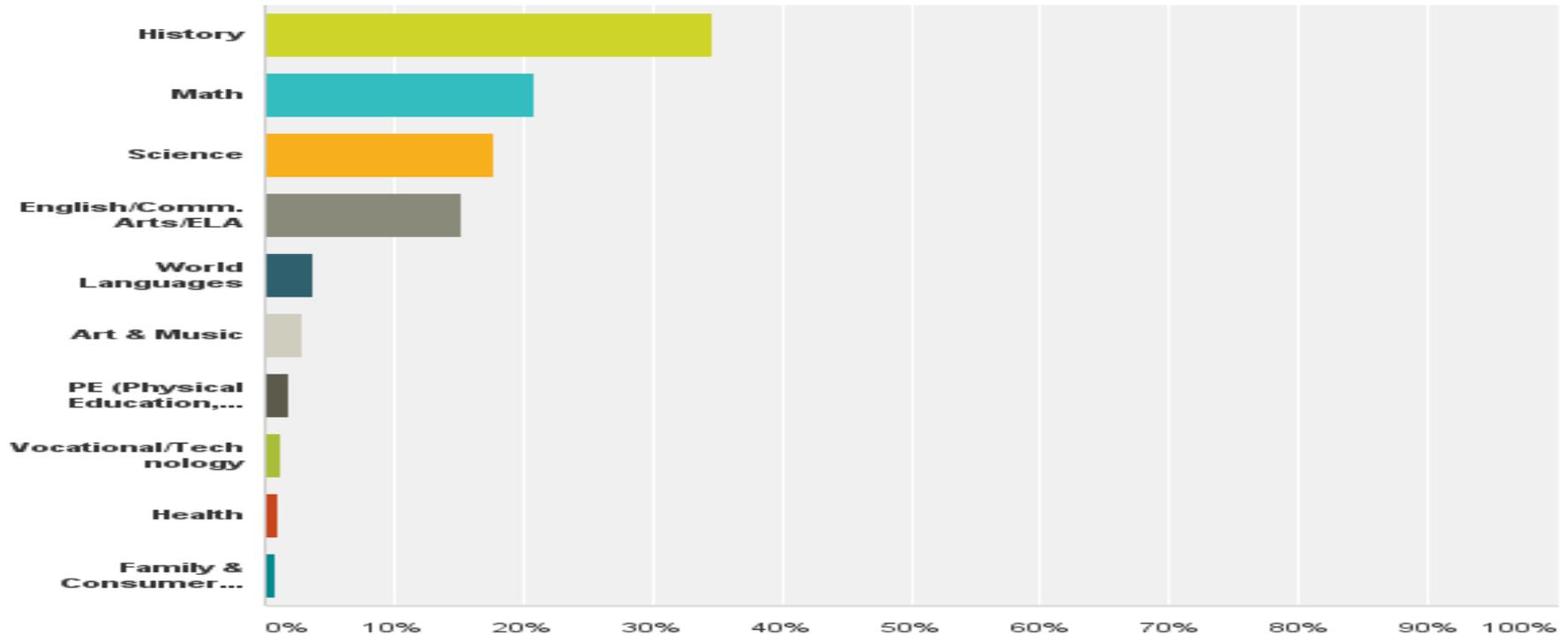
- Most students would pick social studies as their least favorite class
- My goal for the year was to move social studies from the bottom of the list
- Started from beginning even with parents in open house situations



# Grant Wiggins

## Q22 In which class do teachers lecture the most?

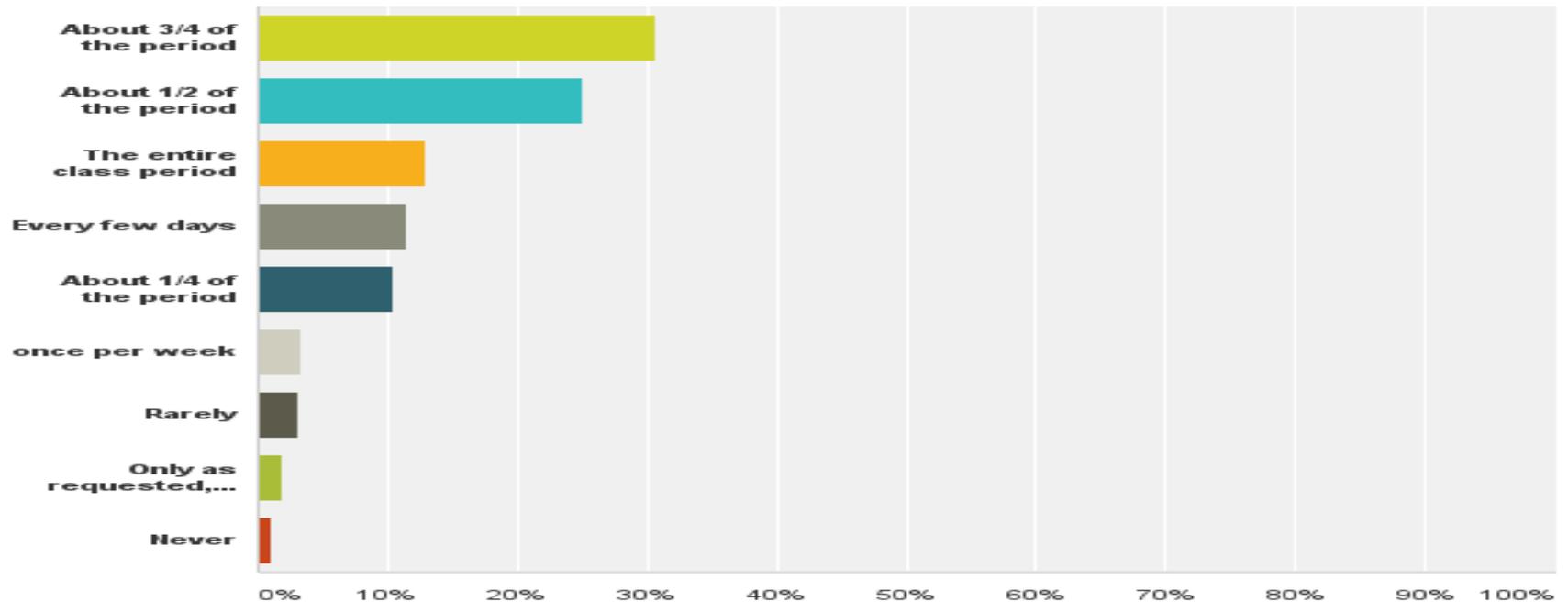
Answered: 3,399 Skipped: 3,676



# Grant Wiggins

**Q23 On average, in [Q25], the class you said was most lecture heavy, how often do lectures occur?**

Answered: 3,309 Skipped: 3,766



# Essential Questions

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- If the content you are expected to teach represents “answer” then what questions were being asked by people who came up with the answers?
- Start with these questions.
- What if we framed our lessons around questions?
- If you get the right question – student interest and engagement go up.



# Essential Questions

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## What is Geography?



# Essential Questions

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- What is worth fighting for?
- Who is a true friend?
- What makes an effective leader?
- Why do people move?
- Where is the balance between personal freedoms and the common good?



# Obama Orders Life-Sized Bronze Statute of Himself To Be Permanently Installed in White House

[January 18, 2017](#) by [Jamie](#)



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In a final move before leaving the White House for good, Barack Obama has made one last effort to mock President Trump.. by forcing him to stare at his ugly mug for the next 4 to 8 years.

Via Empire News:

President Obama has ordered a \$200,000, life-sized, bronze statue of himself, with plans to install it in the entryway of the White House. The president says that his legacy “should not be diminished,” and that this is the only way he can “keep an eye” over Trump, as well as future presidents.

“I have been president for only eight years, and in that time, I have done what no other presidents could do in all their time in total,” said Obama. “I have created a legacy that should not be diminished. I have created something that no future president will be able to do. In that regard, I have commissioned this statute, with plans to have it permanently erected in the entryway of the White House, so that all who enter can remember me fondly.”

The statue will not be allowed to be removed, as every president is allowed to leave one thing in the White House that must never be touched by future presidents. William Howard Taft left his giant bathtub. Bill Clinton left one of his saxophones. George W. Bush left a piece of mirror and a rolled up hundred.





## Coca-Cola Recalls Dasani Water After Clear Parasite Worm Was Found In Bottles Across U.S.

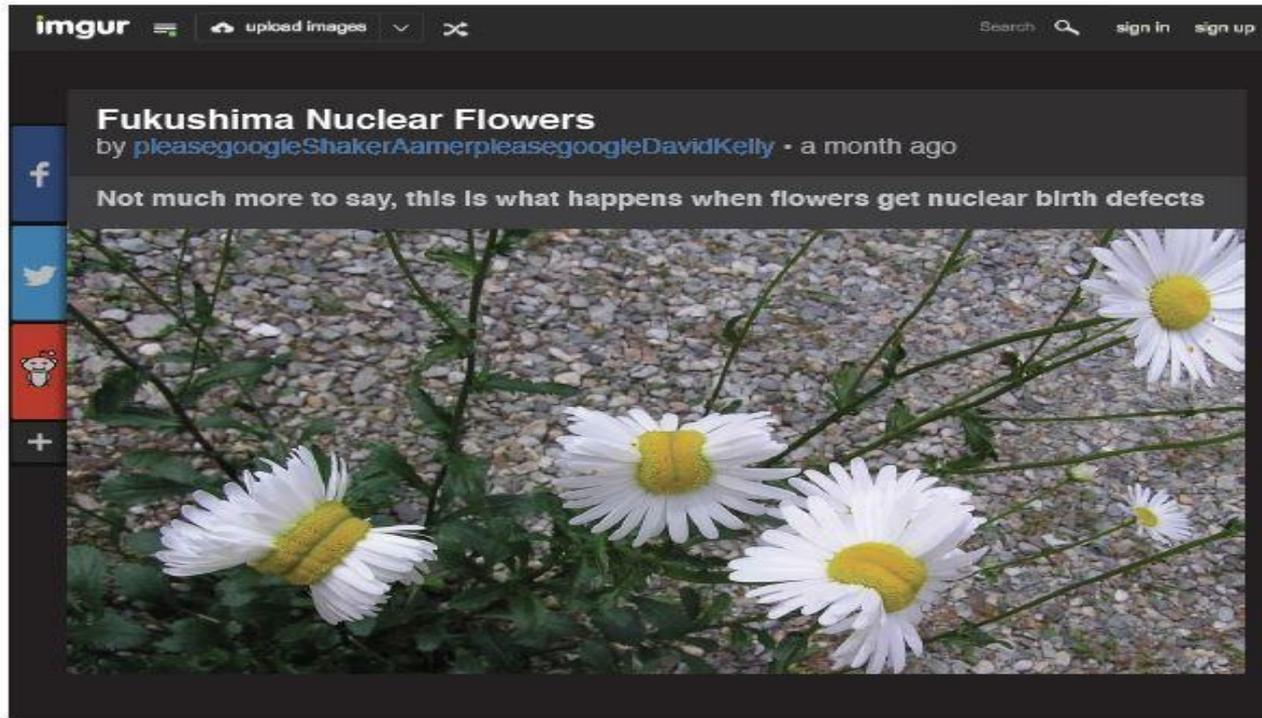
**NEWS 4** – If you purchase/drink Dasani water you might want to listen up. There has been a major recall by the Coca-Cola company today after several thousand bottles of their drinking water was found to be contaminated with a parasite. It has sent several hundred people to the hospital and is responsible for parasitic symptoms such as fever, rash, vomiting and stomach bloating.

This comes on the heels of a recent report in which Coca-Cola admitted that Dasani is really just “*purified*” tap water. The corporation admitted in January that their water brand was just purified tap water dressed in a fancy looking bottle. Like many other bottled waters, Dasani is sold at a premium price, and many people perceive it to be superior to tap water – even though it actually is just tap water.

Even though the majority of the impurities have admittedly been removed from Dasani water, and minerals added back in, these parasites have somehow worked their way into their supposedly “*clean*” water system which has been passed on to the consumer. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has shut down the manufacturing facility and issued a major recall on the brand. Do not drink this water! The FDA is recommending that if you have no choice but to consume the water, you **MUST** boil the water first to kill the parasite. Otherwise, it will host itself in your stomach lining and intestine and breed offsprings.



On March 11, 2011, there was a large nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan. This image was posted on Imgur, a photo sharing website, in July 2015.



Does this post provide strong evidence about the conditions near the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant? Explain your reasoning.

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# Fact Checking

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- <http://www.snopes.com/obama-white-house-statue/>
- <https://www.truthorfiction.com/president-obama-placed-life-sized-bronze-statue-white-house/>
- <http://www.politifact.com/punditfact/statements/2017/jan/27/blog-posting/fake-news-theres-no-bronze-statue-president-barack/>
- <http://www.factcheck.org/2017/06/no-obama-statue-white-house/>



# Fact Checking

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- <http://www.snopes.com/dasani-recalled-clear-parasite/>
- <https://www.truthorfiction.com/coca-cola-recalled-dasani-water-due-parasite-worms/>



# Fact Checking

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- We showed them a picture of daisies that looked like they were deformed. There was a claim on a website that they were the result of the nuclear disaster at the Fukushima district in Japan. The photograph had no attribution. There was nothing that indicated that it was from anywhere.
- And we asked students, is - does this photograph provide proof that the kind of nuclear disaster caused these aberrations in nature? And we found that over 80 percent of the high school students that we gave this to them had an extremely difficult time making that determination. They didn't ask where it came from. They didn't verify it. They simply accepted the picture as fact.



# Stanford Study- Sam Wineburg

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- Right now in many schools there are internet filters that direct students to previously vetted sites and reliable sources of information.
- But what happens when they leave school and they take out their phone and they look at their Twitter feed? How do they become prepared to make the choices about what to believe, what to forward, what to post to their friends when they've given no practice in doing those kinds of things in school?
- And so consequently what we see is a rash of fake news going on that people pass on without thinking. And we really can't blame young people because we've never taught them to do otherwise.



# Stanford Study

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- In search of expertise, we were led to professional fact-checkers at some of the nation's most prestigious publications. And we found that fact-checkers actually look at web content in ways that are very different from what the typical user does. The typical user looks at web content when they come to a page that they're not familiar with, and they read it almost like a piece of print journalism. They read it vertically from up and down.
- What a fact-checker does when they land in an unfamiliar place - is that they take bearing. They almost immediately open multiple tabs, and they read horizontally. And they get a fix. What we really want to do is try to figure out how to make those five minutes worthwhile.



# Stanford Study

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- The kinds of duties that used to be the responsibility of editors, of librarians now fall on the shoulders of anyone who uses a screen to become informed about the world. And so the response is not to take away these rights from ordinary citizens but to teach them how to thoughtfully engage in information seeking and evaluating in a cacophonous democracy.



# Videos

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<https://youtu.be/q-Y-z6HmRgl>

[https://youtu.be/cSKGa\\_7XJkg](https://youtu.be/cSKGa_7XJkg)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xf8mjbVRqao>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Z-7zhS4OHU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkwWcHekMdo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5ON3u5rrml>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2AdkNH-kWA>



# Fake or True

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<http://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus/>

<https://allaboutexplorers.com/explorers/>



A “**Backtrack Journal**” is a standing assignment. This is the task:  
Each week, determine the path one bit of information took to get to you. If it was a powerful photo of a drowned refugee child, did it come via Facebook? Twitter? If so, was it forwarded by a friend from some other friend or feed? Who created the content? Try to trace how information MOVES.

# WORKLiteracy

The best content on skills, methods and tools of modern knowledge work

Just saw this resource - [The CRAP Test](#) - love the acronym because it will be a memorable way to look for what's crap and what's not. They provide the following questions. I wanted to note this because evaluation of content is certainly one of the topics we'll discuss here.

\* **Currency** -

- o How recent is the information?
- o How recently has the website been updated?
- o Is it current enough for your topic?

\* **Reliability** -

- o What kind of information is included in the resource?
- o Is content of the resource primarily opinion? Is it balanced?
- o Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?

\* **Authority** -

- o Who is the creator or author?
- o What are the credentials?
- o Who is the publisher or sponsor?
- o Are they reputable?
- o What is the publisher's interest (if any) in this information?
- o Are there advertisements on the website?

\* **Purpose/Point of View** -

- o Is this fact or opinion?
- o Is it biased?
- o Is the creator/author trying to sell you something?

# Fact Checking

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<http://factcheck.org/>

<http://www.snopes.com/>

<http://www.politifact.com/>

<https://www.truthorfiction.com/>







# Conflict Kitchen

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<http://conflictkitchen.org/>



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