Roll the dice w/ Pop Culture in the Lit Classroom
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Media and Digital Literacy Institute

- Integrating digital and media literacy into reading and writing
- 3 day institute
- Colleen Cruz
Shakespeare or Hip Hop
Film

Short films

Song lyrics

Music videos

Social media

Ads/Commercials

Comics

Games

Sports
This 2015 national survey details the media habits and preferences of American 8- to 18-year-olds and shows just how central a role media plays in the lives of Generation Z.
Our students need to know that we value their lives, all of what goes on in their lives, in order to feel that they can bring and share those lives with their writing in the classroom.

~ Colleen Cruz, Teachers College, Columbia University
9) "The sun is shining, the sky is blue; let's play two!"

Ernie Banks, hit more home runs than any other shortstop ever, and important 9c of his attitude about life, always on bad teams, he was doing something that was so much fun. He wanted to play a double header. Say at life.
64) "we few, we happy few, we band of brothers."
spoken by King Henry before the Battle of Agincourt
ex: fraternity
any sports team
before AP Exam

57) "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."
-Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities* (1859)
graduation night, college, having children, high school
61) “A house divided against itself shall not stand”

originally

Book of Matthew, talking about Satan and his kingdom

then taken by Abraham Lincoln in 1858 (not yet president)

he was talking about North vs South / slavery: half slave - half

ex: arguing w/ parents, cheering pyramid

62) “Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard

are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on.”
also in Seinfeld

46. "Never tell me the odds!"

Star Wars, Hans Solo

despite want to go into an asteroid field and go at warp speed, he doesn't want to know the odds

ex: college

"Too too sullied flesh" II.2
Polanski's talk with (aerides I.3
"Dram of Evil" I.4
"Rogue + Pleasant Slave" II.2
"To be or not to be" III.1

ear all copying is II.1.
I still reference my allusions notebook ALL the time!

I still have my allusion notebook and it maintains as a prize possession. I cherish the memories of Mr. Friedman, that class and those references which have become a part of the fabric of my life.

Also a former Scholar of Mr. Friedman, TGMF. Every good teacher deserves recognition like this, but Mr. Friedman la creme de la creme. (I think that was Allusion# 216 my year, although it's been awhile since I looked at my allusion notebook. But I absolutely know where it is.)

Mr Friedman taught me how to read beyond the page, how to dream the words of the great authors of times gone by, and most importantly, how to be a hell-of-a-guy. Oh Captain!!!! My Captain!!!!!

I use the quotes from the allusion board to this day and my allusion notebook still sits on my shelf. Proud to be a Friedman scholar.
Lit Classroom

Read Alot
Write Alot
Read Short Stories

Write About Short Stories
We never did anything fun.

Write About Books
Read Books
Answer Questions

Group projects were fun when we choose how to present.

Projects are the only fun things we ever really do.
Varied Strategies

“Students are given multiple ways or modalities to learn the material.”

~ FCS Personalized Learning Descriptions
How to Use Pop Culture

- Create lessons that will linger in their minds
- Use Pop Culture as a conversation starter
- Encourage students to write about what interests them
- Use Pop Culture as a model
- Make ideas more relateable and easy to understand
- Encourage students to create their own media
- Become familiar with what your students enjoy

http://www.onlineuniversities.com/blog/2013/03/cool-teachers-guide-pop-culture-classroom/
Choice & Voice

“Students have opportunities to express their learning styles and preferences within lessons.”

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Co-Planning Learning

Students are involved in planning and setting goals.

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Music Video — Stressed Out
I am an English teacher because of him. My lesson plans are inspired by him. I will never forget the last allusion of the school year from Wicked's "For Good. "Who can say if I've been changed for the better? But because I knew you I have been changed for good."
Demonstrating Learning

“Students have multiple ways to demonstrate mastery of standards.”

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