Grade 9 - Alcohol, Tobacco or Other Drugs

Unit 3

SOLs:

9.1.H Explain how alcohol and other drugs increase the risk of injury.
9.1.I Analyze the deadly consequences of binge drinking.

Title: Celebrity Death

Objectives/ Goals:

● Students will use the website evaluation tool to evaluate the validity of two websites that contain drug and alcohol information and two that contain information about their celebrity.
● Using the valid information, students analyze the celebrity’s susceptibility to injury, illness, or death as a result of the drug use.

Materials:

● Slideshow of celebrities

Procedure:
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<th>Step 1</th>
<th>To grab the attention of the students, prepare a <strong>PowerPoint</strong> of celebrities and sample videos of their work, who died as a result of drugs and alcohol. After the power point, students select a celebrity to research.</th>
<th>Essential Questions:</th>
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<td>Step 2</td>
<td>● Assign each student one of the <strong>dead celebrities</strong> to complete the assignment</td>
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<td>Step 3</td>
<td>● Using the <strong>website evaluation tool</strong>, students will use the website evaluation tool to evaluate the validity of two websites that contain drug and alcohol information and two that contain information about their celebrity. (3.12.1)</td>
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<td>Step 4</td>
<td>● Students will <strong>research</strong> a dead celebrity then assume their “identity” during the Diner portion of the unit to celebrate their achievements and discover how drugs and alcohol contributed to their death.</td>
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<td>Step 5</td>
<td>Provide a <strong>tombstone template</strong>. Students use the valid drug/alcohol and celebrity information to create the information on the tombstone and share it during the celebrity diner portion of the lesson. See the self-check for details (3.12.1, 1.12.8)</td>
<td>Sample questions to ask: (Suggested text)</td>
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| Step 6 | Set up the classroom for a panel discussion. Arrange the seats in a semi-circle. Place two large tables in the front of the circle. Students assume the identity of their celebrity for the entire period. Call six celebrities up at a time. Each celebrity introduces him or herself. Ask questions | ★ Show a video clip of your work.  
★ What was your greatest professional accomplishment?  
★ How old were you |
| Step 7 | **Closure: (Suggested text)**  
For the last few days, we researched many talented people whose lives were cut short due to drugs and/or alcohol. They were talented people and had friends and family who loved them. Now imagine if your life were cut short due to drugs and/or alcohol. Think of the people you would leave behind when you died?  
★ Tell me about your family. Was there drug or alcohol use in your family?  
★ Tell me 5 facts about yourself before you were famous.  
★ Tell me about your drug/alcohol use.  
★ What facts did you know about your drug/alcohol when you were using it? (3.12.1)  
★ Did you think you were susceptible to addiction when you first started using drugs? (1.12.8)  
★ What were the circumstances of your death?  
★ If you had another chance at life, would it include drugs/alcohol? (3.12.1, 1.12.8)  
★ If you were alive today and you were drug and alcohol free, how would your work be different? (3.12.1, 1.12.8) |
and the dreams that would never get to come to fruition because your life was cut short. (7.12.3)

On your personal tombstone, select a commonly used drug and reflect on healthy ways of coping with drug and alcohol use.

References:

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