Name/Title: Journal Writing Bell Ringer

Purpose of Event: To have something for students to do as soon as they get dressed for class. Also, it allows for some assessment of what students have learned in the past.

Suggested Grade Level: 6-12

Materials Needed: Notebooks and pens or pencils; dry erase board or a chalkboard.

Description of Idea

After the students dress for class, they come into the gym and get their notebook out of a designated box. The "**Question of the Day**" is written on the chalkboard. The questions consist of character education and physical education definitions. The students write the question and/or definition and go to their assigned floor spots so the teacher can take attendance.

After attendance is taken the teacher selects a few notebook entries to read through and gramatical and spelling errors are checked. The notebooks are graded weekly if not daily. The notebook counts for 10% of the students grade. The definitions come from the dictionary and the physical education textbook. A sample question used recently:

Should professional athletes be considered role models? Explain your answer.

This activity takes no more than 10-15 minutes to complete.

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