

Stag's
LEAP



LESSON PLAN

GRADE: 11

MEETING 1

DATE: September 10, 2009

**THEME: Getting Re-acquainted &
Review of Stag's LEAP Advisory**

NAVIGATION 101:

CLEAR, CAREFUL, AND CREATIVE PLANNING FOR LIFE BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Announcements:

- This year's focus will be on completing the Culminating Project. Remind students to begin thinking of how they will approach this important activity. More details about the process and required paperwork will be provided in the next few Advisory sessions.

Lesson Goals:

- Get re-acquainted with students in your advisory group and meet new students.
- Review purpose of Advisory.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS: Why is Advisory important?
Why keep a portfolio?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Handout: PSAT Quick Facts
- Student portfolios. Students will need access to their portfolios at each advisory session.

**CLASSROOM
ACTIVITY 1:**

Get re-acquainted

Re-introduce yourself to the students in your advisory group. Introduce any new students. Welcome students back to school. As an icebreaker, you may wish to talk about your summer activities/vacations and plans for the year. *Idea: pair up students to share their favorite summer moments and then have students introduce and share aloud their partner's information to test their listening skills.*

**CLASSROOM
ACTIVITY 2:**

PSAT Test Information

Distribute and review the PSAT handout. Encourage students to register for the PSAT. It will be given at Deer Park High School on Saturday, October 17th at 8 a.m. for juniors. Students can sign up for this exam in the counseling office. The SAT is the main college entrance exam. The PSAT is the SAT's practice test. Taking the PSAT during 11^h grade is essential practice before taking the SAT in the spring. Taking the PSAT is also the only way to qualify for National Merit Scholarship money. Encourage students to learn more about the PSAT at www.collegeboard.com.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 3:

Purpose of Advisory

Review the purpose of Advisory with students. Remind students that Advisory will be graded on a weighted basis; in other words, students' end-of-the-year grades will be based on 25% class work, 25% participation, and 50% Student Led Conference (SLC). Passing is still 70% or better. At this point, answer any questions students may have. Remind them about SLC in mid-March, and how important it is to stay caught up on their portfolios throughout the year. It will make preparing for the SLC much easier. *This would also be a good time to give them the Advisory meeting dates for this school year.*

Semester 1

Sep 10

Oct 1

Oct 22

Nov 12

Dec 3

Jan 14

Semester 2

Feb 4

Feb 18

Mar 4

Mar 11

Mar 24 & 25- SLC's

Apr 8

Apr 21 (Weds.)

May 13

ASSESSMENT:

1 point for participation

1 point for having their portfolio

