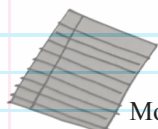


STUDYHALL ANTICS

At Geneva, study hall can be super helpful during weeks when it seems like you are drowning in a swap full of tests and essays. However, on rare occasions, students find themselves with an empty planner and light weight backpack. Or they can not work up the strength to simply unzip their backpack and portray any form of diligence what so ever, and find themselves in a pattern of procrastination. In these cases, study hall seems like a drag. You're forced to sit in another classroom filled with nothing but the sound of clicking pens, tapping pencils and your teacher's fingers pounding the keyboard. In times like these, students spend their free study halls in all kinds of ways. The following is a list of ways people kill time.

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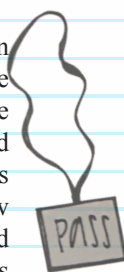


Note Passers

Most study hall supervisors require students to remain silent for the majority of class time. However, in every study hall there are always a couple of social butterflies who are constantly being shushed by the teacher. After being told to be quiet several times, the chatty Kathys are forced to sit in silence attempting to finish their super important conversation that absolutely can not wait, in sign language or via note book paper. Passing notes is a popular way to communicate with peers during study hall.

Runaways

There comes a point in an excruciatingly boring study hall when the yellowish cream color of the walls seem like they are creeping closer and the peace and quiet feels more like screaming in your ears than actual screaming in your ears. The slow ticking of the clock only makes it worse and sometimes you just have to put your useless pencil down and face the fact that you have to get out of that time vacuum they call a classroom. So, to escape this terror, most students simply go to the bathroom, fill up their water bottle a couple times, grab some books from their locker, talk to some of their peers they pass on they boardwalk, and pick up some of those form thingies from the administration office. If you do complete these tasks yourself, you will be able to use up at least half of your study hall.



Day Dreamers

It is safe to say most rhetoric students regret the fact that they did not take advantage of their nap time in kindergarten. After only a couple of class periods, students tend to feel their eyelids get so heavy that they are forced to tape them to their foreheads. Trying to stay awake in class can be rough. Study hall might be the only class of the day where teachers allow students to sleep. Sleeping is a great way to spend study hall, especially if you don't have work to do.

Doodlers

On days when homework seems unusually limited, no due dates or assignments fill the columns in your planner. For some people this empty planner looks like an empty planner, but for others, it looks like a blank canvas just waiting to be filled with doodles. Whether they are practicing elaborate calligraphy or drawing swirly lines and flowers, an empty planner is the perfect place to express creativity. After all, you have to fill your planner with something.

Pranksters

Instead of keeping their boredom to themselves, some people tend to bother everyone else around them until they become distracted as well. Its like a plague, most people call it senioritis, which is ironic because a lot of students can get symptoms as early as freshman year. Regardless, these kinds of kids were the ones to throw paper air planes and shoot spit balls at the teacher in third grade, and have not changed since then. They make faces and try to trick the teachers. There is usually a class clown that shows up in study halls.

