

'Put a fork in it. It's done.' The Daughtry Times final edition provides instant parental relief and leaves students asking, 'It's Friday... now what?'

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Like every year about this time, television networks call it quits and steamroll reruns over the summer while brokenhearted middle school students come to the frightening conclusion that their beloved *The Daughtry Times®* is over. From Braxton Turner to Samantha Securro, possibly two of the times most loyal members to Adam Gelineau or Emily Drane's whose skin would cringe at the thought of receiving another; the impact has become evident throughout the 56 students of Team 7-4. Besides, an unprecedented 100% team success rate on the mathematics Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) has got to say something!

In honor of *The Daughtry Times®* closing out yet another successful year; I have assembled a series of thought provoking questions intended for purpose of educational reflection as opposed to horrific mathematical word problems.

1. What was your initial reaction on Friday, August 10th when you received your first *Daughtry Times®*?
2. What preventive measures were taken by officials to protect students from record setting temperatures? 8/10/07
3. What did the Peru earthquake measure on the Richter scale? 8/17/07
4. Baltimore Orioles Manager, Dave Trembley, made a major career decision prior to a game versus Texas. Why was this an important time to commit? 8/24/07
5. Explain the impact Hurricane Katrina had upon resident making landfall in New Orleans. 8/31/07
6. Identify the primary purpose behind the teacher strike in the Bethel School District. 9/07/07
7. Summarize a specific 911 mathematical fact, which astounds you the most. 9/14/07
8. Who is Pedro Zapeta and what was his \$59,000 mistake? 9/28/07
9. How did U.S. workers earn the title as 'most productive'? 10/05/07
10. Amongst the 2002 killed in police custody, what criminal act most likely led to death? 10/12/07
11. Explain how the first four men benefit frequently in the 'How Taxes Work' edition. 10/19/07
12. How much money did the Red Sox payout simply for the rights to speak with the Japanese rookie? 10/26/07
13. Explain how a school acquires the label as a 'Dropout Factory'. 11/02/07
14. What was one fact of the "Thanksgiving Story" you were previously unfamiliar with? 11/16/07
15. Define 'Black Friday' and 'Cyber Monday'. 11/30/07
16. How many times a day does the eight-month-old baby boy in Jilin, Northeast China nurse daily? 12/07/07
17. What gift did the deceased Maine shoe company founder leave behind? 12/14/07
18. What information was revealed by a New York study on all-nighters? 12/14/07
19. 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' are valued at high much financially? 12/21/07
20. Who were the big winners of the New Hampshire primary? 01/11/08
21. How have 'American Idol' ratings compared to previous years? 01/18/08
22. Explain the purpose behind the 'Economic Stimulus Package'. 01/25/08
23. What problems did the Democratic Party face in the Florida primary? 02/01/08
24. About how many people was tobacco responsible for killing in the 20th Century? 02/08/08
25. Who originally owned the land adjacent to the Hollywood sign? 02/15/08
26. What is meant by 'the perfect cup of coffee' at Starbucks? 02/29/08
27. What was the point in flooding the Grand Canyon? 03/07/08
28. How did the original edition compare to the 07-08 series? 03/14/08
29. What message does the number of Iraqi deaths convey about the war? 03/21/08
30. How many workers openly admit to gambling on 'March Madness' at work? 03/28/08
31. What major cities suffer the most regarding high school dropout rates? 04/02/08
32. Why did truck drivers feel it necessary to protest? 04/04/08

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33. What school systems elected to administer the CRCT immediately after spring break? *04/18/08*
34. Name at least one way parents can help their students prepare for the CRCT. *04/25/08*
35. What factors contribute to Miley Cyrus' financial empire? *05/02/08*
36. At the time of the assignment, how many people died in Myanmar? *05/09/08*
37. Similar to Peru, what magnitude was the earthquake in China? *05/16/08*
38. How much more is gasoline compared to this time last year? *05/23/08*
39. What *The Daughtry Times®* left the most lasting impression upon you? Explain.
40. Did looking back upon earlier editions of *The Daughtry Times®* spark memories from that segment of the year? For example, 'Dropout Factory' distributed during the field trip, etc.
41. What will you do on June 6th, when you realize for the first time in 37 consecutive Fridays *The Daughtry Times®* is not available? How will you fill this void in your life?
42. What recommendations would you make to an eighth grade student next year who is less than two months from encountering the first of 36+ copies of *The Daughtry Times®*?

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