

HBO “Smashed” Video

Content Standards

Students will...

- 2) Examine the impact of risk taking behaviors.
- 4) Identify healthy lifestyle behaviors.

Process Standards

Students will...

- 2) Present information through various techniques.
- 3) Apply decision making skills to various situations.

Task

This HBO documentary describes the tragedy of underage drinking and driving through the eyes of medical personnel, family members, friends, and the teens themselves. This film focuses on the devastation that occurs when a crash does NOT kill, describing instead what happens to everyone when young people survive a collision and the far reaching consequences of impaired survival.

Before viewing questions: Answer in 2-3 sentences each.

- 1) What do you think is the biggest problem associated with underage drinking?
- 2) What do you imagine is the worst thing that can happen as a result of a drunk-driving collision?

After the students answer the questions, I will give a small overview (not the description up above) of what the film is about. You have to make sure that you tell the students that it can be disturbing and graphic.

After viewing exercise:

- 1) In groups of three, list at least 5 excuses you have heard, or can think of why someone would choose to drive after drinking. Write a response and offer an alternative to each excuse. Each group will write the information on a large sheet of paper and will present and read the list to the class.

After viewing questions: (For homework)

- 1) Now that you have seen the film, what do you think is the worst thing that can happen as a result of a drunk-driving collision and why? Answer in 2-3 sentences.
- 2) At the end of the film one of the teenagers interviewed seems willing to make destructive choices again. Why do you think he has that attitude? What would you say to him? What would you say to his parents? Answer in at least 6-7 sentences.

Criteria

- Answering the before and after viewing questions and meeting the sentence requirements for each
- Participation in the after viewing activity
- No spelling or grammatical errors