1. Watch the opening with the newspapers. How much would the college students be paid a day?

2. The students were asked why they wanted to participate in the study. The first three all had the same answer. What reason did the 4th gentleman give for coming in?

3. What role did the students say they would prefer? ____________________________

4. Why was the school almost empty?

5. What would the guards wear/use along with the uniform?

6. What crime is Daniel Culp arrested for? ____________________________

7. Daniel is told that he is now to be known only as Prison ____________ and he must refer to the guards as ____________________________

8. Why did Zimbardo put the prisoners in dresses?

9. What is Rule #2?

10. What Paul Newman movie is referenced when referring to their sunglasses?

11. It had only been 10 hours and there was already evidence of identity being lost. How did one prisoner sign his letter?
12. What is the nicknamed used for the correctional officer who is making them continually repeat their numbers?

13. Why do you think they had them repeat their numbers over and over?

14. What punishment was 8612 given?

15. Why does 819 end up in “The Hole”?

16. What is Zimbardo’s response to see footage of one prisoner being carried away?

17. How do the prisoners in Cell #1 retaliate against the guards?

18. What do the guards remove from Cell #2 and Cell #3?

19. What are the prisoners to use as their restroom?

20. How many years did Jesse Fletcher spend in prison? __________

21. What news do you learn at the beginning of Day 3?

22. How has the prisoners’ sense of time been thrown off?

23. You learn something about 2093 that helps one understand why he has been so obedient. What is it?

24. Why do they double up on security?

25. A professor stops by to pick up reading materials. What question did Zimbardo’s fellow professor, Jim, ask about the study?

26. What are the prisoners told to say repeatedly?

27. Why does 1037 want to be released?
28. Who begins to realize during 1037 parole hearing that something is wrong with this study?

29. Jesse also begins to question and doubt what they are doing. Finish his quote, “Back in that room I became ___________________ for so long. And I let it happen. And I __________________ You can’t possibly understand how that makes me feel.

30. What does Mike tell Zimbardo when Zimbardo asks, “What is happening here, Mike? Is this thing over?”

31. Why did 416 spend all day in “The Hole”?

32. According to Christina, who makes the boys afraid? ______________________

33. What book/movie do they want the prisoners to reenact? ______________________

34. Zimbardo did not receive any responses from the students when he said the experiment was over. He had to actually say, “The Stanford County Prison is now closed. You are free to leave.” Why do you think he had to say it this way?

35. The experiment was supposed to last for two weeks. Instead, it was terminated after ______ days.

36. “Extensive interviews conducted by the researches determined that none of the participants were ___________________ or suffered __________________ effects.”

37. As a result of the experiment, Dr. Philip Zimbardo shifted the focus of his work and dedicated himself to education others about the psychology of ______________ and the __________ of ____________. He continues to lecture on this subject around the world.

38. What does Daniel/8612 say when asked, “Why do you hate me?” by Chris/John Wayne?

39. One of the guards talked about how we don’t know how we would respond unless we are in that situation. Do you agree or disagree with his comment? Explain your answer.

40. Which scene or character stood out to you the most? Explain your answer.
1. Watch the opening with the newspapers. How much would the college students be paid a day? $15

2. The students were asked why they wanted to participate in the study. The first three all had the same answer. What reason did the 4th gentleman give for coming in? He was looking through the ads and it was the most interesting.

3. What role did the students say they would prefer? Prisoner

4. Why was the school almost empty? It was during the summer break.

5. What would the guards wear along with the uniform? Sunglasses and a nightstick. (You could share with your students how Zimbardo discusses in his TED Talk the effects of covering ones face can lead to committing more severe acts)

6. What crime is Daniel Culp arrested for? Armed robbery

7. Daniel is told that he is now to be known only as Prison ____8612____ and he must refer to the guards as _____Mr. Correctional Officer_____

8. Why did Zimbardo put the prisoners in dresses? He wanted to strip them of their individuality. Uniform and feminize them. Take away all of the things that make hem them.

9. What is Rule #2? Prisoners must eat at mealtime and only mealtime.

10. What Paul Newman movie is referenced when referring to their sunglasses? Cool Hand Luke

11. It had only been 10 hours and there was already evidence of identity being lost. How did one prisoner sign his letter? He signs it with his prison number-Prisoner 2093
12. What is the nicknamed used for the correctional officer who is making them continually repeat their numbers? John Wayne

13. Why do you think they had them repeat their numbers over and over? Answers will vary but will possibly discuss the need to let their new identity sink in.

14. What punishment was 8612 given? Time in “The Hole”/Solitary confinement

15. Why does 819 end up in “The Hole”? He called the correctional officer a fascist pig.

16. What is Zimbardo’s response to see footage of one prisoner being carried away? He wanted to keep it going and see how the guards handle it.

17. How do the prisoners in Cell #1 retaliate against the guards? They took off their caps, removed the numbers from their outfits, and blacked out their door.

18. What do the guards remove from Cell #2 and Cell #3? Their beds

19. What are the prisoners to use as their restroom? A bucket

20. How many years did Jesse Fletcher spend in prison? 17 years

21. What news do you learn at the beginning of Day 3? They let 8612 go home.

22. How has the prisoners sense of time been thrown off? They’ve had no sunlight or sleep.

23. You learn something about 2093 that helps one understand why he has been so obedient. What is it? He doesn’t have a home. He lives in his car. This experiment gives him a place to eat and sleep.

24. Why do they double up on security? They’re afraid 8612 is going to come back and try to break the other prisoners out.

25. A professor stops by to pick up reading materials. What question did Zimbardo’s fellow professor, Jim, ask about the study? What’s the independent variable in your experiment?

26. What are the prisoners told to say repeatedly? “Prisoner 819 did a bad thing.”

27. Why does 1037 want to be released? It is going to be his 23rd birthday and he would like to be able to spend one more birthday with his friends.
28. Who begins to realize during 1037 parole hearing that something is wrong with this study? Dr. Christina Maslach. They might not remember her name and say Zimbardo’s girlfriend. Christina will later become his wife.

29. Jesse also begins to question and doubt what they are doing. Finish his quote, “Back in that room I became everything I hated for so long. And I let it happen. And I enjoyed it. You can’t possibly understand how that makes me feel.

30. What does Mike tell Zimbardo when Zimbardo asks, “What is happening here, Mike? Is this thing over?” We have become part of this experiment whether we like it or not.” They might also add that he said it was no longer an experiment but a demonstration.

31. Why did 416 spend all day in “The Hole”? He would not eat his two breakfast sausages. (They could also put that he is refusing to follow the experiment because the guards were breaking the rules of the experiment.)

32. According to Christina, who makes the boys afraid? Zimbardo

33. What book/movie do they want the prisoners to reenact? Frankenstein

34. Zimbardo did not receive any responses from the students when he said the experiment was over. He had to actually say, “The Stanford County Prison is now closed. You are free to leave.” Why do you think he had to say it this way? Answers will vary but they will be along the line of the boys being so lost in the role-playing that it seemed real. They felt like they were real prisoners and guards.

35. The experiment was supposed to last for two weeks. Instead, it was terminated after __6__ days.

36. “Extensive interviews conducted by the researches determined that none of the participants were __permanently__ __harmed__ or suffered __long-term__ effects.”

37. As a result of the experiment, Dr. Philip Zimbardo shifted the focus of his work and dedicated himself to education others about the psychology of __authority__ and the __abuse__ of __power__. He continues to lecture on this subject around the world.


39. One of the guards talked about how we don’t know how we would respond unless we are in that situation. Do you agree or disagree with his comment? Explain your answer. Answers will vary.

40. Which scene or character stood out to you the most? Explain your answer. Answers will vary.