

Lesson Plan on Death Penalty at the Old Penitentiary

Objective: The objective of this lesson plan is to give students the opportunity to decide for themselves if the death penalties performed at the Old Idaho State Penitentiary were fair according to Idaho Standards now.

Procedure: After a tour of the Idaho State Penitentiary and a discussion on death penalties in Idaho, the students will break into 10 groups, a group will be assigned to each death penalty case at the Old Pen. Each group will research their inmate and put together a project that they will present to the class that will describe their view on whether or not the death penalty in that case was fair.

Assessment: The students will be assessed on the quality of their project as well as how they present it to their classmates. The students will be required to give valid reasons to back up their opinions. The students must not give their own personal opinion on death penalties but must try to analyze their inmate based on Idaho qualifications for capital punishment.

What They'll Need: Access to Internet, Information from Old Idaho Penitentiary on Inmate (Teacher will provide), anything students want to use for project (ex; project board, scissors, paper, glue, etc.)