

(The "I owe you"... for breaking the rules and taking up Coach Gorman's precious class time to be personally redirected.)

You received an **I owe you** in class today. *How sad!* Your daily grade will be entered as a **P** (pending the return of your amazing **I owe you**) until our next class. If you do not turn in an **I owe you** by that next class, the **P** will become a permanent **ZERO**.

To NOT get a zero, find a piece of loose-leaf, blank paper or stationery. In your **BEST HANDWRITING** (no typed letters will be accepted), craft your own incredible, heart-warming, stirring, uplifting, pleasing, sympathy inducing apology letter in an effort to redeem the zero that you received in class today.

Your letter **must be at least 5 (complete, properly punctuated) sentences long** to have your grade restored to a **50F**. Remember, spelling matters! If you go above and beyond that either in content or in effort put into it (nice paper/card, etc.) you will have the chance to earn additional points up to an **80+**.

START YOUR LETTER WITH:

Dear Coach Gorman,

I owe you an apology because I was...

- > shouting out in class today, without having been called on.
- > .talking with my friends during instruction, causing us both embarrassment and to not fully understand the activity
- > not listening well in class today, causing myself to not fully understand what we were doing.
- > not paying attention in class today, causing myself to not fully understand what we were doing.
- > not following the directions well, embarrassing myself when I was not able to fully participate. I know that I can always come and ask for clarification, if I **listened** but do not fully understand what was said.
- > being dumb/foolish in class today, embarrassing myself and possibly creating a situation where I could hurt myself or others.
- > causing problems in class today, keeping myself and my classmates from showing the Spartan Way
- > not doing my part in class today. I realize I could be more active and give more effort in the activity, making the class more fun for everyone.
- > Leaving the gym without permission today. I know that I need to let you know when I need to leave the classroom. Otherwise, how would you know where I am in an emergency?
- > for making you unhappy. I know you do not want to have to baby sit me and that I am responsible for my own behavior. After all, I am a (an) ____ grader.

CONTINUE WITH A SENSIBLE COMBINATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AND/OR FEEL FREE TO COME UP WITH SENTENCES ON YOUR OWN (they don't have to be perfect, but need to attempt to express your true contrition and understanding of what you will do better in the future)... AT LEAST **FIVE (5) SENTENCES**:

I already know that I can do better in the future and I am hoping to show you, starting today.

Please, don't give me a zero. My parents will kill me.

Can you give me another opportunity, please?

Can you please forgive me?

Please let me show you I can do better!

You are very _____ (positive descriptive adj).

I know you are trying to be fair and want us all to be respectful in class. I need to get on board and follow the rules.

My favorite thing about P.E. is _____.

I don't like zeros, and my parents don't either.

I don't like being a delinquent/troublemaker. I want to be known for leadership and _____.

I don't want to be known as a troublemaker. Next time I will _____.

Please give me a chance to change and to make decisions that will make my parents proud.

Thank you for reconsidering my grade.

FINISH WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Thank you for teaching me, I know that you want me to show how outstanding I can be.

Sincerely, _____ (your name) and class (ex. Michael Phelps, 8A)