



John Stamos, the 80's and Virtual Guests for Your Students

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A little bit about Todd

- 30th Year in Education
- K-12 Technology Coach
- Reigns from Indiana
- Teaches History of the 80s

"To get the story from that individual is the best way for students to understand."

-Todd Shriver

The History

- Getting a story from an individual is the best way for students to understand
- Started with a redesigned
- 9 year collaboration with [Mark Goodman](#), MTV VJ, the 1st class video conference
- "Who else can we get to speak to our students?" the question that allowed Todd to think of other possible future collaborations.

Guest Speakers

- Students developed investigative and communication skills
- Todd collaborates with many colleagues in regards to the virtual guests
- It's an opportunity to engage with people students may have heard of
- Prep students ahead of virtual guest calls
- Todd interviewed [US Olympic hockey](#) captain [Mike Eruzione](#)

- Todd interviewed [Malcolm Jamal Warner](#) from [The Cosby Show](#)
- Not every guest has to be virtual. In-person guests are fun, too.
- These are opportunities you do not get inside a textbook. The ultimate strategy to #DitchThatTextBook

I want a Guest

- Look at possible guests' websites for contact information ([Example](#))
- It is meaningful for the guests, too, to share their stories and experiences with others
- Connecting the academic learning with life experiences makes learner deeper
- Reach for your big, dream guests. You never know who might say "yes."

Special Guests

- Todd interviewed [Kevin Smokler](#) about 80s movies
- [John Stamos](#) from [Full House](#) full [interview](#)
- Todd and colleague Leander Hoover combine their unique skills to ask great questions
- [Ladama](#)
- [Dusty 45s](#)
- [Dee Snider](#)

Related posts on the Ditch That Textbook blog:

- [13 ways to connect music and lyrics to class](#)
- [Classroom video calls. You can do this. Here's how.](#)
- [An Educator's Guide to Podcasting Beyond the Classroom](#)
- [20 Video Project Ideas to Engage Students](#)

Resources:

- [YouTube playlist of interviews](#)
- [Teacher's Guides and Analysis Tool | Getting Started with Primary Sources | Teachers | Programs](#)
- [Malcolm-Jamal Warner Website](#)
- [Kevin Smokler Website](#)
- [Ladama Website](#)