

Course on skepticism (using Mythbusters)

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After watching a number of episodes in class, some of my high school physics students have expressed interest in creating a "Mythbusters" club. It seems to me to be a very good idea, as it would encourage skeptical thinking (in the positive sense of the term, and not in the derogatory way that non-scientists use the word "skeptic".)

In terms of books and articles that we can use, I already am familiar with CSICOP and its "Skeptical Inquirer", and the Skeptic Society and its Skeptic magazine. At some point we probably would try to "Bust a myth" ourselves, in the method of Mythbusters (of course, only with proper safety precautions!) But it seems that we might be able to test some physics myths. Any suggestions for something that might be doable on a limited budget?

(Perhaps we may investigate some claims regarding "alternative" medicine...)

Do you know of anyone who has had any experience in creating a similar sort of club for high school students?

Thanks for your suggestions,

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