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*Werfel, Czech-born poet, playwright, and novelist, whose central themes were religious faith, heroism, and human brotherhood. Class Reunion begins: The examining magistrate, Dr. Ernst Sebastian, extinguished his half-smoked cigar.*

Please help me spread information on good literature. Friday, 27 March Book Review: Czech Republic , in September Early he discovered his love for writing and in his first volume of poetry, *Der Weltfreund* *The Philanthropist* , was released. In he moved to Leipzig, Germany, to work as an editor for a new publisher until he was called up to serve in the Austro-Hungarian army in The most important among them are Verdi. Novel of the Opera Verdi. Since he was a Jewish author his books were soon banned by the Nazi regime and in the German annexation of Austria forced him into exile. Accompanied by his wife Juliette and his teenage son Stephan the Armenian scholar Gabriel Bagradian travels from Paris to Istanbul to settle the affairs of the thriving family business. Then war is declared in Europe and as Ottoman citizens Gabriel Bagradian “ who always refused to apply for naturalisation in France ” and his France-born family are now enemies of the French nation which prevents them from returning to their home in Paris. Like most people they believe, though, that the war will be over soon and until then they intend to live in the old country house of the Bagradians in the Armenian village of Yoghonoluk where Gabriel was born and passed his early childhood. Before long it startles him that neither he, a highly decorated reserve officer of the Ottoman army, nor any other Armenian is called to the weapons. Gabriel Bagradian makes enquiries and realises that the authorities prepare another atrocious blow against Armenians. His fears are confirmed by Protestant pastor Aram Tomasian, his pregnant wife Hovsannah, his younger sister Iskuhi, and two feeble-minded followers who turn up more dead than alive in Yoghonoluk. Weeks later the deportation order for Yoghonoluk and the other villages arrives and the time of Gabriel Bagradian has come. He convinces the major part of the villagers to join him in his fight on the Musa Dagh instead of going into a miserable death from exhaustion or hunger in road ditches or from the hands of their armed guards and of marauders looking for material as well as human booty. On the mountain plateau the desperate, though successful fight against by far superior Ottoman forces and limited resources begins under military leadership of Gabriel Bagradian. It lasts for forty days until British-French cruisers rescue the defenders. Although *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh* is based on the true story of the people of Yoghonoluk and the neighbouring villages, it is only the fictional account of historical events of which Franz Werfel first heard during his travel to the Middle East in , thus fifteen years later. The author certainly performed thorough research before setting out to write his monumental novel of over pages from the point of view of an omniscient third-person narrator. In his novel Franz Werfel also evokes the situation of European Jews in the early twentieth century to a certain degree and the events in Eastern Anatolia seem to foreshadow the holocaust which was to come only after the book was published in , the year when Adolf Hitler seized power in Germany. Another striking parallel is that the Armenians of the novel are hated less for their Christian religion than for the assumed prosperity and financial power of their merchants, artisans and scholars. Maybe a new generation of Turkish politicians will have the courage to see things as they actually were. Luckily, a revised English edition including all the passages that seem to have been omitted in the first translation of has come out in If you can get a copy, I warmly recommend you to read it.

### Chapter 3 : Editions of Der Abituriententag by Franz Werfel

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## Chapter 4 : Class Reunion - Wikidata

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Along with reminiscing about the past, they also help rekindle many friendships and create long lasting bonds. In this article, we are going to go over some of the most popular class reunion activities and games so you can create a memorable weekend. Host a cocktail hour at the hotel that you reserved a block of rooms or at a local high school restaurant. Start the cocktail hour with some icebreakers. Class Reunion Ice Breakers Ice breakers are very important for any class reunion. Help start conversations with some of the following: Jog That Memory Have someone in the class reunion activities committee create a slide show of photos of events that defined your graduating decade. You can take anything from world news, local news, area festivals, local haunts, and anything else that will get people into the mindset of the decade that you graduated in. Play the slideshow with your laptop and project the images onto a screen. Ask classmates to identify the image. Reward each correct answer with extra drink tickets. Team Jeopardy Split the group into several teams and play Jeopardy ask questions that apply to your high school or college. Melody Match Play a tune for seconds and the first person that identifies the name of the song and the artist gets a free drink coupon. Make sure the songs are from around the time that you graduated. You can do this activity individually or in groups recommended. Name Tag Hunt You can play this ice breaker only if you have photos of classmates on the name tags Recommended. As people enter the cocktail hour, let them pick up one random name tag at the entrance The name tags should be faced down. Tell them that they have to find the person that the name tag belongs to. This exercise is a good way to increase familiarity with one person right from the start. Saturday Activities Saturday is the big day for all the activities and games. Many class reunions make the mistake of not adding any daytime activities and they miss a great chance for more people to connect. If things have changed in your city since you graduated, then take a tour downtown. If your school is hosting a football game Many high school and most college games occur on Saturday , then buy tickets in advance and make it part of the class reunion festivities. Ask everyone to wear the class reunion T-shirts and name tags so people at the game can identify their alumni. Add a charity golf tournament and have people play in groups. The proceeds can go to a local charity. Tour your old school on a weekend and see if your old locker still exists. You can also have everyone gather together at the auditorium like you used to and have the principal give a talk. Saturday night is generally reserved for the main class reunion banquet. Rather than filling up the entire evening with activities and games, provide one or two of the following and then let classmates mingle, dance, chat, and eat to their hearts content. Show some of the moves that were popular during your time and encourage everyone to join in. Speeches Do you have any teachers attending your class reunion? Let them give a short speech about your graduation class. Teachers and principals can contribute some very funny stories that you may not know about during your school years. Slideshow The slide show is a popular mainstay of most class reunion banquets. Make these slideshows exciting by adding your own captions to the photos. Grab photos from the past, current photos, school photos and group photos and put together a collage that you can present right before dinner. Make sure to include photos of graduation, the prom and any other significant event High school championship games etc. Bowling Bowling is truly American and is great fun at any class reunion. Right after the banquet, head on over to the local bowling alley Preferably the one that your classmates used when they were younger , and host a tournament. No worries, just talk to the bowling alley and they can help set up the entire tournament for you. All you have to do is show up with the class. Group Photos In your class reunion planning phase, ask classmates to send in some group photos from graduation, the prom, a sporting event or from a regular day at school. The important thing is to make sure you know who everyone is in the picture. When your classmates have arrived, try to get the same people to provide the very same pose for a new picture, only XX years later. Memories Uncut During the banquet, randomly select people one at a time and have them answer the following questions: What was your funniest memory? Who was your favorite teacher? Who did you have a crush on in high school but never had the guts to ask out? What was the biggest

trouble you got into during your years in school? Select the funniest answers and post them on the class reunion website. Alternately, you could announce the results after the class reunion banquet. Instead of a breakfast, consider setting up a brunch to maximize attendance. An alternative is to set up a class reunion picnic where people hang out one more time before everyone heads home. Consider bringing some frisbees, a volleyball, and other sports gear to keep people active. Now that you have a list of activities and games to select from, keep the following tips in mind before you start setting them up. The activities and games should result in people thinking about their past, their years in school, forgotten crushes, and old rivalries. You should schedule a few activities and games throughout the weekend that get people to talk to one another. Anything more would be to start thinking about the past. With the class reunion activities and games above, you will play a key role in helping classmates relive their past and create new memories. What should you read next? Planning a class reunion? Download our free class reunion planning guide and learn how to save thousands.

## Chapter 5 : Exciting Class Reunion Games to Make the Occasion More Special

*Get this from a library! Class reunion.. [Franz Werfel; Whittaker Chambers] -- Viennese magistrate misidentifies a prisoner charged with a particularly unsavory murder.*

Jul 9, The Best Class Reunion and Party Ideas Class reunions are a great way to catch up with old friends, relive old memories and enjoy a night of fun experiences with people you have known for many, many years. Whether your class reunion celebrates five years or fifty, the tips we have compiled below will make certain that your class reunion will be one for the ages. Class Reunion Decorating Ideas When decorating for your class reunion, utilizing your school colors is an absolute must. The following items should incorporate your school spirit, colors, mascot and motto as much as possible. Custom tablecloths, napkins, plastic ware, plates, drinking glasses, etc. Wall Art Incorporate items like old school photos, class photos, school pennants, sports memorabilia, class year banners, school motto banners, school logos, etc. Balloon Arches Balloons should be hung in the shape of an arch, alternating school colors for effect. Centerpieces Flowers in school colors are a good option for center displays. Inflated Helium Balloons These should be placed around the venue to keep school spirit alive. Confetti It comes in many shapes and sizes, some of which include graduation-shaped confetti, school colors, etc. Mascot Try to get your old mascot in on the fun! Class Reunion Party Games and Activities All class reunion parties and class reunion events need entertainment like party games and activities. Break the ice after all of those years or pick up right where you left off with some of these class reunion party game and activity ideas. Photo Slideshow Have everyone who is planning on attending and even those who cannot be there send in scanned copies of their favorite photographed memories from school. Combine them digitally into a slideshow and have that slideshow projected onto one of the walls at the class reunion event. A Year In History Make a list of all of the significant school, local, national and worldwide news that occurred during the graduation year being celebrated so that everyone in attendance can recall the most momentous of newsworthy occasions. Imitations Guests use imitation because it is the sincerest form of flattery, after all to mimic teachers, instructors, principals, deans, coaches and more, with the rest of the guests trying to guess who they are pretending to be. Guess the Top 10 Have your class reunion party guests guess the top 10 movies, television programs, singers, bands or other entertainment-based options from the graduation year, and hand out prizes to the most successful guess lists. Comparing Yearbooks Many people had their yearbooks signed in school, and many of them still keep them today. If you can find people that still have their yearbooks handy, have them bring those books along to compare and share old signatures, old hopes and dreams and plenty of old memories. Have each guest attempt to match the song titles to the appropriate artists. Class Reunion Party Favors Party favors are perfect for helping guests remember any event, and, to stand out from all the rest, your class reunion party favors need to be unique and exciting at the same time. Try some of these unique and school spirit-filled class reunion party favors that will be just that. Ordering one alumni item per guest would be a great way to not only commemorate the reunion, but also give each attendee something that allows them to celebrate their time in school. Monogrammed Items Plenty of gift companies offer monogrammed items that are perfect for personalization. Wrap and glue them around pencil holders, put them in picture frames, shrink them down and turn them into magnets or find some other creative use, and turn everyday items into class reunion party memorabilia in a heartbeat. Flat-Backed Logo Marbles Marbles can be purchased at any craft store. Purchase plenty of flat-backed marbles, print out pages of size-appropriate school logos and secure them to the backs of the marbles to create unique paperweights and decorative items. Bookmarks and Key Chains Monogrammed or printed bookmarks and key chains are useful everyday items that can be personalized, allowing users to remember the fun they had at their class reunion party for years and years to come. Class Reunion Menu Options You have a variety of choices when it comes to menu and dining style for your class reunion party. Speak with your caterer to decide what would be most appropriate for your event, selecting from a variety of food service options based on your venue, the formality of your reunion, your guests and your budget. Here are some ideas:

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*Prologue: An essay upon the meaning of imperial Austria. Poor people (Kleine verhältnisse) Class reunion (Abituriententag) Estrangement (Die entfremdung).*

Check new design of our homepage! Try some interesting games for the reunion party that will enliven the atmosphere and make your class reunion truly memorable. PartyJoys Staff Last Updated: Mar 26, Meeting up with good old friends and classmates is the main aim of arranging class reunions. But not everyone may reminisce about the past and get all chatty. Some of them would clam up. After years of little or no contact, breaking the ice with fellow mates can be difficult. For everyone to mingle, and get over their initial apprehension, a little fun and games is definitely helpful. Deciding a theme for the party is a good way to perk things up. Ask the participants to dress according to the theme. Here, I have suggested a few games that you can easily arrange at your class reunion. These games do not require extensive planning or props, and are not physically demanding either. An added advantage of class reunion games is that they not only bring back old memories but also create new ones that can be cherished in the future. Games For Class Reunion Classmate in the Hat You can write the names of all the classmates on chits and drop them in a hat. Each person has to pick up a chit and not read the name aloud. The idea is to get others guess the name by dropping hints about that person. Some secrets or typical traits that are associated with the person could be revealed. The main aim of this game is to see how well the classmates know each other. The organizer should ensure that the description or hinting is done in jest, and everyone walks out of the reunion feeling happy. Then, the group has to decide one thing that is common to everyone. Now the person who has left is called. Each person will answer according to their choice, and the person who is guessing will have to judge the answer. A little preparation is required for this game. The person who has the maximum number will get pet treats. The next would be how many vacations have you had? The person who has had the most would get a beach bucket with a shovel. Got the idea, you have to be innovative, and the prizes have to be really unique at the same time a little humorous too. Mimicking Teachers Back in school, each and every person must have had a secret or an open crush. Most would have hid their feelings, whereas, a few brave souls would have gone a step ahead and tried to woo their crushes. Share your stories and experiences, and award a special prize to the person who is chosen as the worst wooer of all in a good way, of course. Spot the Photo 10 - 20 years is long enough to transform young and wannabe machos into potbellied, graying men. Get a collection of class photographs from your yearbook. Group them together and let people try to recognize the faces in the photos. Slam book Fun Filling each others slam books, yearbooks, etc. At that time, all of us end up writing about our career goals, ambitions, dreams, etc. In most cases, where life takes us and what actually transpires is something totally different. You could award special gifts to people who achieved what they said they would, as well as those who initially wanted to become doctors but ended up becoming stand-up comedians. Try and recreate the same age-old magic by enacting or performing it at your reunion. Revive those good old memories and go back in time. Though this is not a game in the true sense, but it will ensure that old friends get together and have a great time. Common Games Of course you can also incorporate some common party games for class reunions, such as charades, spin the bottle, karaoke contest, etc. Playing truth or dare at class reunions almost always leads to the unraveling of hidden secrets most of them related to class romance! Everyone would love and appreciate the idea. Although not a game, yet this can just spark up the event.

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