Transcript of SoulPancake’s (2017) video, “If You’ve Never Heard of the ‘Homework Gap’ This Video Will Shock You.”

Captain Team A: Three, two, seven, nine

Announcer: That is correct

Student Team B: How do they know this? Are you kidding me?

*Soulpancake + Sprint invited 8 high school students to compete in an academic challenge in front of their moms. The two teams were separated by a curtain*

Announcer: Welcome to today’s academic challenge. You may only use what’s on your table. There will be three rounds, and the questions will get harder.

*Round 1*

Announcer: What is the largest animal living today?

Announcer: Team A?

Captain Team A: Blue Whale

Announcer: Team B?

Captain Team B: Blue Whale

Announcer: That is correct

Mom: Good job, guys.

Announcer: What is the square root of 144?

Captain Team A: 12

Captain Team B: 12

Announcer: Correct again

Student from Team A: Jenny, you know this. Go Jenny!

Captain Team A: India

Captain Team B: India

Captain Team B: Neil Armstrong

Captain Team A: Neil Armstrong

Both Teams together: William Shakespeare

Announcer: Correct. We are tied.

Student Team A: Okay, stay focused

Mother in audience: Team B! Team B!

*Round 2*

Announcer: For round two, we’re going to give both teams, some additional resources.

*Team A is given laptops and tablets, while Team B is given books and calculators. Each team is unaware that other team is not getting the same resources*

Student from Team B: Okay. Facts of 2017. Wow.
Announcer: Who was the first president to live in the white house?

Captain Team A: John Adams

Announcer: That is correct

Student Team B: Oh my God, bro.

Moms of Team B: Come on!

Announcer: What does the acronym, LCD, stand for?

Mom: Wow!

Another Mom: He can do this one.

Captain Team A: Liquid crystal display

Announcer: Correct

Student from Team B: How do they know this??

Student from Team B: Go with it. Just go with it.

Mom in audience: Come on, come on, come on.

Captain Team A: Saragossa sea

Student from Team B: What?

Announcer: That’s correct.

Captain Team A: Eight minutes and 20 seconds

Announcer: Correct

Captain Team A: Samuel Morse

Announcer: Correct

Captain Team A: Denver, Colorado; Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Announcer: That is correct. Let’s pull back the curtain.

*Curtain pulled back to reveal the two teams and their resources to one another*

Student from Team B: Are you kidding me? That is so not cool. I’m offended that they had such an unfair advantage.

Student from Team B: It was way too fast.

Announcer: Please have your team captain open the envelope on the table.

Captain Team A: 70% of teachers assign homework, requiring access to the internet, and yet five million households with school aged children do not have high speed internet service at home. That just puts five million other people at a disadvantage with is not okay.

Captain Team B: Nearly 50% of students say they have been unable to complete a homework assignment because they did not have access to the internet or a computer.

Mom Team B: It just broke my heart because I didn’t know that the percentage was so high. Everything he does is on the computer. So if he didn’t have access to that, he wouldn’t have a chance.

Mom Team A: Someone may not be pulling the grade, not because they’re not smart, they just don’t have access to what all the other kids have.