**Item #3: Throw Down the Gauntlet**

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**Category: Language and Idioms**

**What I Already Know About This Item:**

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**(For this slide you should be writing down 3 things: name of allusion, background information, how it is used today.)**

In the days of knighthood and chivalry, if a knight wanted to challenge another knight to a duel, he would throw down his heavy glove, or “gauntlet.” If the challenged knight picked up the gauntlet, this indicated that he had accepted the challenge.

“Throwing down the gauntlet” refers to *issuing a challenge*, especially issuing that challenge in a *dramatic manner*.

**(For this slide you should be writing down 2 things: 1 given example and 1 original example.)**

**Examples:** (copy ONE)

**Karen and Amy, both sprinters, argued continuously about who would do better at longer distances. Finally, Amy threw down the gauntlet and challenged Karen to a two-mile race.**

**Our parents threw down the gauntlet, offering fifty dollars to any of us who could go an entire week without watching television or playing video games.**

**My Own Original Example:** (write ONE)