



~ Scholarly Articles ~

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Young Journalists of Indian River
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The Young Journalist is a high-quality after school academic enrichment program offered to third, fourth and fifth graders, where students are mentored on how to become journalists.

The foundation of The Young Journalist program is expository writing. There has been little research on writing – and practically none of it has focused on teaching students how to write sentences. Difficulty understanding how to write sentences can be a major obstacle to comprehension.

Education research data shows that reading at age seven was a key factor in determining whether these students went on to get a high-income job. That they went on to have better housing and more professional roles in adulthood.

The Young Journalist inaugural class began in 2018, at the Glendale elementary school, with six students, which quickly received recognition from The Society of Professional Journalists, the oldest organization representing journalists in the United States, established on April 17, 1909.

Since its' inaugural class in 2018, by 2022-2023, the Program has expanded from one to 12 elementary schools mentoring, since 2018, over 300 students.

The mission of The Young Journalist is to nurture intellectual curiosity and instill a lifelong love of reading and writing by mentoring third, fourth and fifth graders in the publication of their very own “scholarly” articles. It is to have students understand that without curiosity there would be no journalism and that journalism is a form of writing that tells people about things that really happened, that they may not already know about.

Our mentors teach the “tools” of journalism: email, online research, copying and pasting in Word, citing sources, downloading publishable images, creating a news broadcast, proper sentence structure, paraphrasing, grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and most importantly, conceptualizing how the research will become a published article. The students read out loud biographies of journalists such as Marjory Stoneman Douglas, E.B. White, Gwen Ifill, Hunter Thompson, and Richard Engel, to inspire them. This also educates them in journalism’s many styles and helps them build a rich and expansive vocabulary, which enhances their writing.

Using an innovative journalism curriculum, the Young Journalist mentors help grow writers, and through their writing help grow readers. It emphasizes reading to support writing and writing to support reading. Reading, be it through research or absorbing other journalist’s writings, and each other’s writings, supports further writing.



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

By Isabella Vega

Ballet got its start in the noble court in Italy in the 15th century. The nobility participated in events that had dancing and music. Dancing masters taught special dance steps to them and then they participated in the dances.



In the 16th century, Cathryne de Medici, an Italian noblewoman, wife of King Henry the II of France began to give money to ballet. Ballet became a part of her festivals where dance decor, music and poetry were used. King Louis XIV was a dancer and performed many roles himself. His love for ballet helped make it professional. It was no longer a past time, but something dancers trained for.

A dance academy opened in Paris by 1661. Ballet moved from the courts to the stage in 1681. By the mid 1700's ballet was its own kind of dance. Ballerinas started dancing on the tips of their toes in the 1900's. They also began wearing the tutu, a calf length, full skirt made of

tulle.

Ballet became popular in Russia during the second half of the 19th century. *The Nutcracker*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Swan Lake* came from the Russian Ballet. Also, the tutu was changed. The new tutu was much shorter and stiffer than the first tutu. The shorter tutu was created to reveal a ballerina's legs and the difficulty of her movements and footwork.



What we see as ballet today took many years and many people to get where it is right now.

Source: Pittsburg theater/pbt.org



This is Taylor!

By Jasmine Borg

Taylor Swift is an American songwriter. She is 32 years old and was born on December 13, 1989.

Taylor's first song was *Lucky You* when she was 12 years old.

Taylor's biggest album is *Reputation* made five years ago, which would have made her 27 years old at that time. You might wonder when she started writing songs. She was at a basketball game. She took out her guitar and started writing songs right then and there. Taylor Swift is very successful. She is worth \$450 million.

Facts about Taylor that you might not know:

- She won 11 Grammy awards
- She is named after James Taylor
- She is a former Abercrombie model
- She gave Eric Church her first gold record
- Her IQ is 160
- Her height is 5'11"
- She acted in *Hannah Montana*, *Cats*, *Miss American*, *The Giver*, *Amsterdam*, *The Jonas Brothers*, and *Valentine's Day*.
- She writes songs, but she has also written poems.

Here is the first stanza of one of her poem:



The Trick Holding Me On

Let go of the ones that hurt you.
Let go of the ones that outgrow you.
Let go of the words that hurl you
Way out the door.

Taylor Swift is an amazing songwriter, writing over 54 songs. Over 400 million people LOVE her. All of this is a lot for a girl like her, like who? Taylor Swift!

Recently, Ticketmaster was unable to process orders for Taylor Swift's upcoming tour leaving millions of fans unable to buy tickets or without their ticket even after purchase. Heavy demand snarled the ticketing site, infuriating fans who couldn't snag tickets.

Fairlawn Elementary



Cupcakes

By Annamarie Towerton



For today, we will look at cupcake fun facts.

Cupcake Fun Facts: Cupcakes have been around since the late 1700's. The first mention of the cupcake can be traced as far back as 1796, when a recipe notation of "a cake to be baked in small cups" was written in *American Cookery* by Amelia Simms.

- Cupcakes were originally called "Number Cakes" or "1234 Cakes" because it was an easy way to remember portions...One cup of butter, two cups of sugar, three cups of flour, four eggs, one cup of milk, and one spoonful of soda.
- Original cupcake recipes were not frosted, and usually were usually just flavored with spices or dried fruit.

Did you know that cupcakes got their name from the fact that the first cupcake ever made was made in a cup and that it was measured in a cup?

The fifteenth of December is national cupcake day.

Cupcakes are in the list of best desserts in the world. There made from 10 or more ingredients. Cupcakes are 25/100 healthy for you. I love cupcakes and so should you. There are many different types of cupcakes: chocolate strawberry vanilla.

Some people say eat a cupcake a day keep the doctor away. Did you know there is Taki, liquorish, and cookie dough flavored ice cream? Cupcakes are mostly made from flower.

Imagine Having 11 French Bull Dogs.

By Aubrie Thompson



The reason I love dogs so much is because of my hairdresser. She has ten to eleven French bull dogs.

The French Bulldogs appeared in Paris in the mid-nineteenth century, apparently the result of cross-breeding of Toy Bulldogs imported from England and local Parisian ratters. A ratter is any dog used for catching and killing rats and similar vermin.

According to Wikipedia, "In the early 20th century, the breed remained in vogue for high society, with dogs changing hands for up to \$3,000 and being owned by members of influential families such as the Rockefellers and the J. P. Morgan's."

The American Kennel Club recognized the breed quickly after the breed club was formed, and by 1906 the French Bulldog was the fifth most popular dog breed in America. In 2013, the American Kennel Club (AKC) ranked the French Bulldog as the 10th most popular breed in the United States, enjoying a sharp rise in popularity from 54th place a decade before, in 2003. By 2014, they had moved up to become the ninth most popular AKC registered dog breed in the US and by the 2017 they were the fourth most popular."

There are so many breeds of French bull dogs. 14 breeds to be exact, and so many colors.

Different breeds include (hepper.com):

1. Pied French Bulldog
2. Lilac French Bulldog
3. Fawn French Bulldog
4. Brindle French Bulldog
5. Tiger Brindle French Bulldog
6. White French Bulldog
7. Pure Black Bulldog
8. Cream French Bulldog
9. Chocolate French Bulldog
10. Sable French Bulldog
11. Blue Sable French Bulldog
12. Merle French Bulldog
13. Blue French Bulldog
14. Isabella French Bulldog

According to wtfenchie.com, “Color variations and patterns have little or no significance on these little frog-dog’s personalities... here are the most common colors of French Bulldogs!”

Brindle Frenchie

With a coat that predominantly features a dark color with a few lighter colored hairs, Brindle Frenchie’s are easily discernible. Brindling – that lighter coloring, varies from very lighter or sometime nearly non-existent black brindle (Seal Brindle) to extremely heavy or what’s commonly referred to as Tiger Brindle. There may be patches of white hairs of visibly varying sizes or none.



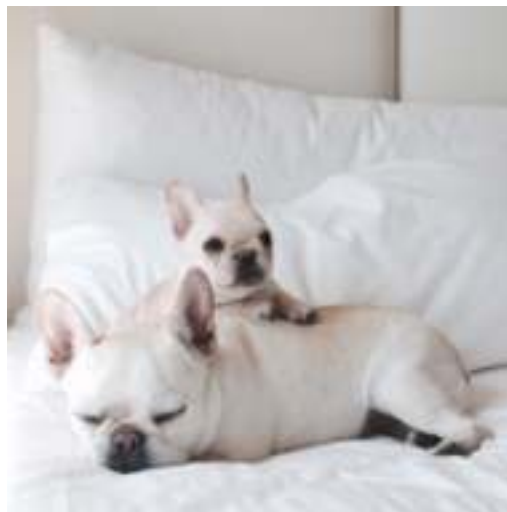
Pied Frenchies

French bulldogs come in various colors including the loved Brindle, and then there's the dappled coat colors. Pied means that it is white or eggshell colored skin with few to many patches of a dark color. This means that most pied French Bulldogs are white in color with a darker color. You will notice that pied is a straight opposite of Brindle.



Other colors and color patterns:

Cream – a uniform eggshell color with no single patch on any part of its body. Normally, cream colored French Bulldogs have a “white” colored coat and distinctively different from fawn coats.



Fawn – Frenchie’s with such a coat can be subtly tan in color to extremely reddish tan and everything in between. Fawn means that there’s no patch and the coat color is uniform all through. Those regions around the head and ears are a bit darker than the rest of the body’s color.



Blue-fawn – it is a blue-colored variation that’s hard to come by as the blue hue becomes more apparent in the masking points including the face and the upper body. Such a rare breed is highly beautiful, but exceedingly rare.



Blue Brindles – with a little chocolate touch, blue-brindles are the exact opposite of blue-fawn.



Chocolate – yet another rare Frenchie color that ranges from light milk chocolate brown to somewhat dark brown with various gorgeous eye colors. Some of them can have no patches while the other ones can feature small to large patches.



Black – Frenchie’s whose coat color has no patches or brindles apart from a white blaze at the distinct part of the body.

Be sure to carefully examine the potential costs associated with the breed if you have any interest in a Frenchie yourself. Not only is the initial cost expensive, but the upkeep can also run up vet bills throughout their lifespan. Health aside, these are remarkable dogs, deserving recognition.



I Showed a Hampshire Pig, and Her Name is Hope to Win.

By Daniella Medina

The Hampshire pig is originally from England. They are the most remarkable breed; they are an excellent show breed. They are mostly black with a white stripe. They are mostly for meat and characterized by erect ears, a black body, and a white band around the middle, covering the front legs.

The American National Swine Registry notes this as the fourth "most-recorded breed" of pig raised as livestock in the United States, and probably the oldest American breed of hog.



You can sell them at the fair for many dollars a pound. I sold one for forty (\$40.00) a pound and you can win a lot of prizes. I have never won showing a pig, but this year I will. There are a lot of breeds of swine, but I love Hampshire's and that is all I know about Hampshire's.

MARGAY'S CUTENESS AND GENETICS!

By Donald Nixon

Have you ever heard of Margays?

Margays live in the south and are mostly found in rainforests. Margays were hunted illegally for the wildlife trade. Margays are nocturnal which means they sleep in the day and hunt at night.

Margays live from Mexico in the north all the way south to northern Argentina. Margays also live in rainforests. Margays used to be found in Texas but have been hunted out all the way to southern Mexico. They prefer to live in damp areas.

According to Margay - Facts, Diet, Habitat & Pictures on Animalia.bio, "The margay is a small cat, somewhat bigger than a large domestic cat, its coat varying in color from grayish brown to tawny yellow and marked with rows of open rosettes and dark spots.

Its head, neck, and throat have black lines, and behind the ears, they are black with a white spot in the center. The cat's fur is relatively soft and thick, and, unusually, grows "in reverse" on the back of its neck, instead, slanting forwards. This animal has much individual variation in its beautiful coat pattern. Males and females are similar in size and appearance."



A margay eats birds, bird eggs, small mammals, reptiles, and fruit.

Keeping a Margay in captivity is not only illegal, but it is also dangerous to the health and well-being of its caretaker and family. Wild animals like Margay can harbor certain diseases that can be transmitted to humans, and vice versa.

"People don't recognize the risks of keeping wildlife as pets until the person finds out the possible diseases that can be transmitted by wild animals. A lot of knowledge and expensive

care is required to keep wildlife healthy and avoid disease transmission,” according to Dr. Isabelle Paquet-Durand, CEO, and founder of The Belize Wildlife Foundation.

Of all the felines, the Margay is most adapted for a true arboreal (living in trees) life. It is the only cat to possess the ability to rotate its hind legs 180°, enabling it to run headfirst down trees like squirrels.

Margays have a shorter head, larger eyes, and longer tail in relation to its body size compared to those of an ocelot. Margays are arboreal carnivores whereas ocelots could be arboreal as well as terrestrial; accordingly, the habitat of margay is always dense forests while ocelot is found in forests as well as in grasslands.



THE SHORKIE POO

By Donald Nixon

The Shorkie-Poo is a cross between a Shorkie and a Miniature or Toy Poodle. Although a mixed-breed dog can inherit any combination of traits from their parent breeds, a Shorkie-Poo is a well-balanced, low-shedding family companion that is intelligent, loving, and playful.

A fully-grown Shorkie-Poo usually stands 6-14 inches tall and weighs 7-15 pounds. Shorkie-Poos generally live for 12-15 years on average. Because a Shorkie-Poo is a cross between a designer breed and a purebred dog, they will have bloodlines from a Shih Tzu, Yorkshire Terrier, and Poodle.



Since Shorkie Poos are small dogs, their food should be formulated for small dogs. It's advisable to give them a well-balanced and high-quality diet of dry food with high-grade ingredients. Their kibble should also have a high percentage of lean meat and is packed with essential vitamins and minerals.



Yorkies can have floor-length coats. The American Kennel Club's "breed standard" maintains that the coat must be straight, down to the ground, and not "impede movement" of the dog while walking.



The Chinese have described their head shapes as "owl head" and "lion head" and their mouth as "frog mouth." They have a soft and long double coat that will tangle and mat easily if not brushed at least every 2 or 3 days.



Although it is the national dog of France, the Poodle actually originated in Germany. The breed's name comes from the German word, "pudel" or "pudelin," which means "to splash in the water."

Their hair grows but won't fall off seasonally. Their coats can be long and silky like a Shih Tzu or Yorkie or curly like a Poodle, So, they still require a trip to the grooming salon.

Regular brushing is also recommended to avoid tangles and help keep the fur shiny. A Shorkie-Poo could end up with a short or a longer coat that ranges from curly to silky. Regardless of coat type, it will be low shedding, require daily brushing to remove tangles, the occasional bath, and a trip to the groomer every 4-6 weeks to maintain the clip.



One of the Rarest Horses

By Gabriella Medina

In the beginning horses were just wild animals. Some horses were hunted for meat and for their beautiful shiny coats. Some of their coats were used for cloth, tools, and even tents.

It took a while before people began to tame them. Horses originally came from North America. Some common horse coats are bay, black, chestnut, brown, dun, buckskin, palomino, gray, roan, and appaloosa. Rare horse coats are brindle, silver dapple, cremello, albino, and flaxen chestnut.

You are probably wondering how many horse breeds there are. There are thought to well be over 350 breeds of horse in existence around the globe today.

My favorite horse is a blue roan horse.



Blue roans are one of the rarest horses. According to Joyful Equestrian, “There are few sights more breathtaking and stunning to see than a blue roan horse. A beautiful animal with a coat that appears almost blue, there is little wonder that in times gone by, they were once considered mythical animals.”

They are herbivores' which means they get their energy from eating plants, and only plants. Omnivores can also eat parts of plants, but generally only the fruits and vegetables produced by fruit-bearing plants. Many herbivores have special digestive systems that let them digest all kinds of plants, including grasses.

They also like to eat peppermints, sugar cubes, and ice. They need lots of exercise, so you basically need to ride them almost every day.

But before you ride them you need to gear them up. So, first you need a saddle, a bridle, a settle pad, and a lead rope. What you will need is a pair of jeans, boots, a helmet, and a shirt for cool or hot weather. Make sure you have a parent assist you now that you are ready to ride. If your horse is feeling ill, make sure to give them the right medicine.

Lastly, as you can tell, I just love horses. The best horse for children is a quarter horse because they are gentle kind loving horses. I have a quarter horse and I love him very much.



Quarter horses have a heart for children. They can feel when you are sad, mad happy, frustrated, and scared. They are more comforting for kids, as they are kid-friendly horses. They are mainly known for running quarter of a mile races, which is where their name come from.

You can also do many competitive sports with them, like barrel racing competitions and cattle roping. My cousin does barrel racing with her horse patches. Extra information: baby horses. If they are a boy, they are called a colt and girls are called fillies.



Barrel racing

Here are some pictures of the Blue roan horses. Aren't they magnificent?



Many Ways to Not Get Bored

By James Cadet

Boredom is quite common in life. Imagine this: you are at home alone with no phone or computer. What do you do?

Simple answer is to have fun, but what fun do you want to do. Well, I am going to tell you about some good fun so let's get started.



Outside fun

Outside fun is popular when it comes to boredom. Here are three fun things to do!

1. Tag

Tag requires at least two people to play. The goal is to run from the tagger but if you are the tagger then your goal is to tag him and then it repeats.

2. Freeze tag

Freeze tag is different but somewhat the same. If you are the tagger, then your goal is to tag everyone but if you are the runner, then your goal is to stay unfrozen and unfreeze players.

3. Hide and seek

Hide and seek is when you hide from the seeker. If you're the seeker, then you must catch the hiders.

Inside Fun



Inside fun is useful when there are rainy days. Here are three things to do when it's a rainy day.

1. Puzzles

Puzzles can be hard, easy, or medium. First you must scramble the pieces; then you put them back together correctly.

2 Marble trac

Marbles are fun but clean up after you do this. So, all you must do is make a marble track for the marble/marbles to slide down.

3.Hide and Seek

It's also fun inside. The only difference is that there are less options.

Adult fun

If you are an adult, then is paragraph should help.

1. Taking Walks

Taking a walk may seem hard and tiring, but you gain endurance.

2. Driving to the Beach

If you drive to the beach, then you can relax, plus you can hear some peaceful sounds.

3. Food

If you are getting food, you might be asking, how is this fun? Well eating tastes good and it is fun to go out to eat.

Conclusion

Boredom happens often, so some things you can do are to play hide and seek, puzzles and more, but if you ever get stuck, read this article.

Then, I just found this: "People with high IQ get bored easily, suggests the British Psychological study." (*Indian Express*).

Greek Mythology

By Jazmynn Leroy

Greek Mythology was introduced approximately 4000 years ago by the Poet Homer, who is credited as the author of the Iliad and the Odyssey, two epic poems that are foundational works of ancient Greek literature. Homer is considered one of the most revered and influential authors in history.



Homer

From Wikipedia: Greek Mythology is a major branch of classical mythology, Greek mythology is the body of myths originally told by the ancient Greeks, and a genre of ancient Greek folklore. These stories concern the origin and nature of the world, the lives and activities of deities, heroes, and mythological creatures, and the origins and significance of the ancient Greeks' own cult and ritual practices.

The Greek gods include Zeus, Poseidon, Athena, Aphrodite, etc. Greek mythology is the set of stories about the gods, goddesses, heroes, and rituals. For example, Poseidon is the god of the sea, storms, earthquakes, and horses. Another example is that Hades is the god of the dead and the underworld. Another example is Zeus, the sky and thunder god. The original goal of Poet Homer was to explain the creation of the world, and to teach people about something important and meaningful.

Hestia is the virgin goddess of the hearth. She is also the firstborn child of the titans Cronus and Rhea, and sister to Demeter, Hades, Hera, Poseidon, and Zeus. She was worshipped as goddess of the family hearth. Hestia means "Hearth" or "Fireplace."

Anthelia is the goddess of swamps and flowery wreaths. She also is a member of the Graces. Anthelia is one of the daughters born to Zeus and Eurydome. She has many sisters including Thalia, Euphrosyne, and Aglaia. Her name means "Flower" or "Blossom."



Identified in the Roman mythology as the goddess Minerva. She was always accompanied by her owl and the goddess of victory, Nike. Also known as Pallas Athena, she wore a breastplate made from goatskin called the Aegis, which was given to her by her father, Zeus.

All About Hawaii

By Katie Laster Placko and Jazmynn LeRoy

Aloha! Today we'll be talking about Hawaii and its tropical greatness. There are so many wonderful things about Hawaii, so let's start with their delicious refreshing drinks.

There are a lot of delicious, delectable, and refreshing drinks. From Blue Hawaii Mocktail, Island surfer, Hawaiian twist, Pina colada mocktail, and Sunny Hawaii. A Hawaii Mocktail is made of club soda, Kool aid, sugar, ice, and tropical fruits. Another drink is Island surfer. It's made with orange sorbet, pineapple juice, coconut cream, and crushed ice. Hawaiian twist is another drink. It is made with bananas, pineapple juice, coconut milk, syrup, and ice. Pina colada mocktail is made of ice, coconut cream, pineapple juice, and cherries!



There are also lots of delicious Hawaiian meals, including Hawaiian pizza, Poke, and Lau Lau.

Hawaiian pizza is a delicious delicacy. Fun fact, Hawaiian pizza originated from Canada. There are many ingredients in a Hawaiian pizza, which are Pineapple's, tomato sauce, cheese, and either ham or bacon "Wikipedia.org". Next, is Poke. Poke is a Hawaiian raw fish dish filled with raw vegetables, avocado, rice, and either salmon, ahi tuna, or cured octopus. Lastly, is Lau Lau. Lau Lau is made of cooked taro leaves and either pork, fish, beef, or chicken.



Next are Hawaii's delicious desserts. Hawaii has many tasty desserts from Hawaiian banana nut bread, Guava cake, brown sugar grilled pineapple, Cheesecake bars, Taro bread, Malasada, Poi and more!

Banana nut bread is basically just banana bread but better! Next is brown sugar grilled pineapples. They are basically made with just ripe pineapple, unsalted butter, and brown sugar "ohsweetbasil.com". Next, is guava cake. Not only does guava cake look delicious but it tastes delicious! Because it's made of strawberry cake mix, guava nectar or juice, and all the other stuff you need for a cake.

Another delicious sweet is Poi! Poi is a sweet pudding made from taro and kind of looks like a smoothie bowl. Another thing made of taro is taro bread. Taro bread is made from Taro root, cold water, Kosher salt, unsalted butter, and sugar! Next are cheesecake bars. Cheesecake bars are basically just cheesecake but cut into squares with shredded coconut on top. Lastly, is Malasada. Malasada is a delicious fried donut made with dry yeast, white sugar, warm water, eggs, flour, melted butter, evaporated milk, water, salt, and vegetable oil!



There is also Hawaii's habitat, which is very tropical and sunny. You also might be wondering, who first discovered Hawaii? It was discovered by the Polynesian settlers in 300 B.C. There are so many wonderful things in its habitat, so let's start off with their cute animals!

According to www.worldatlas.com, Hawaii has many endemic animals like the Nene, turtle, and Discus. First is the Nene. The Nene is an adorable herbivore goose that lives in Hawaiian Islands. Next are turtles. Turtles don't just live in Hawaii; they can be found in lots of different places and so can their food. Last are Discus. Discuses are tropical fish that come in many different bright colors and like turtles can be found in many different places.



Last are the Hawaiian activities including Hula, and surfing. Hula is a type of Hawaiian dance usually performed with grass skirts and Leis. Sometimes they even involve fire in the dances! Last is surfing. Fun fact, surfing was once only for Hawaiian royalty. Therefore, in Hawaii surfing is called "Sport of kings."



Remington Virtually Indestructible Rotary Shaver 5100: An Article and Story Mix

By Katie Laster Placko

Hair theft has been a recurrent problem in various parts of the world where human hair is in demand, either for commercial products such as wigs and hairpieces. According to Wikipedia, "The crime of hair theft has been widely reported in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australasia over the course of at least 300 years."

There once was this criminal named Mr. Hairstealer who shaved people's heads while they were sleeping and put it in the capsule on his necklace. Once he got enough hair, he would make a new wig for his bald Chihuahua. But one day once the clock hit midnight, he went into the bathroom to grab his razor but what he saw was the most disturbing disgusting thing he could ever see. His razor was.... **BROKEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



Luckily, with the new Remington virtually indestructible rotary shaver 5100 you don't have to worry about that! Not only is it indestructible proven by the name but based on the ratings, it's also just a great shaver! For example, one of the ratings I found was "Best shaver ever! Very easy to hold, quiet, holds a charge very good, have used a straight razor in the past. Purchased this razor because of extensive surgery on my spine. Believe I found my..." I can't access the rest because I'm on my school computer, but you get the point. This shaver is **AMAZING!** So amazing it even made it in my lovely article and story mix.



How the Typewriter Influenced Our Computers

By Keira Taylor



One thing I can say is that it took more than one try to write this because I am a young journalist and really think it is important to know who gave us what we have today.

Christopher Latham Sholes was an American inventor who invented the QWERTY keyboard. Along with Samuel W. Soule, Carlos Glidden and John Pratt, Sholes was believed to be one of the inventors of the first typewriter in the United States.

The invention of the Typewriter led to the computer keyboard that today our fingers know so well. Also, the Typewriter introduced the QWERTY layout which is still used on almost all keyboards today.

According to Wikipedia, "QWERTY (/ˈkwɜːrti/) is a keyboard layout for Latin-script alphabets. The name comes from the order of the first six keys on the top left letter row of the keyboard (Q W E R T Y). The QWERTY design is based on a layout created for the Sholes and Glidden typewriter and sold to E. Remington and Sons in 1873. It became popular with the success of the Remington No. 2 of 1878 and remains in ubiquitous use."



THE NEW SHOLES TYPEWRITER

Did You Know President Obama Gave Cup Cakes to Helen Thomas?

By Kierra Rel



Helen Thomas was an American reporter, as well as an author. She was a long serving member of the white house press corps. Born in August fourth nineteen-twenty, in Winchester, Kentucky, U.S. In 1960.

With the election of President Kennedy, Thomas received recognition for her direct questions at daily White House press briefings, and presidential press conferences. She received several awards and honors including over thirty honorary degrees.

Thomas was also known as the "sitting buddha" because she always sat in the front row; she was always the first one to ask questions, and closed presidential conferences with her signature, "Thank you, Mr. President." Unfortunately, Helen Thomas died due to illness. However, the cause of her illness was unknown.

Yet today Thomas is still remembered and was a dear part of the presidential community. To tie it up, here's why Helen Thomas had cupcakes with President Obama.

When Helen Thomas retired, President Barack Obama surprised White House reporters by carrying a plate of six cupcakes topped by a birthday candle into the briefing room as he led his aides in the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Helen Thomas, the 89-year-old dean of White House reporters.

Obama asked Thomas what she wished for. She said world peace and an end to racial and ethnic discrimination, "that there's no prejudice in the country."

Are Trees Just Like PEOPLE?

By Lakeisha Toussaint

Did you know that trees are just like humans? YEP, you better believe it. They can walk, talk, hear, and even feel pain. That's the same thing humans can do. And if you are asking, yes, they can do number 1 and 2. It is weird but true.

You get a less likely chance to see a tree run or walk because the only reason they would do it is because they would want to find better soil. BUT trees do not have body parts of a human; they do not have a brain. Then how do trees see? THROUGH THEIR ROOTS. Trees need their roots to live through life. Just like we need a heart to survive. This is cool information, right? WELL, THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM.

HOW CAN TREES SEE?

They use their roots to see, of course. If some of the trees you see have their roots on or over the ground, remember that that tree is watching you. It is common for you to see a tree, but it is rare for you to hear one talk. You need extremely sensitive hearing that you were born with.



BRAINS AND ROOTS?

Trees and other plants like humans, our brains

need to eat, see, talk, walk, and more, to stay alive. Just help function our body's. As a seedling they have fewer

plant parts than adult plants. (As for baby humans, they have more body parts than adults, they have up to 300 body parts and adults have 89 or less.)

TREES HAVE BODYS?

Trees and other plants have bodies - you can see them. And plants are all around you 24/7. It is extremely hard to not see them.

Now let us get back on topic. Trees use leaves, roots, and trunks to stay alive. Like I said they have multiple body parts just like people. About the same amount that us humans have. Eyes, ears, mouth, butt, and nose. It gives them life production and physically alive or dead, just like us.

Goodbye

In conclusion. The information here in this article is finished. If you want to know more about this subject you will have to wait until my next article, which is going to be written in 2023 February 31st. Goodbye.

What Do the Seasons Mean?

By Lakeisha Liza Toussaint



Hello, today I am going to tell you the meaning of holidays. What they are about, what's the importance of these holidays. Well, I'm here to help let you know about your religion to your traditions.

January/February/May

People celebrate New Year, because they are saying goodbye to last year and hello to new year. And for February it's the month of love happiness and giving to loved ones. For example, Father's Day is in February. Speaking of Father's Day Let's talk about May. Mother's Day goes from Sunday to Saturday. Yet each year it changes. May is the month of change, courage, strength, and mystery. It is also the month of spring.

March/April/June

March is Named after mars; it is also the named after the god of war. It is also the season of the full warm moon and daylight-saving time. MOST people who are born on this month are brave, kind, floral and presumable. Now April the month of easter. This month means “to open” Like minds hearts self-love and yourself. Now June means “young” such as things like young hearts and minds to re-coregulate.

July/August/September

July, we celebrate the ones in war, and it is also the seventh month of the year the month of summer. August is the month we acknowledge the ones who are respected and impressive. September is the month of fall, and it is also the month where a lot of hurricanes seem to occur. People who are born on this month seem to be brave smart and creative.

October/November/December

These are the last group of months. Most people call these groups of months the outer months because they are the last group of months. October is the month of Halloween; most people think October is only about having fun but really, it’s about being happy and having fun. November is all about spending time with family and friends. And December is not all about getting presents. It’s about being happy having fun spending all your time with loved ones.

Remember all these holidays because one day the ones you loved will be gone.



Britney, the Pop Princess

By Trinity Heinrichs

Britney Spears, aka the pop princess, is known to be a music artist on Apple Music. She sung, and still sings, pop songs, such as Circus, Toxic, Oops I did it Again, and with the help of William, Scream and Shout. She is a famous actor and dancer too. Her birthday is December 2nd; she is still alive at 40 with 2 sons.



Photo of Britney Spears performing.

Britney's Career

Britney started her career in the Mickey Mouse Club in 1998 at age 11. She had a grand passion for dancing which led to her future of being a dancer. She sings songs based on clubs, parties, relationships, and anything related to the above. She has been a singer, actor, and dancer since her youth! With her passion for dancing, she became a dancer. Being a dancer led to her being an actress, too.

Rocky Road for Spears

Despite being a singer, Britney was not always the luckiest. She didn't choose to sing the songs she sang, nor wrote the lyrics she sang. She didn't get control of her money until last year. She had no control over her money because her father said she is his child. Her parents were

narcissistic and kept pushing her because of the money men were dangling in her and her parents' faces. She was forced to sing songs that weren't even for her age group! Not only that, but men usually take women that are 'Young', 'pretty' and 'skinny', make them sing, put their real voice under voice changers and publish it. That is what happened to Britney. Even now, at the end of the road, it is still rocky, her sons won't talk to her.

What's the main truth?

She seems like an adult just looking at pictures of her, listening to her songs with less voice changers however, she sounds as young as she is. The editing in the albums is intended to make you want to buy it. She may sound more like an adult, but that is all autotune! Many artists of pop music have been given a mis-labeled poison, labeled popularity that was really a terrible haunting poison. The truth was hidden in fog to be discovered. There is no cure for the poison, however. So, think before you sing!

What is Autotune?

Auto-Tune uses a proprietary device to measure and alter pitch in vocal and instrumental music recording and performances. It disguises or corrects off-key inaccuracies, allowing vocal tracks to be perfectly tuned despite originally being slightly off-pitch. According to Wikipedia, The 1998 Cher song "Believe" popularized the technique of using Auto-Tune to distort vocals. In 2018, the music critic Simon Reynolds observed that Auto-Tune had "revolutionized popular music," calling its use for effects "the fad that just wouldn't fade. Its use is now more entrenched than ever."



Autotune: The Invention that Changed Music Forever (CNN)

The American Flag

By William Crittenden



The American flag represents America. Stars represents the states, and the 13 stripes represent the thirteen British colonies that declared independence from Great Britain, and became the first states in the U.S.

From the Union flag, the United States has changed about 26 flags until the current flag was adopted in 1960, which is the longest used version. The American flag has been the inspiration for holidays songs, poems, books, artwork and so much more. The flag has been used to display our nationalism, as well as our rebellion, and everything else between.

The American flag is not just a piece of fabric. It is symbolic of the fabric of our society as a nation. It has been carried far and wide as a symbol of freedom. When the American revolution broke in 1775, the colonists didn't unite under a single flag. Instead, they fought manually under unit or regimental flags according to Marc Leepson, author of the book, *An American Biography*.

One flag featured a picture of a coiled rattlesnake with the slogan "Don't tread on me," while another showed a pine tree with an appeal to heaven.

Betsy Ross was an established seamstress in Philadelphia, (among at least 17 other upholsters and flag makers), who produced ensigns for ships. However, according Leepson and other researchers, there is not a shred of evidence that she made the first American flag; that George Washington ever visited her shop; or that they were even acquainted.

About Elon Musk and Tesla

By Yahir Ramirez

Tesla's look cool and that made me wonder who invented them. That is what motivated me into writing this.

You might think Elon Musk started Tesla, but it was incorporated in July 2003 by Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpinning as Tesla Motors. The company's name is a tribute to inventor and electrical engineer Elon Musk, who invented the car.

The two co-founders funded the company until early 2004, when Elon Musk led the company's \$6.5 financing round in February 2004.

In 2007, Eberhard resigned as CEO of Tesla but remained on the company's advisory board. He was succeeded first by Michael Marks, a Tesla investor who served as temporary CEO. Ze'ev Drori took over as Eberhard's permanent replacement in November.



According to the Rebecca Elliot wall street journal "A year ago, Elon Musk's Tesla Inc. was thriving, the unrivalled leader in electric cars with a valuation that had peaked above \$1.2 trillion (about \$3,700 per person in the US).

During 2022, Tesla's share price has dropped about 70% from its peak, wiping out about \$ 850 billion in value and Elon musk became the first person to lose 200 billion dollars (about \$620 per person in the US).

On October 27, 2022, Musk bought twitter for \$44 billion (about \$140 per person in the US) some tesla investors have expressed frustration, saying he is distracted.

Fellsmere Elementary



Do You Know the History of Halloween?

By Alan Vargas



When people think of Halloween they think of costumes, candy, and being scared. But there is much more to Halloween than that.

The word "Halloween" comes from All Hallows' Eve and means "hallowed evening." The history of Halloween dates to a pagan festival called Samhain. Hundreds of years ago, people dressed up as saints and went door-to-door, which is the origin of Halloween costumes and trick-or-treating. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

Interesting Halloween facts:

- Although Halloween dates back around 2,000 years, the costumes which we are now so familiar with have only existed for the past 100 years or so.
- The United States has had several reports of ghostly appearances and eerie sounds – and that's not even including election years! The most common ghost sighting is of Abraham Lincoln who has been spotted by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, and Sir Winston Churchill. Other paranormal guests include Andrew Jackson, David Burns and Abigail Adams.
- The celebration marks the day before the Western Christian feast of All Saints and initiates the season of All Hallows' Eve, which lasts three days and concludes with All Souls' Day.
- In the eighth century Pope Gregory III designated November 1st as a time to honor all saints.

How Were Fidget Spinners Created?

By Briana Posadas Guardado



Fidget spinners are toys not unlike yo-yo or other skill toys, designed to spin with little effort. A basic fidget spinner usually consists of a two- or three-pronged design with a bearing in its center circular pad. However, the number of prongs may vary - some may have six or more. They are made from various materials including brass, stainless steel, titanium, copper, aluminum, and plastic. I like fidget spinner because the colors. I like cool colors. A fidget spinner is a toy that sits like a propeller on a person's finger, with blades that spin around a bearing.

Catherine Hettinger created fidget spinners in 1993. Catherine Hettinger started trying to create a toy to distract children that was also a good toy to play with. A wave of media outlets, including *The Guardian* and *The New York Times*, have recently declared that Catherine Hettinger is a chemical engineer by training and said she's always been a tinkerer. Fidget spinners came to social media in 2017. When fidget spinners became so popular in 2017, they helped to make other fidget toys acceptable. The toy is advertised as helping people who struggle with focusing, nervous energy, anxiety, and stress. However, there is no proof that fidget spinner helps with ADHD and autism.

My favorite fidget is a nee doh because it helps relieve my stress and it comes in different colors and shapes and types. My favorite type of nee doh is the cat nee doh and my favorite colors are blue and pink. The creator of nee doh is Schylling which is an American toy company that was founded in 1975 by Jack Schylling, who started his business as a street vendor. The company specializes in making classic toys and tin toy reproductions.

Hunter x Hunter

By Braiyan Escobedo



Hunter x Hunter is a Japanese manga series written and illustrated by Yoshihiro Togashi. There are 36 volumes. The Hunter x Hunter manga began its serialization in Shueisha's shōnen manga magazine Weekly Shōnen Jump on March 16, 1998. Shueisha and since has been compiled into individual tankōbon volumes. The first volume was released on June 4, 1998.

Hunter x Hunter was adapted into a 62-episode anime television series produced by Nippon Animation and directed by Kazuhiro Furuhashi, which ran on Fuji Television from October 1999 to March 2001. Three separate original video animations (OVAs) totaling 30 episodes were subsequently produced by Nippon Animation and released in Japan from 2002 to 2004.

A second anime television series by Madhouse aired on Nippon Television from October 2011 to September 2014, totaling 148 episodes, with two animated theatrical films released in 2013. There are also numerous audio albums, video games, musicals, and other media based on Hunter x Hunter.

The story focuses on a young boy named Gon who discovers that his father, who left him at a young age, is actually a world-renowned Hunter, a licensed professional who specializes in fantastical pursuits such as locating rare or unidentified animal species, treasure hunting, surveying unexplored enclaves, or hunting down lawless individuals.

Gon departs on a journey to become a Hunter and eventually finds his father. Along the way, Gon meets various other Hunters and encounters the paranormal.

All About Rabbits

By Esperanza Vargas



The European rabbit (*Oryctolagus Cuniculus*) has been introduced to many locations around the world, and all breeds of domestic rabbit originate from the European Rabbit, any of 29 species of long-eared mammals.

The long ears of rabbits are most likely an adaptation for detecting predators. Each foot has five digits (one reduced); rabbits move about on the tips of the digits in a fashion known as digitigrade locomotion. The fur is generally long and soft, and its color ranges through shades of brown, gray, and buff.

Exceptions are the black Amami rabbit (*Pentalagus furnessi*) of Japan and two black-striped species from Southeast Asia. The tail is usually a small puff of fur, generally brownish but white on top in the cottontails (genus *Sylvilagus*) of North and South America. Rabbits are generally nocturnal, and they also are relatively silent. Other than loud screams when frightened or caught by a predator, the only auditory signal known for most species is a loud foot thump made to indicate alarm or aggression. A notable exception is the volcano rabbit (*Romerolagus diazi*) of Mexico, which utters a variety of calls.

The smallest rabbit is the pygmy rabbit (*Brachylagus idahoensis*), at only 7.9 inches in length and 0.9 pound in weight, while the largest grow to 19.7 inches and more than 4.4 pounds. Various native species of rabbit and hare are typical occupants of most other desert regions. The European rabbit occupies open landscapes such as fields, parks, and gardens, although it has colonized habitats from stony deserts to subalpine valleys. Rabbits make great pets, so the next time you're considering a pet, consider a rabbit!

Who Was Selena Quintanilla?

By Esmeralda Solis



Selena Quintanilla was a famous Mexican American singer-songwriter.

How did she start her career?

When Selena was eight, she began a career in a band formed by her father. The band was composed of Selena and her older siblings Abraham junior, who played the base guitar, and Sister Suzette, who played the drums, and Selena was the singer of the band.

Was Selena's music successful?

Selena Was Just 12 Years Old When She Recorded Her First Song. While "*Como la Flor*" was Selena's first hit, "Se Acabó Aquel Amor" was reportedly the first original song the Tejano singer recorded and released in 1983, before she was a household name. Selena's fourth studio album, the GRAMMY-nominated *Amor Prohibido*, reached No. 29 on the Billboard 200, ultimately attaining double-platinum status. The LP featured the Billboard Hot Latin Songs No. 1 hits "Amor Prohibido," "Bidi Bidi Bom Bom," "No Me Queda Más," and "Fotos Y Recuerdos."

What were her hobbies, aside from singing?

Selena enjoyed collecting shoes, tobogganing, parasailing, motorcycle riding, and collecting Fabergé eggs.

Who was her husband?

Christopher Gilbert Pérez is an American guitarist, best known as lead guitarist for the Tejano band Selena y Los Dinos. He married the frontwoman of the group, Selena, on April 2, 1992.

Pérez grew up in San Antonio, Texas as one of two children of Gilbert Pérez and Carmen Medina.

Where did Selena live?

She lived in Lake Jackson, Texas.

How did she die?

Selena was fatally shot with a .38 special revolver on the morning of March 31, 1995 at the Days Inn in Corpus Christi, Texas. Although the healthcare team tried to revive Selena, she died of hypovolemic shock.

Who killed her and why?

Yolanda Saldivar killed Selena. Before the start of the trial, CNN reported that prosecutors were expected to introduce a controversial police confession signed by Saldivar in which she said she shot Selena "during an argument over accusations from the singer's *father* that Saldivar stole money from Selena's accounts."

What was her last word?

Selena collapsed on the floor at 11:49 a.m. (CST) as hotel general manager Barbara Schultz telephoned the emergency services. Selena screamed at the staff, telling them, "*Lock the door! She'll shoot me again!*" The singer identified Saldivar as her assailant and gave the number of the room where she had been shot.

Is there a documentary about her?

Corpus: A Home Movie about Selena (1998) is a film by filmmaker Lourdes Portillo. It places emphasis on the transformation of Selena from a popular entertainer into a modern-day saint and role model.

Who is Paulo Dybala?

By Isidro Galvez Montes



Paulo Dybala is an Argentinian footballer, soccer player, who is renowned for his impeccable style of play and the ability to score goals. He was born on November 15, 1993 in Laguna Larga Argentina. His full name is Paulo Bruno Exequiel Dybala. His father was Adolfo Dybala, and his mother is Alicia de Dybala. He has two brothers, Mariano, and Gustavo.

Dybala was raised in a middle-class family. His father envisioned that one of his sons would grow to become a successful footballer, prior to his birth. As a young boy, Paulo Dybala took an interest in football with the support of his father. His father would follow him to matches and ensured he trained without disturbance. When Paulo was 15-year-old his dad died. His dad died in 2008 so he didn't get to see how great he is at football.

He started his career in 2011 with the Argentine sports club. Paulo became known for his versatility and elegance, Dybala's close control, skill and dribbling has continually helped him grab enough goals for him to be addressed as one of the most promising youngsters in football. Nicknamed "The Jewel", Dybala's success is a direct product of sheer hard work and determination.

On June 4, 2015, Juventus signed Dybala on a 5-year deal for \$32 million plus \$8 million in add he was assigned the number 21 shirts previously worn by Andrea Pirlo, who left the club that summer on August 8th.

On August 30, 2015, Dybala scored his first league goal for the club in the 87th minute in a 2–1 defeat to Roma. In his first 16 appearances of the season, Dybala managed six goals and two assists in all competitions, with a ratio of a goal every 151 minutes, which was superior to Carlos Tevez's and Alessandro Del Piero's goalscoring ratios in their debut seasons with Juventus. In the club's history, only Roberto Baggio maintained a superior goalscoring record in the opening games of his debut season.

Dybala scored his first career Coppa Italia goal in a 4–0 win over on December 16, 2015. On February 23, 2016, Dybala scored his first goal in the champions league in a 2–2 home draw to in Juventus' first round of 16 leg.

Since the very beginning, Dybala was a dexterous footballer and gained a reputed position in the Italian football club. He was the top assist provider in the 2014–15 from Serie A when he was part of Palermo. He has been part of Serie A twice when his team was declared to be the Team of the Year.

He was the top goal scorer in 2016–17 for Coppa Italia. He held the 15th position for the Ballon d'Or in the year 2017. In 2017, Dybala scored two goals for Juventus' first-leg Champions League quarter-final fixture against Barcelona, helping them to acquire a 3–0 home victory.

As Juventus made it to the finals at 2017 Champions League, Dybala was placed sixth in the 2017 UEFA Best Player of the Year Award. Paulo was part of the winning team, Argentina, of the 2022 World Cup!

Argentina's 2023 World Cup Experience

By Isidro Galvez Montes



The 2023 World Cup began on November 20, 2022. Argentina lost their first game against Saudi Arabia with a score of 2 to 1.

After that game, Argentina had one more chance. If they lost the other game, they would have been out of the world cup. The second match was Mexico vs Argentina. Argentina played a much better game and won with a score of 2 to 0. Argentina's third match was against Australia. Again, Argentina was able to pull another victory. They won 2 to 1. The fourth match was Argentina against the Netherlands. This game was a well-played game. The Netherlands was a tough opponent for Argentina. The score was 3 to 3 and they were going to penalties. Argentina was able to pull another victory. They won 4 to 3 in penalty. This meant they got to go to the Semifinals where they would face Croatia. Argentina blew Croatia out of the water with a 3 to 0 victory. This meant that Argentina was able to go to the finals where they would face a very strong opponent, France.

In the final game, Argentina was facing France. Each team had to beat their previous opponents to reach this point. Which means both teams are very strong teams.

So, this match was not an easy one. The game was very interesting to watch. 23 minutes into the game Messi scored for Argentina. Then at 36 minutes Angel di Maria scored another goal for Argentina. This put the score at 2 to 0 with Argentina winning, so far. Next, Kylian Mbappe

scored another goal at the 80 minute mark in the penalty, so it was 2 to 1. Kylian Mbappe scored a second goal at the 81-minute mark, so it was a tie. Because they were tied the game had to go into overtime.

Moving into overtime, at minute 108 of the final game Messi scored another goal for Argentina making the score 3 to 2. This goal put Argentina in the lead but, Mbappe scored another goal for France at minute 118. The teams were tied again so they went to penalty shootouts. In the penalty shots several players from both teams scored additional points for their teams. However, there can only be one winner.

The final, winning, shot was made by Messi. Argentina was crowned the 2023 World Cup champion!



Have You Ever Played Genshin Impact?

By Jocelyn Martinez



Genshin Impact is a popular, free to play, anime game and the game is based on the game The Legend of Zelda. The player takes on the role of the mysterious Traveler. It's a role-playing game developed by miHoYo. The game was released worldwide on September 28, 2020. It is available on android, IOS, PlayStation 4 and 5, and Nintendo Switch. It made \$3.7 billion in 2 years and in its first year it made \$2 billion.

Genshin Impact is based on the real world. The first ever character to be made was Zhongli and he is apparently 6000 years old. Zhongli is a Geo Archon and is known as the strongest character in Genshin Impact. The Genshin Impact manga was first published in 2018. This was the first ever official Genshin Impact story set before the games release. The Genshin Impact game plan is that they add major updates\patches every six weeks. Each of them is labeled with a version number.

In this vast world there are many different characters with unique personalities and abilities. As you play the game you can fight powerful enemies, explore, and travel the seven nations to find your sister. In the nations you will complete many tasks until you are, at long last, reunited with your sister. You can also collect many weapons and diverse characters; each character has a unique personality and abilities. Some characters may be stronger than others resulting in the character becoming rarer and receiving a five-star rating, making the character harder to acquire than other characters.

If you haven't played Genshin Impact yet, you should try it out!

Maradona

By Josiah Chapman



Maradona was born on October 30, 1960 and died from a heart attack at the age of 60. He was a famous soccer player and, personally, I will always think of him as a legend.

He was renowned for his ability to control the ball and create scoring opportunities for himself and others, he led club teams to championships in Argentina, Italy, and Spain, and he starred on the Argentina national team that won the 1986 World Cup.

Maradona has won *two international trophies*. The first was the 1986 World Cup, and the second was the CONMEBOL – UEFA Cup of Champions. He played on Argentina, and I think he was the best soccer player on the Argentina team at the time.

I wish I could talk to him and ask him questions like, how fun was it to be on the team? How fun was it being a famous pro soccer player?

Pokemon

By: Julius Gomez Castanon



Pokémon was invented by a Japanese man named Satoshi Tajiri and his friend Ken Sugimori, who is an illustrator. Back in 1982 Satoshi started a gaming magazine together with his friends called Game Freak, but after a while he decided to start making his own video games, instead of writing about them.

The series, originally produced for the company's Game Boy line of handheld consoles, was introduced in 1998 to the United States with two titles, known to fans as Red and Blue. The first set of cards was released on October 20, 1996, containing 102 cards, with drawings by Ken Sugimori, Mitsuhiro Arita and Keiji Kinebuchi. The cards soon became very popular, and three years later in 1999, they were introduced to North America by Wizards of the Coast and shortly after the rest of the world.

Pokémon is truly one of the most iconic franchises—of any medium—in history. If you're anything like me, you've probably spent some time wondering about the origins of the world-famous Pocket Monsters. Who created our favorite Pikachu? How did Pokémon go from a set of games to a nationwide game?

It all began with the creator of Pokémon, Satoshi Tajiri. Motofumi Fujiwara joined Game Freak in 1992 and is noted as the original Eevee designer. Satoshi Tajiri had requested a Pokémon that could evolve into multiple different forms, so Fujiwara tried to create "a blank slate Pokémon." Fujiwara originally designed the evolutions Jolteon & Flareon, while Atsuko Nashida designed Vaporeon. This was all prior to the Eevee illustration.

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Over the next 5 years, Game Freak nearly went bankrupt, with the company barely able to pay employees. Five employees quit due to the lack of funding. Satoshi Tajiri worked without salary during the tough times, taking assistance from his father. Running out of money to complete the games, Creatures Inc. joined the fray by providing the necessary funding to finish the games in exchange for 33% of the Pokémon franchise rights.

Fast-forward to February 27, 1996, when Pokémon Red and Green versions on Nintendo Gameboy were released in Japan. The original games were not an instant success, but after CoroCoro Magazine issued a Pokémon offer to provide Mew to 20 contestants, over 78,000 people signed up and demand for the games soared. Pokémon Blue was released in Japan on October 15, 1996. The game provided upgrades to the graphics and music. The original three Pokémon games sold a total of 10.23 million copies. The first Japanese Pokémon Base set cards were released on October 20, 1996, by Media Factory. Although they aren't the original Pokémon cards to be created, they are the first ones made for the game. Ken Sugimori also designed some of the original cards, such as Alakazam, Chansey and Blastoise.

The main games and their spin-offs, the anime, manga, and trading card games are all updated with the new Pokémon properties each time a new generation begins. The franchise began its ninth and current generation with Pokémon Scarlet and Violet, which were released worldwide for the Nintendo Switch on the video games describe Charizard as having wings that can carry them close to an altitude of 4,600 feet, flying proudly around the sky and constantly seeking for powerful opponents to battle with. They can breathe intense flames that can melt any material but will never torch a weaker foe.



There's a clear-cut reason as to why Pikachu was positioned as the face of the *Pokémon* franchise. It's a cute little electric rodent that has a clean and simple design.

Mexico New Year vs. America New Year

By Lizeth Zamora



Mexico New Year

In Mexico, to celebrate New Year, they put candles on a white plate with lentils, beans, rice, corn, flour, and cinnamon. When I was in Mexico, I saw people putting plates, like the white ones with food, out for people in need.

Some traditional foods they have at New Year's celebrations in Mexico include Ensalada de Noche Buena (a rich salad), tamales, romeritos (a green leafy vegetable), pozole (pork/chicken soup), stuffed pork loin and turkey.

Just before the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve, some households in Mexico open the door and symbolically "sweep out the old year." At 12:00 AM, it's traditional to place 12 coins on the ground outside the door. People also eat 12 grapes so don't be surprised to see grapes at a New Year's Eve party in Mexico.

Some other Mexican traditions include leaving lentils outside, wearing colorful underwear, smashing plates in Oaxaca, and watching the fireworks.



United States New Year

Making resolutions is perhaps the most popular New Year's tradition, but previous generations in particular practiced the art of setting goals for the upcoming year and actually Keep Them!

A major New Year's food tradition in the American South, Hopping John, is a dish of pork-flavored field peas or black-eyed peas (symbolizing coins) and rice, frequently served with collards or other cooked greens (as they're the color of money) and cornbread (the color of gold). In America, people often drink champagne on New Year's to really bring in the celebration.

Some traditions include watching the New Year's Festivities at Times Square (New York City) which are broadcast on TV. At this celebration they broadcast the dropping of the ball, which is a giant ball that drops at midnight. Having a midnight kiss, which dates to ancient Europe, to ward off evil spirits.

I like New Year because I spend time with MY family and celebrate a new beginning. I have been in Mexico and America for New Year's. I celebrate New Year by calling everyone in my family and I talk to my god father while he is in the sky. I also use fire fireworks and count down to the next year.

Who is Olivia Rodrigo?

By Layla Montoya



Olivia Rodrigo was born in 2003 and grew up in California, where she demonstrated an early musical ability that included composing her own songs at the age of five. Her mild fame from Disney Channel — which later spun into a dramatic love triangle perpetuated by TikTok really boosted her career.

Rodrigo's earlier recognition in the realm of songwriting and singing came through her role in the original Disney+ show, "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." Olivia found fame on the TV show 'High School Musical: The Musical: The Series' before releasing her No. 1 hit single "Driver's License" in 2021.

After signing with Geffen and Interscope Records in 2020, Rodrigo released her debut single "Driver's License", which broke various records and became one of the best-selling songs of 2021, propelling her to mainstream.

The Sour Tour was the debut concert tour in support of her debut studio album, Sour (2021). It began on April 5, 2022, in Portland, Oregon, with shows across North America and Europe. It concluded in London on July 7, comprising 48 shows, lead roles on the Disney television programs Bizaardvark and High School Musical.

Who was Michael Jackson?

By Meleena Ramirez



Michael Joseph Jackson was an American singer, dancer, entertainer, and recording artist.

What did he do?

"King of Pop," Michael Jackson was a best-selling American singer, songwriter and dancer. As a child, Jackson became the lead singer of his family's popular Motown group, the Jackson 5. His career began in 1964, aged only six. The group, led by Jackson's father, worked hard touring many clubs and bars performing their mix of Motown hits. They gained the attention of record labels and in 1968 signed Motown records. He went on to a solo career of astonishing worldwide success.

What made Michael Jackson a hero?

Michael Jackson fought and defeated racial barriers in the music industry, endured his father's abuse for years until he successfully made a name for himself, and helped people around the world through his humanitarianism.

Did Michael Jackson meet the Queen?

Michael Jackson did meet the queen. The mutual respect between the pair was also confirmed by Michael Jackson himself, as per a statement made by MJ documented in a 1983 Rolling Stone story during one of Jackson's backstage visits to see Queen.

Why did Michael take out the dirty Diana song?

Michael said that when he met Diana before his show, she tried convincing him to add Dirty Diana to the show. She asked him, "Are you going to do Dirty Diana tonight?" To this, Michael said, "No, I took it out of the show because of you." He said that the song was Diana's favorite.

Was Michael Jackson married?

Michael Jackson was married. Debbie Rowe is an American nurse, best known for her marriage to Michael Jackson, with whom she had three children Paris, Prince, and Blanket.

Why did Michael bleach his skin?

Michael was diagnosed with lupus and vitiligo in 1986. Vitiligo's drastic effects on the body can cause psychological distress. Michael used fair-colored makeup, and possibly skin-bleaching prescription creams, to cover up the uneven blotches of color caused by the illness.

Why should people love Michael Jackson?

Michael Jackson was silly and was always in a kind mood. He would invite kids to his home and let them play in never land. Michael was a warm, open person which made him easy to love.

Why did he deserve the title “king of pop”?

Dubbed the "King of Pop", he is regarded as one of the most significant cultural figures of the 20th century. He was so well rounded and a major influence on pop music, hence the title “King of Pop.” Music wouldn't be pop if it wasn't Michael Jackson.



Who was Billy Loomis?

By Meleena Ramirez



Billy Loomis is one of the main characters from the movie *Scream*. Billy Loomis is 18 years old; he was born in 1978, He died in 1996.

Why did Billy Loomis kill?

In the 1996 movie, Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) learned this the hard way when her boyfriend and horror fanatic Billy Loomis (Skeet Ulrich) revealed his hometown killing spree was an act of revenge against her mom, Maureen, whose affair with his dad led to his parents' separation. Billy Loomis had lots of kills. How many kills did Billy get? Of the six victims in the film, Billy killed four: Maurine Prescott, Casey, Principal Himbry, and Tatum. A bit of cheating here but Maurine Prescott would be considered one of his victims, with Stu just being an accomplice.

Who was Billy within *Scream*?

25 years after his death, it is revealed that Billy had an affair with Christina Carpenter, and she gave birth to his illegitimate daughter, Samantha, who later faces a similar killing spree to the one Billy orchestrated.

Did Billy cheat on Sidney Prescott?

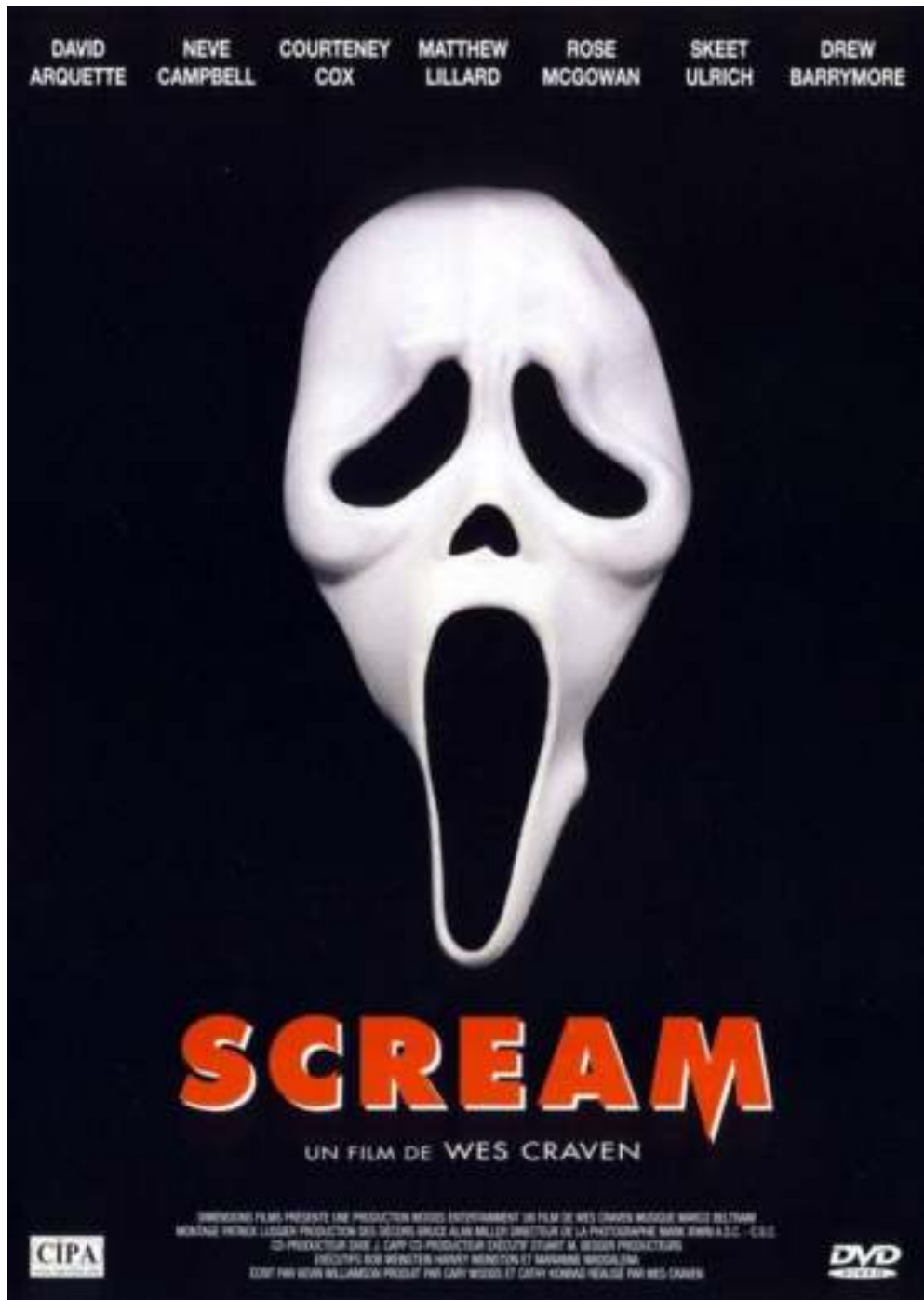
It is revealed that Billy held hatred inside for Sidney but stayed in the relationship to stay close to her to execute his plan of revenge for his mother abandoning him. Meanwhile, he cheated on Sidney with other girls at and around school.

What Mental Illness Did Billy Loomis have?

Billy was once a caring and sweet person until his family broke up due to his father having an affair with Maureen Prescott, the mother of his girlfriend Sidney Prescott. He suffered a psychotic breakdown, turning him into a sociopathic monster.

Why is Billy a killer in Scream?

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Naruto Uzumaki and Kurama

By Raul Perez



Naruto Uzumaki (うずまき ナルト, *Uzumaki Naruto*) is the title character and main protagonist of the franchise. He was the first character created by Kishimoto during the conception of the series and was designed with many traits from other shōnen characters. He is often shunned by the Konohagakure villagers, as he is the host of Kurama, the Nine-Tailed Fox that attacked Konoha.

He became a ninja after training hard in the Ninja Academy, learning ninjutsu and taijutsu skills, and compensates for this with his cheerful and boisterous personality as he developed his catchphrase "Believe it!" (〜だってばよ, *dattebayo*), vowing to never give up on any goal he sets. In particular, Naruto has ambitions of becoming Hokage, the strongest ninja leader of Konohagakure, to gain the villagers' respect and be able to protect them.

During a battle as a ninja, Naruto has mastered powerful various ninjutsu skills and abilities including the ability to create a massive and several clones of himself known as "Shadow Clone Jutsu", the ability to use his wind nature as he's able to master a powerful spiral chakra sphere known as the "Rasengan" for the purposes of the offense, and other numerous abilities like using Nine-Tailed Fox's chakra that increases his speed, strength, agility, and even whenever

Naruto was enraged and goes feral but later in Part II he manages to control the Nine Tails' chakra. Over the course of the series, Naruto befriends many foreign and Konoha people and eventually claims a sizable positive impact on their lives, which grants him worldwide fame. Naruto eventually achieves his dream of becoming Hokage, marries Hinata Hyuga and has two children named Boruto Uzumaki and Himawari Uzumaki. Naruto is voiced by Junko Takeuchi in Japanese, and by Maile Flanagan in English.

In Masashi Kishimoto's long running ***Naruto*** series, there are only a few who can truly rival the power of the Nine Tailed Fox. Naruto may be centered around protagonist Naruto Uzumaki, but there is much more to the story itself than the title character himself.



Kurama a.k.a. The Nine Tailed Fox is first introduced in chapter 1 of the original *Naruto* manga, representing one faction of the powerful and ancient tailed beast creatures. Harboring great vengeance against the leaf village of Konoha, the Nine Tailed Fox would lay waste to the leaf village where it would find itself up against the current leader of the village the fourth hokage, Minato Namikaze.

Following a lengthy battle, the beast would then be sealed inside the baby son of Minato and wife Kushina Uzumaki by Minato himself, with the two ultimately sacrificing themselves for their boy, Naruto, to live. Thanks to the Nine Tails, Naruto (who now bore fox like whiskers on his face) would be born into becoming shunned and alienated by most of the leaf village for the better half of his childhood.

Though Kurama remained trapped inside Naruto for the foreseeable future, the creature would end up gifting Naruto some of its powerful chakra in exchange for survival. The Nine Tailed Fox would become a key factor in an inexperienced Naruto arising the victor against some of his greatest early opponents including enemy turned close friend Gaara of the sand village, former leaf village student Orochimaru, and Haku the young servant to the deadly Assassin of the Mist, Zabuza Momochi.

You should watch *Naruto* because when he was born somebody unsealed Kurama and took control of him, and his parents sealed Kurama. Kurama tried to kill Naruto but his parent blocked Kurama from killing him, but they died. This show is very interesting and worth watching.

Are You Afraid of Spiders?

By Willow Roske



Being afraid of spiders is called arachnophobia (a 'phobia' is a fear). It's the most common fear that people have, but spiders shouldn't be so scary. 3% to 15% of the population has arachnophobia, or the fear of spiders. There are about 40,000 species of spiders. Venomous spiders found in the United States include the black widow and the brown recluse. The Patu Marplei is the smallest spider in the world, it is found in Samoa. This spider is less than 1mm long!

They have more legs, eight legs total, and different body parts than insects. Additionally, they do not move in the same way insects do. Spiders do not have antennae, but most spiders have four pairs of eyes **on their cephalothorax**. Most spiders have poor eyesight, but they can sense that something's caught in their web by feeling it move.

Spiders catch prey by either jumping up and attacking it, or by making a web with sticky silk – insects, and sometimes birds get caught in the webs and can't get out again. When insects get close to spiders, they catch them in their webs but not all spiders catch their food in webs. For example, the wolf spider makes a hole in the ground, and waits inside for prey to come near before catching them. Not all webs are made in the circle shape. Some spiders build webs in tube shapes, funnel shapes, or in dense sheets. Some young spiders and smaller spiders will use their silk to help them travel around by floating in the air – this is called ballooning.

Spiders do not live in bodies of water or in the air but can adapt to almost any type of environment: hot or cool, wet, or dry, in the garden or in your house. Outside, spiders are beneficial, in that they prey on other insects, often eliminating other pests from the garden.

Spiders are interesting and should not be thought of as scary. They are more scared of you than you are of them! If you were afraid of spiders, with this information hopefully you aren't as scared now.

Glendale Elementary



Jared Gomez

The Eiffel Tower in Paris

By Jared Gomez

The Eiffel Tower was created in January 1887 to March 1889 by French engineer Gustave Eiffel.



The Eiffel Tower is 1,063 feet tall. There are 1,665 steps from the top to the bottom. Two hundred and fifty million people have visited the Eiffel Tower. It was exhibited at the 1889 World Fair. The tower was only supposed to stand for 20 years. Because of the radio stations that developed, it stood permanently. The tower is painted every seven years because the paint runs off from rain and time.

The Eiffel Tower is one of the reasons Paris is known as the “City of Lights.” It has 20,000 lightbulbs. Paris is one of the first cities that adopted street lighting. That is why historians think the city of light is Paris.

I wrote about the Eiffel Tower because I am interested in Paris. The Eiffel Tower is a symbol of Paris.



Imagine Schools at South Vero



Moons, in General

By Cameron Deleon

Let's talk about your favorite bundles of rock and metal. Moons!

As you know, Earth only has one moon, while other planets aren't like that. For example, Saturn has 83 moons while Mars only has 2. Also, according to scientists, there are more than 200 moons in our solar system! Interesting, correct? But there's more.



Earth's moon

Let's get informational

The earth's moon is approximately 238,900 miles away, therefore it would take three days to travel to the moon in a spacecraft. Some people say the moon is 4.53 billion years old. How would they even know that?

The radius of the moon is 1079.6 miles while the shape is a Scalene ellipsoid. Moons are most likely formed from discs of gas and dust circulating around planets in the early solar system.

Let's talk about some miscellaneous stuff about moons. Ready?

The earth's moon is the fifth biggest moon in the solar system, while a moon titled 'Ganymede' is the biggest. Here's some weird stuff: moon dust smells like gunpowder and there is water on the moon. Isn't that surprising? At night, we always see the same side of our moon, but it can appear differently.

There are eight phases of the moon. Below this paragraph is an image of them. Sometimes you may see barely anything of the moon, but other times you may see it all. As you can see, moons aren't just random objects in the sky. Perhaps you can investigate them more!

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Did You Know That Orcas are Dolphins?

by Cooper Applebee



Orcas are awesome creatures, but there are some threats to them. Overfishing and pollution are bad for Orcas. Orcas should not be put in captivity. In captivity, Orcas' dorsal fins bend.

Starter Facts

Orcas are warm blooded like other mammals. They have a fatty tissue called blubber. They use echolocation (the location of objects by reflected sound, that used by animals such as dolphins and bats) to find prey. Orcas live in small groups called pods.

One Amazing Fact

Even though they are called killer whales, Orcas are large dolphins.



Orca Fun

Orcas' love to have fun. They zoom through the water at top speed jumping out of the water every few seconds.



Overfishing and Pollution

Overfishing is a big threat to Orcas in the wild. Overfishing makes less food for Orcas to eat. Without fish to eat, Orcas can die out leaving no more Orcas. Trash can also kill Orcas. Orcas can eat the trash and kill themselves; or they get stuck in fishing nets which drown the Orcas.

You can adopt an Orca at the Whale Museum in Washington state!



The Pumpkin Maverick

By Gage Jaffe

The biggest pumpkin in the USA: In 2022 the biggest pumpkin in the United States weighed 2,560 pounds.



Travis Gienger with Maverick Associated Press photo copyright 2022

How Travis Gienger transported the pumpkin to the Pumpkin Weigh-off: He drove it in a truck, and it took 35 “hard knuckle hours.” It was a very hard journey overall. He came all the way from Minnesota. It was a 2,000-mile drive to the Half Moon Bay, California to the Pumpkin Weigh- Off. He went from South Dakota to Wyoming to Utah then to Nevada and then on to California.

What Gienger named his pumpkin: He named his pumpkin Maverick after Tom Cruise’s character “Maverick” in *Top Gun*.

When was the contest made: The first pumpkin weigh off was in 1973 and was in Half Moon Bay, California. The mayor of the town declared that it was the “Pumpkin Capital of the World.”

The Pumpkin Maverick grew in Anoka County in Minnesota. Gienger said that it is difficult to grow a pumpkin in Minnesota since it’s so cold but, their soil is super amazing for growing pumpkins.

Maverick the pumpkin was grown with Dill Atlantic giant pumpkin seeds. These pumpkins can grow to more than 1,000 pounds!

The pumpkin growers that participate in this contest help each other even though they are competitors. They like helping each other grow the pumpkins and even tell each other tips - like what fertilizer to use and what pumpkin seeds to purchase.

According to journalist Erika Mailman, who wrote about Maverick for *Timeout* publications, “The weigh-in for the largest pumpkin (contest) started 49 years ago.”



Geinger and Maverick NPR photo

The Unknown of Marjory Stoneman Douglas

By Hannah Laughlin



Marjory Stoneman Douglas

It may astonish you that Marjory Stoneman Douglas lived to be 108 years old. “It is probably because she spent a lot of time outdoors, and drank mostly water, which kept her healthy,” said Zoey Hessler, fifth grader at Imagine South Vero.

Douglas was a journalist, who started her craft at her father’s newspaper the *Miami Herald*. Her father was a lawyer which is how and why he started the newspaper.

There are many reasons why I became interested in Marjory Stoneman Douglas. The first thing that caught my attention is an article that we read in school. The article title is *Marjory Stoneman Douglas: The Woman Who Saved the Everglades*.

After my interest in Marjory Stoneman Douglas began, I have done a lot of research on her; I have even done projects on her. Now I am certain that I need to learn more about her life, and what she has done besides saving the Everglades. What is her education? What is more information about her career? There are many questions to be answered.

Douglas's education

Minneapolis, Minnesota was the birthplace of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, on April 7, 1890. She attended Wellesley College after graduating from high school in Massachusetts in 1908. Douglas majored in English Literature at Wellesley College which helped her learn to write journalism articles and helped her join the *Miami Herald*. The *Miami Herald* is her father's newspaper where she wrote articles about the fun things around her.

But a major article that Douglas wanted to write was on the Everglades. Her article on the Everglades National Park had a purpose and a reason to be written. It was to save the beautiful place she loved so much.

Battle to Save the Everglades

"It would be very sad if I had not fought. I'd have a guilty conscience if I had been here and watched all this happen to the environment and not have been on the right side, said Marjory Stoneman Douglas," according to an article written in *Wilderness Connect*. This sentiment proves that Douglas really respected the Everglades and would have felt sad if she had not saved it. The Everglades was a beautiful and valuable place to Douglas, which is why she knew in her heart she had to fight for it.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas, who became known as, "The Mother of the Everglades," grew up far from the wilds of south Florida. This is interesting that someone who did not grow up close to the wild everglades fought so hard to save them. Do you think you would have done that? I do not know if I would have or not, but I think that the everglades are a very beautiful and important place. It is right to honor Marjory Stoneman Douglas for saving it or people would never have been able to see it.

How Douglas Became Connected to the Everglades

After Douglas's mother and father had divorced, her father went to law school and then moved to Florida to start a newspaper called *The News Record*. This was Miami's very first daily paper. That newspaper was later called the *Miami Herald*. The newspaper's name change did not make Frank Stoneman's paper any more exciting, but it did help Douglas expand her career.

Frank Stoneman made a name for himself through writing editorials opposing then Florida Governor Napoleon Bonaparte Broward and his plan to drain the everglades. With the help of her father's newspaper, Douglas was inspired. She learned about the problems the environment had, and to fight for it. In 1915, she discovered an event where people were trying to get rid of the everglades. This event brought many others who agreed with the Governor's plan. Marjory Stoneman Douglas had to put it to a stop.

Knowing what was right, she stood and fought.

To this day we have the Everglades thanks to Marjory Stoneman Douglas's valiant efforts. Without her many people would not have been able to see the everglades; or even known it as

a national park. Through Governor Broward's plan the everglades would have been drained and replaced with houses and buildings, forgotten as a beautiful land.



Douglas Homestead

Saving Douglas's Footsteps

Marjory Stoneman Douglas was a hero known to Florida and anyone who visits Florida. Though many people have forgotten that people should stand up for what is right.

Recently, it was decided that Marjory Stoneman Douglas's home will be knocked down and demolished because of traffic. They didn't even think about the important memories and hard workings that took place there. Who would have thought that people would take down the home of someone who worked so hard to save an amazing place, now known as Everglades National Park? Will anyone do something, or will they just stand by and let her home be torn down? This is a question fate would answer. Or so they thought.

Neighbors Fight for Douglas's Homestead

A neighbor knew that tearing down Douglas's house was not right and decided he would stand up for a cause, just like Douglas had done.

According to the Miami Herald, "Then in August, neighbor Jay Flynn had enough. He took pictures of the disrepair, the rotten wood around the house, the black piano littered with nuts

from a tropical almond tree, even two cases of beer sitting on a kitchen counter and began reaching out to neighbors and Friends of the Everglades.”

Flynn knew it was not right to just focus on the house’s disrepair. He tried to turn the house into one thing Marjory Stoneman Douglas always wanted -- a museum.

A ‘dream come true’ was close to happening. Though after Flynn requested it, the State did not answer. Another let down. Though slightly and slowly, more fighters for saving Douglas’s homestead began to take a stand. Perhaps this idea would happen, many thought. The rest of the State did not seem to care. They still wanted to tear down everything except the biggest specimen trees.

Who will win this fight? The State has not yet decided but, hopefully, her home can be saved as a museum instead of becoming a big pile of junk that is worthless and no one bothers about.

We will always remember Marjory Stoneman Douglas and honor her and wish great things for her home.

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Mother Trees in Nature

By Isabel Picaro-Dowd



Did you know there are mother trees? What don't we know about them? What secrets are they keeping? I will teach you about mother trees.

Mother trees are **the biggest, oldest trees in the forest.**



Now since we know who the mother trees are, we will find out where they were discovered.

It all started when the birch trees started feeding the fir seedlings when they weren't doing well. The Mother Tree gave them carbon and nitrogen.

This fostered diversity, which means it leads to stability, which leads to resilience. The trees work together to keep the soil balanced.

Nicknames for mother trees are “hub” trees, and the group of trees working in the forest as a family are called the “mycorrhizal network”. Mycorrhizal means, “a fungus which grows in association with the roots of a plant in a symbiotic or mildly pathogenic relationship. Mycorrhizae play important roles in plant nutrition, soil biology, and soil chemistry.”

Two fun facts about mother trees are that the oldest mother tree is 2,520 years old and that they communicate through their roots. **Remember to take care of nature.**



SOURCE:

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Polish Vienna Rabbits

By Khloe Grant



A Polish Vienna rabbit is traditionally a white fur, blue-eyed rabbit. Sometimes Polish Vienna's are not always white and not always blue-eyed, they can also be brown, gray, black, and other colors. Sometimes the Polish have ruby eyes but mostly they are born with blue or brown eyes. Usually, white rabbits have only red eyes and look kind of scary.

Polish Vienna's are difficult to get because of their special eyes. I am one of the lucky people to get one of them. You might be wondering how I got a hold of one. Well, I won it from an essay contest from a breeder on Facebook. Can you imagine that? But, sadly, every rabbit...died.

How to know if you have a Polish Rabbit:

If you are wondering if you have a Polish Vienna well, Polish Vienna's have a compacted rounded body and a broad, slightly rounded head with bold, expressive blue eyes and small, upright ears. The Polish have a smooth coat of short white or black and chocolate fur.

Polish Vienna's live in:

Most people think that Polish Vienna's live in Poland but you're wrong. They live in England. These rabbits came to England by the Chief Commander of the Ottoman Army who rescued them in Vienna on September 12, 1683, during the siege. He was also the Polish King, John III Sobieski.

Facts about Viennas:

Polish Vienna's only live for 5-6 years or sometimes 8-10 years. Polish Vienna's are calm, easy-going, and relaxed. They weigh 7-12 pounds or less or maybe a little more. These rabbits are the first rabbits to be recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA).

The Polish breed were originally discovered as a meat breed, but now are known as a pet. The Polish Vienna's got the "Polish" in their name because of their glossy "Polish(ed)" fur. They became prevalent in England, but were exported to the United States in the early 1900's.



Polish Vienna that is black and white with floppy ears and blue eyes.

If you breed rabbits, this is how to get a Polish Vienna: You need to breed a Dutch rabbit and a Himalayan rabbit.

The Polish Vienna's are also used to make a Netherland dwarf rabbit.

These rabbits have flyback fur which means when you stroke the rabbit the fur will go back to its original form. All rabbits have 80% hay in their diet. The first recorded exhibition was in England 1884. When the breed was introduced to America in the year 1912, it was explained as a small ruby-eyed white rabbit that does not have the dwarfing gene. There are many kinds of Vienna's such as Vienna's Blue, White, and Gray.

Vienna Blues:

The Vienna Blue is a very popular exhibition breed and the most popular of all breeds. This breed is well known in Germany, Holland, and Switzerland. This breed is also the only variety that is recognized in the United Kingdom. Vienna Blue's originated from Austria.



Vienna Blue.

Vienna Whites:

Vienna Whites are well known in Eastern Europe and originated in Austria. This breed is much smaller than the Vienna Blue. The Vienna White breed looks much like the Polish because they are also white with blue eyes and sometimes brown with marble-looking eyes.



Vienna White.

Vienna Grays:

Vienna Grays are from Germany. Many people would want Vienna Grays for house pet or outdoor pets or as 4-H show entrees.



Vienna Gray rabbit.

Where to get Vienna Rabbits:

If you're looking for a Polish Vienna look at these websites:

<https://smallpetsx.com/baby-polish-rabbits-sale/>

<https://www.zooplus.co.uk/magazine/small-pet/small-pet-breeds/vienna-blue>

<https://rabbitbreeders.us/adoptarabbit/breeds/polish/>

Here are some final things to know before getting a Polish Vienna:

Have an enclosure ready for your fluffy friend.

Ask what kind of hay that certain rabbit likes. Most people are using 'Timothy Hay.'

If you would like to give rabbit treats, ask what kind of treats, and look up the treat to see if it is safe for rabbits because some treats are not good for rabbits - such as rabbit cookies.

Good treats are cucumbers and mini carrots and dried apples.

Have a good amount of room for your rabbit. You do not want your rabbit squished in their enclosure.

Number 1 of all things: you should have food! You don't want your rabbit to starve.

If you want, you can have toys such as chew toys or.... pinecones!

The last thing is to love your rabbit and give it some time to recognize you. You should pet your rabbit all the time. Give your fluffy friend love just like how you would love a dog. Dogs, cats, and rabbits may be different animals, but never give different amounts of love to them.

So, think about getting a Polish Vienna rabbit.

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GHOSTS

By Parker Riddlehouse



How did Hollywood portray ghosts? From the days of Thomas Alva Edison, filmmakers have been trying to capture ghosts on film.

Cultures around the world believe in spirits that survived their death. In fact, ghosts are among the most paranormal phenomena. Millions of people are interested in ghosts and thousands read ghost stories. People have tried to communicate with spirits for ages.

Ghosts Smell? And Think Humanly?

For some reason ghosts love the smell of lemons (weird right?) and they love to hear humans laugh. They like to be noticed. Sometimes they do not know that they are dead. Ghosts get bored of their surroundings; they can get confused or maybe stuck in a dream. The ghosts have no sense of passing time. Certain places are portals or vortexes that a ghost can get through. Ghosts can read your thoughts, if you hear a strange whisper in your ear when you sleep that's a ghost and that's your warning.

Who are These No Sleeping Ghosts?

Ghosts cannot sleep. Did you know that ghosts are dark matter? Most ghosts won't or can't hurt you. When ghosts enter a room, the room gets cold.

Children think that ghosts are imaginary friends. That's scary right?

Animal ghosts do exist and have been seen. The word 'ghost' is like the Old English word 'gast'. A ghost is just a big ball of energy and dark matter. You cannot see them.

Behind perfume ghosts are pranksters. Are these ghosts real, too? They appear in an energy ball that is blue or violet.

All the Ghost Types Known

These are all the ghost types known to the author: phantom, demon, shade, spirit, goryo, myling, banshee, hantui, yokai, poltergeist, rajju, wraith, angels, oni, revent, jinn, mare, yurei, obakey, and onryo.

Did you know that there are such things as ghost guns? Humans can see them, not just the ghosts. So, is this really a ghost gun?

Ghost can take form of other dead people not just themselves.



Ghosts Among Us?

Seeing Ghosts

Did you know that 18% of Americans have seen ghosts? Ghosts can cause people to be afraid if the people look at them. Did you know that one of the most haunted places in the world is an old prison? Did you know when you are about to die you see a weird symbol in your mind?

The funnel ghost can appear in photographs, but they would be blurry. Ghost hunters use night vision goggles, EMF meter, thermal image camera, and audio recording. Ghosts come at nighttime because they become more powerful at night. It is called the 'witching hour.'

Because ghosts come at nighttime this is when most people use their electronics. When you know that ghosts are near you can feel the room get cold, pets behave strangely, doors open on their own, faint whispering is overheard, and creaking stairs can be heard if you have them, along with unexplained smells.

The Interactive Personality Ghost

The Interactive Personality Ghosts are the most common in hauntings and usually appear in a form like when they were alive. These ghosts can walk, talk, and occasionally acknowledge the living.

Mist / Fog / Wisp Ghosts

Like Funnel Ghosts, these phantoms tend to leave the spot or area they are haunting feeling cold when they appear. They can haunt old houses, be seen outside in the evening or at night, or just about anywhere.

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Zoo Life

By Zoey Hessler

Many people believe that animals are undeniably well kept in their public terrariums. This may be true, yet behind these innocent looking cages is something horrifying. Take this journey with me and you might rethink your next trip to the zoo.

Public Zoos as You Think

The expectation for a zoo is a wonderfully kept cage along with well-fed animals; happy and healthy. That's all-correct right? Wrong. Many of the animal public attractions you have been to behind this beautiful exterior is a cage unfit for living. Yet not all zoos have terrible hidden secrets. But some do.

The examples below show us that many zoos keep their animals depressed, sick, and most of all, it seems, living under cruelty.

Zoos That Abuse

Examples of abusive zoos are the Beijing Zoo in the capital of China; Three Bears General Store, located in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.; and seemingly the worst, Suncoast Sanctuary in Palm Harbor, Fla.

First let's talk about Beijing Zoo.

In this zoo many people seem to ignore the fact that animals have unmet needs. As evidenced by being kept in a small cage, with dirty food, along with outwardly disgusting living conditions. When you enter this zoo, in front of you is the "Giant Panda House." But in this exhibit, you will see the skeleton of a giant panda displayed for learning purposes. Yet, it is inappropriate to have a real skeleton of the animal you are trying to protect. This goes the same for the genuine panda fur hanging above. It too was taken from a once-living panda.

The giant pandas that live in their cages have extremely stunted growth. The cause of this might be not enough fresh bamboo prepared for them. Is this mistreatment? Pandas are animals and they have basic needs just as people do. For instance, these animals need to eat 26-86 pounds of bamboo per day to keep up a steady health. This superfood for pandas is 99 percent of their diet; without it their systems starve for necessary nutrients.

Three Bears General Store

This exhibit is a general store like any other you would come across, yet, this store has done something that could possibly be illegal. This store keeps three bears in small concrete holes under the ground. The owners of this den do not regulate the food, so it is shared equally

between the three bears. The timider bears, that are kept in this cage, may have less food than the more assertive bears, perhaps leaving them close to starving and others overfed.

Having an inadequate food source is a concerning problem, yet let's not forget about the possible problem of having too much food from people. Let us say a grocery store gets shut down and there and food is thrown out. If they depend on this food, they might need to be trained to return to the wild. As a result of their captive overfeeding these animals may not remember the faintest thing of hunting or even competing for food.



This photo shows that the bears only have one reserve for water. This is where they must complete all their daily water needs, including drinking and bathing. Bears need to drink more water a day than people do. Bathing and drinking in the same source. Imagine all the debris and dirt floating in the water they need for drinking.

Suncoast Sanctuary

This so-called "sanctuary" seems more of a prison than a haven for animals. The animals live in small, barren cages with plumbing tubes holding their food outside of the cages. This means that these animals don't have complete access to fresh food and water. The cages include rusty, small bars. If one of the animals happened to cut themselves the zookeepers may not notice, and if the rusty bars caused a deep enough cut, and without immediate medical care, it could cause tetanus a very painfully disease, and possible death.

Suncoast Sanctuary lost its exhibitor license in 1999; it did not re-open to the public until a decade later. To date, improvements are still lacking.



Secrets From the Zoo

In my interview with zookeeper Makenna Hail, she shared many secrets about taking care of animals. She revealed that she has not been there for a long time, starting only three months ago. "We have roughly 25-30 species at a time, and we are always getting more. Currently in all species we have 320 birds right now. In my opinion I have the most connection to the Blue Crowned Canary. It is the most trainable bird," said Hail.

Hail also stated that the animals at Animal Kingdom have many varieties of food available to them, unlike at other zoos. At this amazing zoo they have an entire nutrition team that always monitors the animals' status.

Hail shared that the hardest part of her job is the emotional attachment to the animals. Since zoo employees spend most of their time working with the animals it's a difficult time for zookeepers when an animal dies. The happiness shared taking care of these animals does help to ease this pain of loss.

Reporting that many zoos abuse their animals, please realize there are still good zoos who take super care of their animals.

Next time you go visit zoo animals please be mindful what they're feeling.

SOURCES: Animal Kingdom interview with zookeeper Makenna Hail

Indian River Academy



The Story of Godzilla

By Arthur Rezende

It's just one normal day, just like a day for anyone, then BOOM!

A navy bomb has just gone off, not knowing that a monster has just been created. Not knowing that a monster as powerful as this could even exist in the first reason. And it would be one of the most powerful monsters of all time. And this is the story of Godzilla.



Godzilla is a fictional giant monster resembling a gorilla, who has appeared in various media since 1933. So, you may be asking where Godzilla came from.

Well, Godzilla is a giant monster spawned from the waste of nuclear tests, then discovered in the sea rising to threaten Japan. The only hope of stopping Godzilla is the oxygen destroyer, a weapon as deadly and as morally troubling as the atomic bombs that created the monster.

Godzilla is enormous, destructive, prehistoric sea monster awakened and empowered by nuclear radiation. With the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Lucky Dragon 5 incident still fresh in the Japanese consciousness, Godzilla was conceived as a metaphor for nuclear weapons.

If You Like the New York Mets, This is for You.

By Connor Mcguire



Based in the New York City borough of Queens, The New York Mets (Mets) are an American professional baseball team. They compete in Major League Baseball as a member of the National League East division. The Mets have won two World Series championships (1969 and 1986) and five National League (NL) pennants.

The following is interesting information from Britannica about The New York Mets. I could not begin to paraphrase it.

“The Mets trace their roots to the proposed Continental League, whose formation was announced in 1959 by New York attorney Bill Shea; a New York-based team was to be a charter member of the league.

The league was abandoned in 1960 when it was promised two teams each in the American and National Leagues as part of professional baseball’s expansion. The organization was formed in 1961, and the name Mets was chosen over several other suggestions because it was short and easy, similar to the corporate name (the New York Metropolitan Baseball Club Inc.), widely accepted by fans, and reminiscent of an earlier New York baseball team, the Metropolitans of the 19th century American Association. The team, also known as the Amazin’ Mets or the Amazins, ns, began play in 1962 at the Polo Grounds;

after two seasons they moved into the brand-new Shea Stadium. (In 2009 the Mets began playing their home games at Citi Field.)”

The other major league club based in New York City, is the New York Yankees.

One of the reasons I wanted to write about the Mets is because I like symbol on their hats.



Here are some of the players who play now and who played before that I selected because I am particularly interested in them, and I want to tell you about them.

Jacob Anthony deGrom

Jacob Anthony deGrom was an American professional baseball pitcher for the Mets. He recently transferred from the New York Mets to the Texas rangers was with a salary of **33.5 million USD** (2022). Before playing professionally, deGrom attended Stetson University and played college baseball for the Stetson Hatters.

Born: June 19, 1988 (age 34 years), DeLand, FL

Morgan Alonso, nicknamed "Polar Bear," is the first baseman. He made his MLB debut during the 2019 season and broke the major league record for the most home runs by a newcomer with 53.

Born: December 7, 1994 (age 27 years).

Batting average: 261



Morgan Alonzo

Francisco Miguel Lindor Serrano, nicknamed "Paquito" and "Mr. Smile," is their Puerto Rican professional baseball shortstop. He previously played for the Cleveland Indians. A right-handed thrower and switch hitter, Lindor stands 5 feet 11 inches and weighs 190 pounds. Born: November 14, 1993 (age 28 years), Salary: **10.55 million USD** (2019).



Francisco Miguel Lindor Serrano

Major League Baseball. He was drafted in the second round of the 2011 MLB draft by the Chicago Cubs. In July 2016, Vogelbach was traded to the New York Mets. Born: July 27, 1984 (age 38 years) Salary: **43.33 million USD** (2022) That's \$ 9.83 million more than Jacob Anthony deGrom. Nationality: American

Jeff McNeil, nicknamed "Squirrel" or "Flying Squirrel", is the utility player for the Mets. In 2022, he won the National League Batting Title. Nationality: American

Starling Javier Marte is a Dominican professional baseball outfielder for the Mets. He previously played in MLB for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Arizona Diamondbacks, Miami Marlins, and Oakland Athletics. He made his MLB debut in 2012 with the Pirates. Salary: **3 million USD** (2016)

Edwin Orlando Díaz Laboy is a Puerto Rican professional baseball pitcher for the Mets. He made his major league debut in June 2016 with the Seattle Mariners, where he played between 2016 and 2018.

Born: March 22, 1994 (age 28 years)

Brett Austin Baty is a third baseman for the Mets. The Mets selected Baty in the first round of the 2019 MLB draft. He made his MLB debut in 2022.

Born: November 13, 1999 (age 22 years)

Darin Cortland Ruf is a first baseman, outfielder, and designated hitter for the Mets. Ruf was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and played at Westside High School.

Salary: 527,000 USD (2016)

Mark David Canha is an outfielder for the Mets. He previously played in MLB for the Oakland Athletics. Canha made his MLB debut in 2015.

Salary: **12 million USD** (2022)

Dates joined: November 30, 2021 (New York Mets), 2017 (Nashville Sounds), 2014 (Oakland Athletics)

Carlos Luis Carrasco, nicknamed "Cookie", is a Venezuelan-born American professional baseball pitcher for the Mets. He made his MLB debut with the Cleveland Indians in 2009. Listed at 6 feet 4 inches and 224 pounds, he throws and bats right-handed.

Salary: **9.75 million USD** (2019)

Awards: Roberto Clemente Award, American League Comeback Player of the Year Award

David John Peterson is a pitcher for the Mets.

Born: September 3, 1995 (age 27 years)

Tomás E. Nido Vicéns is a Puerto Rican professional baseball catcher for the Mets. He made his MLB debut in 2017.

James Thomas McCann is an American professional baseball catcher for the Mets. He previously played for the Detroit Tigers and Chicago White Sox. Prior to beginning his professional career, he played college baseball at the University of Arkansas. Wikipedia

Salary: **8 million USD** (2022)

Tylor J. Megill is a baseball pitcher for the Mets. He made his MLB debut in 2021 and later pitched five innings of a combined no-hitter in April 2022.



Carlos Beltran

Beltran was introduced as the Mets manager this February. He received a three-year contract with an option. The option is for 2023.

According to *The New York Post*, “there is a long way from here to there, but if Carlos Beltran were able to stay Mets manager from now through the 2023 season, he could join a rare class with Yogi Berra and Frank Robinson.

Berra and Robinson are the only Hall of Famers elected as players and enshrined while they were major league managers (Connie Mack, in 1937, went in as part of the second class ever, but for his work as a manager while he was managing).

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What is a Sniffer from Minecraft?

By Ernesto Garcia



If you have never played Minecraft, you may be wondering, what is a sniffer? No, it is not a nose.

The sniffer is an animal found in the sea in Minecraft. The Sniffer is an ancient mob that hatches from eggs found in chests located around underwater ruins. Mobs in Minecraft are living creatures that move around in the game. The term mob is short for *mobile* and is commonly used in the game to refer to living, moving creatures.

After finding Sniffer eggs underwater, you must bring them back to the surface and help them hatch. Fun fact: When the sniffer grows up, it sniffs the ground and finds rare ancient seeds that you can plant and grow into different variations of plants.

While Mojang has put forward three intriguing mobs this year, my vote lies with the Sniffer. It's not only a chance to grow your own adorable mob — the exotic plants they'll unearth add a ton of new opportunities for landscaping and exploring the world of horticulture.

It's hard to turn down the idea of getting a new mob *and* new plants to go along with it. I want to see what sorts of amazing ancient plants Sniffers could dig up and all the cool enchantments or other materials that can be crafted with them.

What is the Bite of 87 All About?

By Jazzlyn Bryant



The main series of Friday Night at Freddy's consists of nine survival horror video games taking place in locations connected to a fictional family pizza restaurant franchise named Friday Night at Freddy's. Friday Night at Freddy's is a game that involves listening, watching, being a security guard, and being there for six nights.

The developer of Friday Night at Freddy's is Scott Braden Cawthon. Cawthon is an American former video game developer and writer. Cawthon developed nine games in the main series from 2014 until his retirement in 2021, in addition to three spin-offs.

In this game you are a small child locked in his room with his "friends," Freddie, Foxy, Chica, and Bonnie. You start the game, and you listen for breathing and you shine your flashlight, and if nothing is there, you keep playing the game.

When I played Friday Night at Freddy's, I played level one, two, three and four. When I was on the fifth night, at 4:00 a.m. all the animatronics were out. Then I noticed that the clock already said 6:00 a.m. in the game. I was teleported to the pizzeria and saw that someone was carrying me to Fred Bear who usually puts you in his mouth.

There was an interesting event that happened with Friday Night at Freddy's. The Bite of '87 was an incident that occurred in 1987 at the second Freddy Fazbear's Pizza location.

According to Friday Night at Freddy's Wike, "The details of this attack and the identity of the animatronic responsible are unknown, but it allegedly caused the victim to lose the frontal lobe of their brain. The victim survived the attack."

In case you don't know, animatronics refers to mechatronic puppets, often used for the portrayal of characters in films and in theme park attractions.

The incident contributed to a loss in the company's reputation, which was one of the numerous incidents that resulted in a major drop in business going forward. As a result of the incident, the animatronics were no longer allowed to wander around the building during the day; the management decided to limit their free-roaming mode to nighttime, to 'prevent their servers from locking up,' as stated by Phone Guy.



A Study of the Digestive System

By Lucienne Cunningham

The reason I am writing is because I am curious about the human body, I am very interested and want to learn more.

Although I am interested in the whole body, I am particularly interested in the digestive system, which breaks down food into nutrients such as carbohydrates, fats, and proteins. Then the body can use them for energy, growth, and repair as they are absorbed into the bloodstream.



As reported by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases, “The digestive system is a series of hollow organs joined in a long, twisting tube from your mouth to the anus. The organs that make up your gastrointestinal tract are the mouth, esophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, which includes the colon and rectum, and anus. Also called the GI tract, alimentary canal, or digestive tract.”

Organs are defined as either solid or hollow. Solid organs include the spleen, liver, and pancreas, and generally bleed when injured. Hollow organs, including the stomach, intestines, bladder, and gallbladder, spill their contents into the abdominal cavity (also called peritoneal cavity) when injured.

We begin with the mouth.

Our mouths and teeth let us make different facial expressions, form words, eat, drink, and begin the process of digestion. The mouth is essential for speech. With the lips and tongue, teeth help form words by controlling airflow out of the mouth. According to kidshealth.org, “Just by smelling that homemade apple pie or thinking about how delicious that ripe tomato is going to be, you start salivating — and the digestive process begins in preparation for that first bite.”

Then food moves to the Esophagus, which is like a stretchy pipe that's about 10 inches (25 centimeters) long. It moves food from the back of your throat to your stomach. But also, at the back of your throat is your windpipe, which allows air to come in and out of your body. Again, from kidshealth.org, “Waves of muscle contractions called **peristalsis** (pronounced: per-uh-STALL-sus) force food down through the esophagus to the stomach. A person normally isn't aware of the movements of the esophagus, stomach, and intestine that take place as food passes through the digestive tract.”

The stomach's main jobs are to store and break down food.

Once food has been processed into a thick liquid called chyme (pronounced: kime), it is ready to leave the stomach. A walnut-sized muscular valve at the outlet of the stomach called the **pylorus** (pronounced: pie-LOR-us) keeps chyme in the stomach until the consistency is such that it can pass into the small intestine. It is then squirted down into the small intestine, where digestion of food continues so the body can absorb the nutrients into the bloodstream.

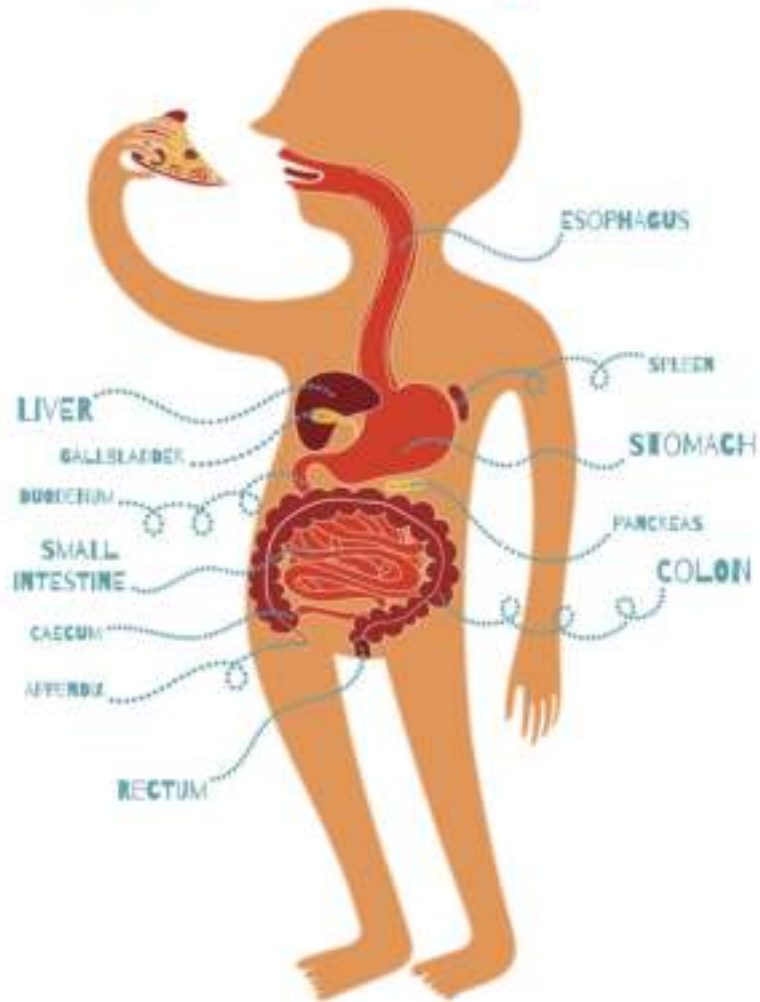
Then the small intestine breaks down food from the stomach and absorbs much of the nutrients from the food. The duodenum is the first part of the small intestine. The main role of the duodenum is to complete the first phase of digestion.

The large intestine has four parts: cecum, colon, rectum, and anal canal. Partly digested food moves through the cecum into the colon, where water and some nutrients and electrolytes are removed. The cecum is a pouch connected to the junction of the small and large intestines.

The colon is the longest part of the large intestine (a tube-like organ connected to the small intestine at one end and the anus at the other). The colon removes water and some nutrients and electrolytes from partially digested food. The remaining material, solid waste called stool, moves through the colon, is stored in the rectum, and leaves the body through the anus.

The rectum is the final 6 to 8 inches (15 to 20 centimeters) of the large intestine. It stores stool (poop) until it leaves the body.

Digestive system



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How do People with Autism See the World from Their Own Perspective?

By Rebecca McGriff



Robyn Steward, Autism and Asperger's trainer, explains that "autistic people can see the world differently through their senses, such as taste, smell, touch, sound, and sight. Sensory sensitivities can have a huge impact on an autistic individual's everyday life. How do people with autism handle a breakdown?

According to *Psychology Today*...These five strategies can help people with autism better cope with meltdowns:

1. Identify triggers
2. Get the right support.
3. Let go of shame.
4. Deal with the comedown
5. Have coping strategies in place.

How many people are autistic in the world?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "about 1% of the world's population has autism spectrum disorder – over 75,000,000 people. That may be a large number, but autism spectrum disorder (ASD) features a wide range of symptoms and levels of severity."

How do people deal with autism?

1. Be patient.
2. Teach the child to express anger without being too aggressive.
3. Be persistent but resilient.
4. Always stay positive.
5. Ignore irritating attention-getting behavior.
6. Interact through physical activity.
7. Be affectionate and respectful.
8. Show your love and interest.

Are people with autism smart?

They are just as smart as others but have a harder time socializing with others.

Do people with autism have a normal life?

Yes, a person with autism can have a normal life as an adult but may have a challenging time making eye contact with other people.

Are people with autism creative?

A study published in *The Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders* found a strong link between autism and creativity.



Liberty Magnet



The Mystery of Who Really Made the Potato Chip

By Cameron



The popular narrative is that George Crum invented the potato chip.

The potato chip is one of the US's favorite snack foods. The snack's invention is an interesting legend, but spin-off potato chip inventions are just as interesting. The potato chip was invented in Saratoga Lake, NY. Its inventor was George Speck—the son of an African American father and Native American mother.

George Speck, also known as George Crum. (July 15, 1824 – July 22, 1914) was an American chef.

According to popular legend, Cornelius Vanderbilt ordered potato chips from Crum and Moon's Lake House in Sarasota, New York. He repeatedly sent back an order of French fries complaining that they were too thick. Frustrated, Crum sliced a batch of potatoes paper-thin, frying them to a crisp, and seasoning them with lots of salt. Surprisingly, Mr. Vanderbilt loved them and after that many Americans called potato chips the Saratoga Chip.

Shipping and railroad tycoon Cornelius Vanderbilt (1789-1877) was a self-made millionaire who became one of the wealthiest Americans in the 19th century.

While the popular myth is that George Crum invented the potato chip, the myth was eventually debunked by his sister Kate Speck who said she sliced off a sliver of potato and it fell into a hot frying pan by accident. She claimed she invented what would soon be known as the famous Saratoga chips.

Zodiac Signs, How They Were Created – and What They Mean to You.



By Chastity Williams and Zion Williams

[The research for this essay, from our citations, includes many “sophisticated” words, which we had to look up to find their meaning. We have highlighted these words in yellow and included a glossary for them at the end of our essay.]

Have you ever wondered about zodiac signs and how they came to be? Well, this is the right place for you. We have written a comprehensive essay on how the zodiac signs were found about the specific signs themselves, and what they mean to you.

Well, zodiac signs are constellations that the sun passes through. Everyone has one of the twelve constellations. The one that you have is one that the sun was in when you were born. A belief in astrology is that a person's personality can be predicted by their zodiac sign. Oxford Dictionaries defines a constellation as “a group of stars forming a recognizable pattern that is traditionally named after its apparent form or identified with a mythological figure.”

According to BKIDS, twelve well-known groups of stars, called constellations, lie in the zodiac.



Constellations: NAS

When were zodiac signs created?

According to calculations by modern astrophysics, the zodiac was introduced between 398 and 409 BC, during Persian rule, and probably within a very few years of 401 BC. Each sign contained 30° of celestial longitude, thus creating the first known celestial coordinate system.

Each sign was associated with specific dates. The dates have changed because the path of Earth has changed over the years. Astrologers still use the old dates. Astrologers are people who claim to be able to predict the future based on the positions of the stars and the planets in the sky.

Zodiac signs and dates:

- Aries (the ram): March 21-April 19
- Taurus (the bull): April 20-May 20
- Gemini (the twins): May 21-June 20
- Cancer (the crab): June 21-July 22
- Leo (the lion): July 23-August 22
- Virgo (the virgin): August 23-September 22
- Libra (the balance): September 23-October 22
- Scorpius (the scorpion): October 23-November 21
- Sagittarius (the archer): November 22-December 21
- Capricornus (the seagoat): December 22-January 19
- Aquarius (the water bearer): January 20-February 18
- Pisces (the fish): February 19-March 20

These are the different images each zodiac sign has depending on your birth date. Each one has its own unique design.



Now what are the different zodiacs meanings and personalities? Each zodiac sign has its own meaning of who you are.

This zodiac sign is Leo.



The Leo zodiac sign is represented by the lion. This sign is known as the kings and queens of the celestial jungle. Leos can tend to be vivacious, theatrical, and passionate. Leos also like to celebrate themselves.

What kind of person is a Leo?

Leos aren't afraid to like what they like and carry themselves with such incredible confidence that they can convince other people to like what they like, too. Leos couple their own self-confidence with a generous spirit. They know that they deserve the world and so, they walk with their heads up high. Nobody can make a Leo feel bad unless they have done something very wrong.

(Did you know that my friend Chastity is a Leo?)

They are the nicest people in the world other than Capricorn. They will never turn on your back unless you do something bad to them and then they will get physical. Leos are the star of the zodiac. Leo traits include being confident, comfortable being the center of attention, drama-adoring, ambitious, loyal, fiercely protective of their nearest and dearest, generous, luxury-loving, sunny, and big-hearted.

Leos are people with rock-solid minds. They are fearless and fierce. They know they are always mentally strong. If they like you, they won't shy away from their feelings and can sometimes come off a bit too strong.

In astrology, Leo is the fifth sign of the zodiac, considered as governing the period from about July 23 to about August 22.



Let's move on to Virgo...

Virgo, one of the constellations of the zodiac, is Latin for maiden. On the appearance, Virgos are humble, self-effacing, industrious, and practical, but under the surface, they are frequently natural, kind, and sympathetic, as befits their zodiac sign. Virgoans are methodical and quick thinkers, yet they have so much mental energy that they are frequently stressed and tense.

What is a Virgo weakness?

Weaknesses: Obsessive, critical, excessive attention to insignificant details, perfectionist. When Virgo's criticism is left uncontrolled, this can backfire on themselves as well as others.



(Our friend Laila is a Virgo)

Now to Capricorn...

Capricorn is the 10th sign of the zodiac is represented by the seagoat, a mythological hybrid (like the Sagittarian centaur) that's a cross between a goat and a fish. Capricorns are ambitious, determined, materialistic and strong. They will keep going when others would've given up ten miles back. This makes them great partners in life, as well as friends or collaborators.

Capricorns tend to keep small circles but are loyal and supportive of their friends and loved ones. Generally, the most compatible signs for Capricorn friendships and romantic relationships are fellow earth signs (Capricorn, Virgo and Taurus), as they speak the same emotional language, and water signs for their emotional connection.



Capricorn sign

Which sign is Capricorn's soulmate? Taurus, Capricorn's finest soulmate, is dependable and faithful. They take a conservative approach to love and relationships. Capricorn is loyal, dedicated, and at ease in this relationship.

Some of the Capricorn's weaknesses are Capricorns typically aren't party people. You probably won't notice your little guy making spur-of-the-moment decisions or abrupt changes to his plans, Capricorns can come off as a bit cold or distant, Your Capricorn is probably not going to be a social butterfly but that's okay. So, if you're a Capricorn it's okay and be you. Do not change anything about you.

Who is the soulmate of a Virgo?

The unconditional love Virgo and Pisces and have for each other is something they value. Pisces can find their soulmate in and value love with Cancer, Pisces, and Taurus, too. They are all believers of a long-lasting relationship and work hard to keep it. Both of their values are the same, so their shared values can be their strong point. Pisces people are known for being emotionally sensitive, gracious, and emotionally aware. Pisces characteristics are regarded for being among the most sympathetic of the zodiac signs, and they will go to great lengths to ensure the happiness of those around them. They're also creative and imaginative.

Pisces people make the finest life partners for Virgo natives since they have more similarities than differences.



Pisces people feel today is a good day to take risks. Think less and go for whatever seems right to you. It will be a good day for you at work and you will enjoy your work. At some point in the day Virgo people will feel that someone is cheating on them, so don't worry and start enjoying your own company. In astrology, Virgo is the sixth sign of the zodiac, considered as governing the period from about August 23 to about September 22.

Let's move on Cancer...

Cancer is the fourth sign of the zodiac, which the sun enters at the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, on approximately June 21.

Water is the element associated with Cancer and, alongside Scorpio and Pisces, it forms the water trigon. The water trigon is one of four elemental trigons in the zodiac, with the other three being fire, earth, and air. According to Infoplease.com, "The zodiac is partitioned into four trigons, named respectively after the four elements; the *watery* trigon includes Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces; the *fiery*, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius; the *carthy*, Taurus, Virgo, and Capricornus; and the *airy*, Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius."

"Being a Cancer means being emotional, creative, intuitive, and very attuned to the rhythms of the moon," says Narayana Montúfar, senior astrologer at Astrology.com. Cancer signs have very changeable moods, too, which means they require lots of self-care to maintain their personal comfort, Montúfar notes.

Cancers can tend to be extremely emotional.

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Let's move on to Libra...

Libra is an air sign represented by the **scales** (interestingly, the only inanimate object of the zodiac), an association that reflects Libra's fixation on balance and harmony.



Libra is obsessed with symmetry and strives to create equilibrium in all areas of life. Libras adore high art, **intellectualism**, and **connoisseurship**. **Suave** Libras need to surround themselves with stunning objects and create environments that reflect their exquisite tastes. Accordingly, these air signs make excellent designers, decorators, art critics, and stylists. Libras, who find balance in companionship.

Libra's love **harmonious** partnerships with **fashionable** mates, especially those who make attractive arm candy. (Libra governs the skin, and these air signs are highly motivated by physical appearance. There's no better way for a Libra to relax than with a luxurious face mask) The Birthstone for Libra is the Opal Gemstone

Libras Key Weaknesses:

Libra's want to avoid conflict at any cost, which means they put themselves last most of the time. Their self-sacrificing nature can be great for their loved ones but often leave Libras feeling burnt out and unappreciated. That toxic positivity can take a major toll on their self-confidence. Libra men are romantic, and when they fall in love, they fall hard. Libras are known for being charming, beautiful, and well-balanced. They thrive on making things orderly and **aesthetically** pleasing. They like making peace between others. (My friend Deja is a libra.)

Now on to Scorpio...



The eighth sign of the zodiac is represented by the Scorpio. (October 23–November 21).

It is one of the most misunderstood signs of the zodiac. Because of its incredible passion and power, Scorpio is often mistaken for a fire sign. In fact, Scorpio is a water sign that derives its strength from the psychic, emotional realm.

The fire signs (**Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius**) are bold, brash, creative, and daring; they can burn too brightly, though, and their tempers run hot.

Scorpios are famously discreet and even secretive, with an air of mystery around them. Other personality traits include fearlessness, boldness (thanks to Mars), passion, creativity, and fierce loyalty.

Now to Sagittarius...

It is represented either by a centaur shooting a bow and arrow or by an arrow drawn across a bow.



Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius embody the passionate Fire element. As expected, fire signs are recognized for their spontaneity, impulse, creativity, and courage. What is a Sagittarius weakness?

Weaknesses: **Gluttonous**, lazy, restless, irresponsible, blindly **optimistic**, tactless. While most of the time, those with the Sagittarius zodiac sign are very open and accepting, one thing that they can't seem to tolerate is close mindedness.

Moving on to Aquarius...

Aquarius is known for being progressive, idealistic, intelligent, and highly creative—not to mention a little quirky! But there's a lot more to the Aquarius personality than just this, of course.

What's unique about Aquarians - emotional distance - sets them apart and opens them to dark side behaviors **galore**. Some of these devolve to zero compassion, **narcissism**, or a **superiority** complex. Taken to its outer limits, Aquarian **standoffishness** turns them into a stubbornly solo unit. They will always be there for you when you need it, and they will always fascinate you with their ideas. Every now and then, they may even surprise you by showing you their softer side.

What are Aquarius weaknesses? As a fixed sign, Aquarius people make up their mind, there's no going back! Aquarius' hardheadedness can get them into trouble from time to time.



Aquarius sign

Now it's time for Aries:



Aries is the first fire sign in the zodiac.

According to astrologers, the gender of Aries is masculine. Masculine, or positive, zodiac signs are said to take **initiative** in pursuing their ambitions with aggressive tendencies. Fire signs possess leadership skills and are **uninhibited** in their approach to life, which can manifest positively with spontaneity or negatively with **impulsivity**. They project a strong persona but are more sensitive than they may appear.



Then there's Taurus.

Taurus is the second astrological sign in the modern zodiac. It is an earth sign represented by the bull. Taureans enjoy relaxing in serene, bucolic environments, surrounded by soft soothing signs, soothing aromas, and succulent flavors.

According to allure.com "It's true that in their perfect world, Taureans would spend all day bathing in a tub overflowing with essential oils. At the same time, these earth signs know the value of a dollar. Taureans aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and work hard to earn big rewards. They're ambitious, focused, and resilient and they feel most secure when they are steadily putting money into a savings account."

Lastly, it's Gemini.

Gemini is the third astrological sign in the zodiac. Gemini is represented by the twins, **Castor and Pollux**, known as the Dioscuri in Greek mythology. It is a positive, mutable sign.



Playful and **intellectually** curious, Gemini is constantly juggling a variety of passions, hobbies, careers, and friend groups. They are the social butterflies of the zodiac: These quick-witted twins can talk to anyone about anything. Find them buzzing between happy hours, dinner parties, and dance floors.

Despite these traits, weaknesses are that they're **indecisive, impulsive, unreliable, and nosy**—be careful telling a Gemini your deepest darkest secrets.

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Glossary

Self-effacing: Not claiming attention for oneself; retiring and modest.

Scales: A scale or balance is a device used to measure weight or mass.

Intellectualism: The exercise of the intellect at the expense of the emotions. An intelligent or intellectual person.

Connoisseurship: The love of or taste for fine objects of art.

Suave: Charming, confident, and elegant (typically used of a man).

Harmonious: Having a pleasing mixture of notes. a harmonious song. Having the parts agreeably related.

Fashionable: Characteristic of, influenced by, or representing a current popular trend or style.

Aesthetically: In a way that gives pleasure through beauty.

Gluttonous: Excessively greedy.

Optimistic: Hopeful and confident about the future.

Galore: In large numbers or amounts.

Narcissism: Selfishness, involving a sense of entitlement, a lack of empathy, and a need for admiration, as characterizing a personality type.

Superiority: The fact that one person or thing is better, stronger, etc. than another.

Standoffishness: A way of behaving that is slightly unfriendly and too formal.

Initiative: The power or opportunity to act or take charge before others do.

Uninhibited: Expressing one's feelings or thoughts unselfconsciously and without restraint.

Impulsively: Acting or done without forethought. The tendency to act without thinking.

Intellectually: In a way that relates to your ability to think and understand things, especially complicated idea.

How Many Species Live on Earth?

By Heath Todd Bryant



Scientists have recently estimated that there are approximately 8.7 million species on Earth. According to Wonderopolous, they believe that 1-2 million of those species are animals. And what do we know about all those species? Not much! The same study estimates that 86% of all land species and 91% of all sea species have not yet been discovered or described!

According to experts at Princeton University, there is an estimated 9,700 bird species in the world, though there remains some debate about whether this number is correct. According to BirdLife.org, there are nearly 11,000 species worldwide.

Insects account for about one million of the earth's species known to science. Jumping spiders, a group of extremely cute spiders, have more than 6,000 species – 13% of all spiders!

According to the American Museum of natural History, “there are 14,000 known species of ants. And they all form ant colonies. In some species of ants, those colonies may be extremely large. One colony may contain many tens of thousands of individuals!

The most numerous species of amphibian is almost certainly a frog. Exactly which species of the slick-skinned critters is most populous remains unknown. The order Anura, which comprises frogs and toads, contains some 5,500 species, but many are rare or found only within a limited range.



Anura sea creature

I like foxes and tigers. The most common and widespread species of fox is the red fox with about 47 recognized subspecies. Wikipedia defines a subspecies “as a rank below species, used for populations that live in different areas and vary in size, shape, or other physical characteristics (morphology), but that can successfully interbreed.”

According to AZ Animals, “Worldwide, there are 900 million dogs, making them one of the most popular and appreciated pets.”

Even though there are 1-2 million species of animals and there are 900 million dogs, while dogs vary drastically in appearance, every dog—from the Chihuahua to the Great Dane—is a member of the same species, *Canis familiaris*.

With all the different breeds of dogs, it doesn't seem fair that all dogs are the same species.



Can You Imagine Being a Planet and Having 83 Moons?

By Helayna Smith



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Did you know that some planets have over 80 moons? That is so cool, because the earth has only one. But how many moons the planet has depends on how big the planet is. It is so cool to learn; and I want to learn all about it. I want to be a scientist.

How Many Moons Does Each Planet Have? According to solarsystem.gov, this is the list of moons by planet:

Planet / Dwarf Planet	Confirmed Moons	Provisional Moons	Total
Mercury	0	0	0
Venus	0	0	0

Planet / Dwarf Planet	Confirmed Moons	Provisional Moons	Total
Earth	1	0	1
Mars	2	0	2
Jupiter	57	23	80
Saturn	63	20	83
Uranus	27	0	27
Neptune	14	0	14
Dwarf Planets			
Pluto	5	0	5
Eris	1	0	1
Haumea	2	0	2
Makemake	0	1	1
Ceres	0	0	0
Totals	158	56	214*

Because of gravity and the distance, they are from the sun, the larger of the outer planets are the larger planets in our solar system. Bigger planets have more gravity. This means that a larger gravitational pull can control more moons revolving around the planet.

The Earth's Moon began with an explosive collision



Dubbed the 'Giant Impact Hypothesis, the Moon was formed in a violent collision of early earth with a Mars-sized body, believed to have happened 4.5 billion years ago, which would have been 100 million times larger than the event which wiped out the dinosaurs.

The rubble left over from the collision created the moon.

Researchers have estimated that more than 40% of the Moon-forming debris should have been derived from left over pieces of Theia, but new research by a team of geochemists led by Junjun Zhang at the University of Chicago suggests that the Moon is made mostly of material from early Earth instead. Source: <https://sservi.nasa.gov>

Robert Massey, deputy executive director of the Royal Astronomical Society has said the Moon started out Earth that was much bigger than it is today – and an object (labelled 'Theia') about the size of Mars.”

“It was around ten times closer to the Earth than it is now,” reveals Massey. “Imagine looking up at the night sky and seeing the Moon 10 times bigger.” Computer simulations suggest the Moon could even have been 12-19 times closer, at just 20,000-30,000km, compared to 384,000km today. And it is still spinning away. “Because of a transfer of energy from the rotation and tidal bulges of the Earth, the Moon gets 3.78cm further away each year.” That’s roughly the same rate at which your fingernails grow.”

Thank you for reading my article. It involved a lot of research. But imagine having 83 moons?

I Think I Found the Cutest Spider

By Isabella Marie Brown



Jumping Spider

Jumping spiders are basically the largest group of spiders on the planet, with over 6,000 species, as reported by jumpingspider.net

Scientifically known as the *Phidippus Regius*, the regal jumping spider is one of the most popular species of spiders. Mostly encountered in Florida, the regal jumping spider got its unique name from its size, and that's because it is the largest jumping spider in all eastern North America.

Regal jumping spiders make great pets, and that's all thanks to their adorable personalities. While they are vicious hunters, these gorgeous creatures are friendly to humans. And because they don't eat so much, they are easy to care for.

According to Wikipedia, "Jumping spiders are a group of extremely cute spiders that constitute the largest family of all spiders called Salticidae. This family of cute spiders has more than 6,000 species – 13% of all species of spiders!"

Why is Art Important?

By Maliyah Williams



The act of creation can reduce stress and anxiety and improve your mood, says [Girija Kaimal](#), a professor at Drexel University and a leading researcher in art therapy. And flexing our creative side can give us a stronger sense of agency — the ability to solve problems by imagining possible solutions.

Making art can also feel awesome. Engaging in any act of visual expression activates the reward pathway in your brain, "which is perceived as a pleasurable experience." You can do that through myriad activities: finger painting, cooking, baking, collaging, oil painting, weaving, knitting, crocheting, writing screenplays, scrapbooking — the sky's the limit. And don't feel like you must stick to one thing, say the art therapists. Mix it up — do whatever you're in the mood for.

Christianne Strang, a professor of neuroscience at the University of Alabama

In fact, says Strang, that can be a positive thing. In her free time, she likes doodling, water coloring and glass fusing. "Sometimes, when I don't like what I'm making, it frees me up to play and explore new ideas, because I've let go of expectations," she says.

Did You Know Trees Communicate With Each Other Underground?

By Milana Williams



A mangrove is a shrub or tree that grows in coastal saline or brackish water.

Trees are amazing, they give you fruit to eat. The trees can make paper, pencils and maple syrup and did you know that long ago people used birch bark for paper. Trees can live for an exceptionally long time without having water. There are a lot of different trees like coconut trees, weeping willow trees, Ginkgo Trees, American sycamore trees, papaya trees, European ash trees, giant sequoia trees, European beech trees, coast redwood trees, Pará rubber trees, pistachio trees, white oak trees, blue spruce trees and banyan trees.

Trees can grow very tall. The world's tallest living tree is a 380-foot-tall Redwood named Hyperion.

The wood can make lots of things like tables, desks, and lots and lots of other things. My mentor found that according to the Idaho Forests Products Commission, “Trees provide us with more than 5,000 products that people use every day. It's true! From photographic film to paints and from toothpaste to tires, tree-based chemicals and other wood by-products are all around us.

If there were no trees, we would not have a house to live in.

We would be hopeless.

My mentor also found that Will Dunham of Reuters, wrote on May 8, 2022, that “Researchers unveiled the world's largest forest data base, comprising more than 44 million individual trees at more than 100,000 sites in 90 countries - helping them to calculate that Earth boasts roughly 73,300 tree species.”

There are an estimated 3.04 trillion trees on the planet. According to research published in the *Journal Nature*.

Russia has 642 billion trees, earning it the distinction of “Land of the Most Trees!” For some strange reason, Russian law requires landowners to keep these areas deforested, and they are even liable to pay fines if they fail to do so

Trees are connected underground via a vast fungal network. According to Oxford Dictionaries, fungus is any of a group of spore producing organisms feeding on organic matter, including molds, yeast, mushrooms, and toadstools.

Trees form mycorrhizae (literally meaning “fungus-root”), which involves interaction between two different organisms living in close physical association.

These mycorrhizal fungi have many branching threads (called mycelium) that grow out from the root tip of a tree and connect with the roots of other trees and plants to form a mycorrhizal network. The mycelium spans vast areas connecting trees and plants across a forest in an expansive underground network.

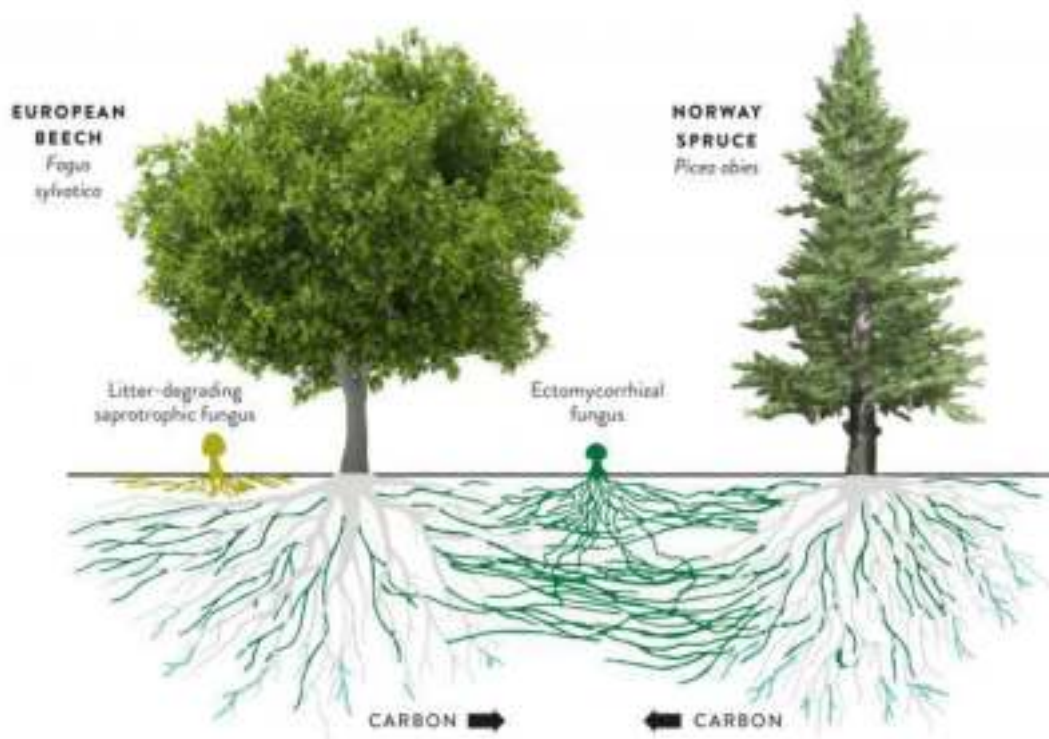
Trees use the mycorrhizal network that connects them together to send and receive chemical messages to one another.

This fungal highway is a direct way to communicate, like the internet or telephone lines. This network was coined the “Wood Wide Web” in Dr. Simard’s 1997 paper published in the scientific journal *Nature*. Dr. Suzanne is a University of British Columbia ecologist.

What captured the public's imagination was Simard's findings that trees are social beings that exchange nutrients, help one another, and communicate about insect pests and other environmental threats.

For example, birch trees give sugars to fir trees in the summer through the mycorrhizal networks and those firs return the favor by sending food to birches in the spring and fall, when the birches lack leaves.

Isn't that cool? Some scientists were having trouble with this: Why would a tree send photosynthetic sugars to another species? And to me, that was so obvious. They are all helping one another to create a healthy community that is of benefit to everyone.



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The Cat's Out of the Bag!

By Abby Chadwell

Do you love animals, and do you love to have pets at home? Cats are interesting pets to have, if you want to learn about cats then this is the article for you. This article will teach you about where cats live, what is toxic to them, and what they need to survive.

Habitats

Cats can live in many different places depending on what kind of cat they are. If they are a stray cat, then they are homeless or get taken into a shelter where you can adopt them. Cats are domesticated, but sometimes they will live outside instead of in a home.



Toxic Food

Like all other animals, cats can't have certain foods such as onions, garlic, raw eggs, chocolate, alcohol, grapes, and raisins. This is like many other animal's non-edible foods. The best food for cats is raw meat, however most people will probably feed their cats canned cat food or dry cat food.



Fun Facts

Cats don't have smooth tongues; they have a rough, scratchy tongue. It is a rarity to find a cat with black whiskers. There are 38 species of cats in the world including house cats, lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars... and the list goes on and on.

In Florida, we have a population of North American cougars (also known as pumas or mountain lions) which we sometimes refer to as the Florida panther. They are considered endangered but through conservation efforts, some progress has been made in keeping the Florida panther alive and well. Did you know that hyenas are more closely related to cats than dogs? Do you have a favorite cat? Perhaps now you can do more research on your favorite species of feline!



Sea Turtles: Ancient Creatures of the Ocean

By Amilya Sangbush

Do you think Sea Turtles are endangered? Well, yes, they are classified as endangered in the world.

Do you know how big a Sea Turtle Shell is? A sea turtle's shell is about 58-78cm (23-31 inches) long, which is big, and it gives you an idea how big the sea turtle can get. Sea turtles are one of the oldest creatures in the world. They have been around since the time of dinosaurs, and they have not changed much at all over the last 110 million years.

You can find sea turtles in many different sizes and colors. Sea turtles are cold-blooded, like all reptiles. They have a three-chambered heart, as well as scaly skin, which is also a feature of all reptiles. Sea turtles can be found throughout the world in every ocean except for the arctic ocean, and this is because most sea turtles like warmer tropical waters.

Did you know that each species of sea turtles has a specific geographic area where they nest, breed and where they live, although they spend most of their lives in shallow waters? The sea turtles normally only venture on to beaches to lay eggs. Usually, they choose to hang out around shallow coastal areas like lagoons and bays, but they are sometimes found in deep ocean waters.



According to Wikipedia, there are seven existing species of sea turtles in the world today. The seven species are: flatback, green, hawksbill, leatherback, loggerhead, and olive ridley sea turtles. Interestingly, in all seven species, the males and females are the same size, unlike a lot of different species of animals!

Almost all the species of sea turtles are considered endangered or at least vulnerable. They face threats such as climate change, pollution, poaching and unfortunately, much more.

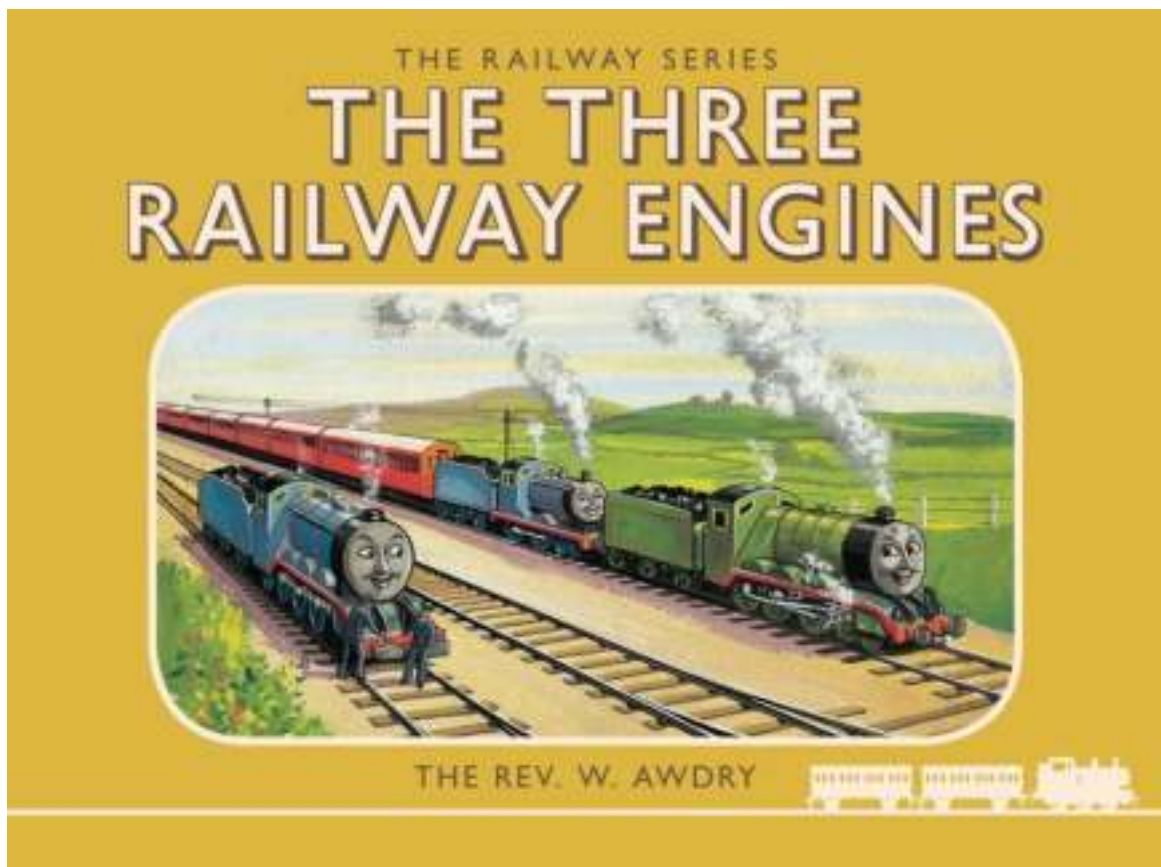
The sea turtles play an important role in the ecosystems, as do all animals, and we must continue conservation efforts to make sure that sea turtles will be around for millions more years in the future.



Thomas and Friends: A Staple of American Culture

By Daniel Tibbs

Surely you have heard of Thomas and Friends, an extremely popular series of children's books. It may seem like just another show for children, but did you know that the show has therapeutic uses? Children on the Autism spectrum have reportedly found the show to be calming and relaxing. Isn't that incredible? Let's dive into the world of Thomas and Friends and see what we can learn!



The origin of the Thomas and Friends franchise goes all the way back to 1942. Young Christopher Awdry caught the measles and his father, Wilbert Awdry, would tell him stories and sing him little songs to make him feel better.

Wilbert soon began turning the stories into books and in 1945, the first book featuring Thomas and his friends, *The Three Railway Engines*, was published. There are 26 books of Thomas and Friends that were written by Wilbert with another 16 books written by Christopher. The last book, *Thomas and His Friends*, was published in 2011. The characters are Thomas the Tank Engine, Percy the Small Engine, Gordon the Big Engine, James the Red Engine, Henry the Green Engine and many more.

The television series, *Thomas & Friends* (originally called *Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends*) ran for 24 seasons from 1984 to 2021. While this series has ended, a new series, *Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go*, premiered in 2021. The new show features 2-D animation and introduced a new character, Bruno, who is on the Autism spectrum, just like some of the children who find the show calming.



Bon Appétit: A Brief History of Macaroni and Cheese

By Elijah Thomas

Perhaps you've heard of the concept of "comfort food." It's the kind of food that makes you feel good when you eat it. Maybe it takes you back to your childhood and reminds you of a time when all was right with the world. One such food for many people is macaroni and cheese.

Do you love macaroni and cheese as much as I do? Well, maybe you have wondered where it came from?

Pasta and cheese casserole dishes date back as far as the 14th century in Italy. The first modern recipe for what we call "macaroni and cheese" appeared in the 1769 book *The Experienced English Housekeeper*. Elizabeth Raffald, the author of the book, used a recipe that calls for a Béchamel sauce with cheddar cheese—a Mornay sauce in French cooking—which is then mixed with macaroni and sprinkled with parmesan cheese. The dish is then baked until piping hot and golden brown.



The history of macaroni and cheese in the United States goes all the way back to President Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson, along with his slave James Hemings, came across the dish while visiting Paris. Jefferson drew a picture of the dish and wrote some details on how to make it. He

even had a machine made for the making of macaroni and cheese at his home at the plantation Monticello.

The machine turned out to be unsuitable for making macaroni and cheese, but Jefferson spent many years working on perfecting the dish. It has been reported that in 1802 he served “a pie called macaroni” at an official state dinner. Even the president knew how delicious and popular this dish would be!

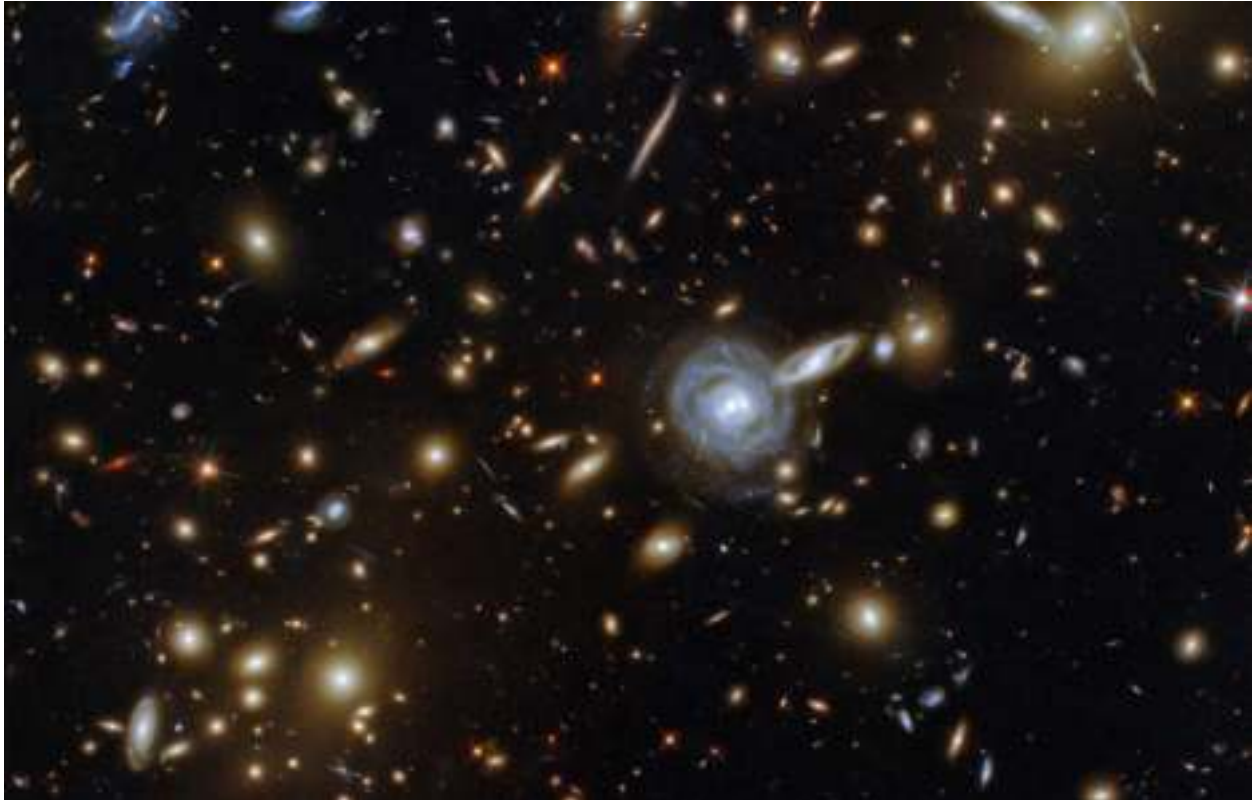


This is how Gordon Ramsey makes mac n cheese: 1 pound of elbow pasta, 4 cups of whole milk, 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, 2 cups of shredded cheese, 2 teaspoons of kosher salt, one and a half teaspoons of ground black pepper, 2 cups of bacon bits, one and a half of breadcrumbs, toasted.

The Vast of Night: Our Universe

By Eliyah Johnson

Have you ever looked up at the sky and wondered about our place in the stars? The universe is made of many galaxies, and we live in just one of them, which is known as the Milky Way. Space is infinity big because it is expanding very slowly to this day. In fact, you can see the expansion with a powerful enough telescope. I will tell you a little about space.



There are 8 planets in our solar system. Our planetary system is the only one designated as a “solar system” but there are countless stars with planets that orbit them. They are usually referred to as “star systems.” The nearest star system to us is the Alpha Centauri system which is about 4.4 light years from Earth. In our solar system, there are eight planets.

You probably think there are nine planets, but Pluto was reclassified as a “dwarf planet” in 2006. The order of the planets is Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. The inner planets have no rings, and the outer planets have lots of rings.

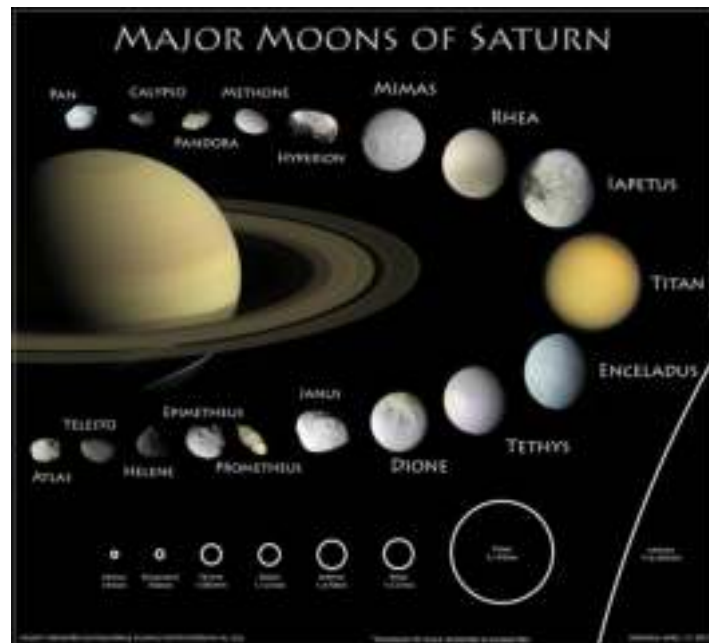
The first four planets, Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars are called the “inner planets” because they are closest to the sun. They are rocky or “terrestrial” planets because they have a hard, compact surface just like we do here on Earth. The planets also have moons that orbit them,

just like Earth has one moon which was first visited by humans from Earth in 1969. Mercury and Venus do not have any moons, but Mars has two.



Next, we have the outer planets: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Jupiter and Saturn are considered “gas giants” as they are mainly composed of gases such as hydrogen and helium. Uranus and Neptune are called “ice giants” as they are largely composed of ice.

These planets have moons as well, in fact, Jupiter and Saturn both have over eighty known moons! Neptune and Uranus also have many more moons than the inner planets but far fewer than Jupiter and Saturn. Now we all know a little more about space and our solar system!



Tornadoes: Nature's Fury!

By Emma Terrell

Have you ever seen a tornado? Perhaps you've wondered how a tornado is formed?

Tornadoes are formed when warm air rises very quickly and then the cold air rushes into replace it. A tornado forms from a large thunderstorm. Inside thunderclouds, warm and humid air rises, while the cool air falls. These conditions cause the air currents to spin inside the cloud. The current can then turn vertical and drop down out of the cloud which creates a tornado.



Have you heard of a place called Tornado Alley? Tornado Alley is usually considered to start in the Southern plains and extends northward through the upper Midwest to the Canadian border.

States often considered to be part of Tornado Alley include Texas, Kansas, and Nebraska. However, Tornado Alley is not actually an officially recognized meteorological area. The area became known as Tornado Alley after a team of Air Force meteorologists named it in 1952.



Storm chasers are scientists that take on the extremely dangerous task of chasing after storms to study them. Storm chasers chase storms because they want to observe tornadoes and other storms up close and collect data that they can't get any other way. The storm chasers study weather and seek to learn more about these dangerous storms so that they can understand how they work.

The most popular storm chaser was Timothy Michael Samaras, who died in 2013. He was an engineer and storm chaser who conducted lots of research on tornadoes and he also appeared on The Discovery Channel with his show Storm Chasers.

Samaras once gave a quote that explained his interest in chasing tornadoes: "By the time I'm old and retired, I'm hoping to contribute enough that people can take this piece and run with it, then others, such as the college students that are participating in this can take off and finish out the mission when I'm long gone."

The Life of Alfred Wegener

By Jaiden Brown

Have you ever looked at a map and wondered why the continents look like they do? Then you might enjoy hearing about the life and work of Alfred Wegener.

Alfred Wegener grew up in Germany and had a very curious mind. According to the excerpt from “Earth’s Changing Surface,” Wegener wanted to solve the mystery of matching continents.

Wegener’s hypothesized that continents were joined as one supercontinent they broke apart and the pieces slowly drifted away from each other. Based on the text, geologists studied rock layers on the continents. They made many intriguing discoveries.

For example, rock layers along the northern and eastern coasts of South America match rock layers along Africa’s western coast. Also, deposits of coal and salt in eastern North America are like those in southern Europe.

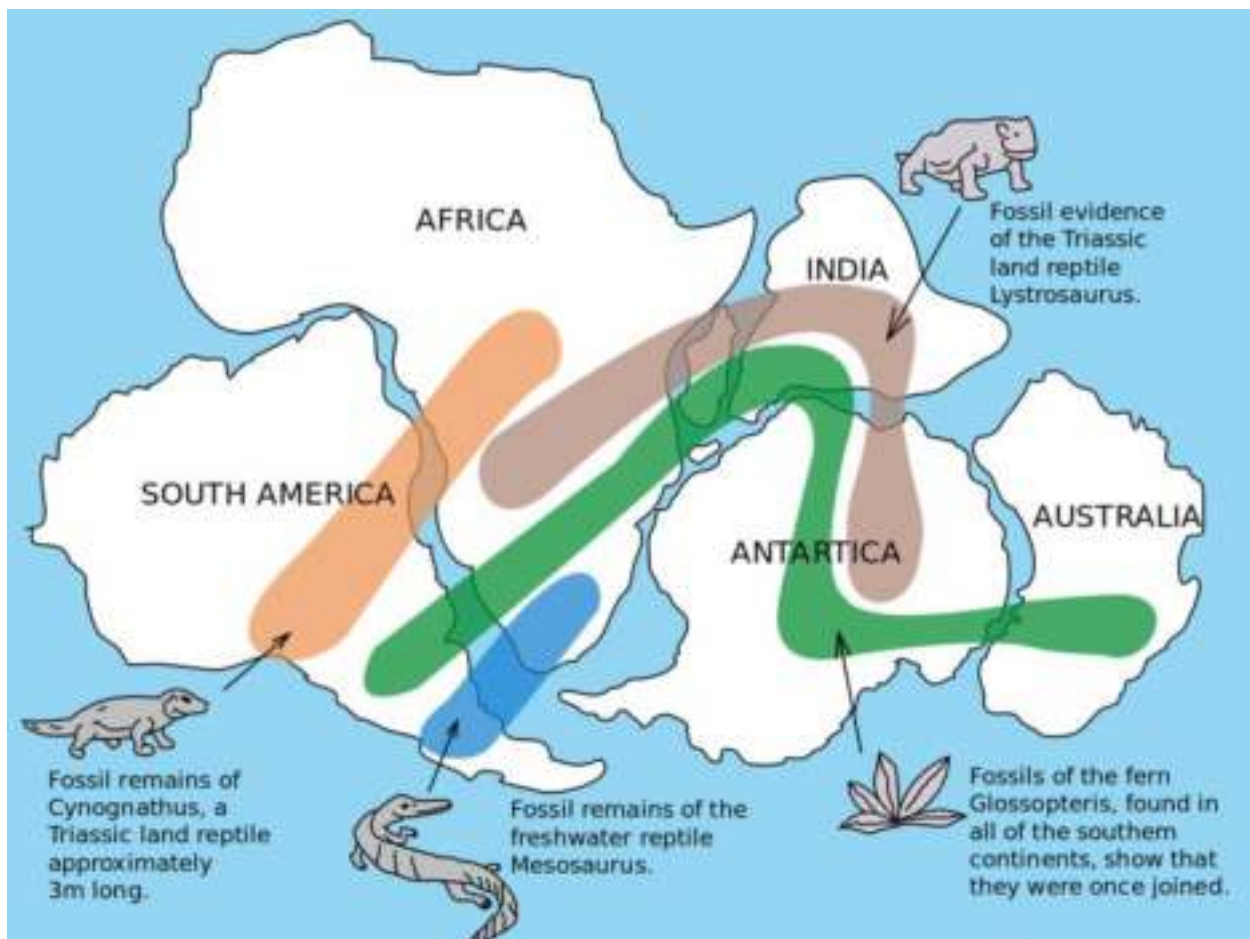


Evidence that also supports Wegener's hypothesis is that geologists found fossils of an ancient fern call *Glossopteris* in similar rock layers in Africa, India, Australia, and South America.

They found fossils of an ancient reptile, *Lystrosaurus*, in both southern Africa and India.

In South America and Africa, fossils of another ancient reptile, *Cynognathus*, turned up directly across the Atlantic Ocean from each other. In addition, Polar explorers had recently unearthed fossils of *Glossopteris* in Antarctica.

Similar fossils had previously been found in other parts of the world. This seemed to indicate that ice-covered Antarctica might once have been joined to South America, Africa, India, and Australia. It also meant that Antarctica had once had a climate warm enough for ferns to grow. This evidence shows how there is the continental drift.



Thanksgiving: A Holiday for Family

By Jennifer Hood

Do you have a favorite holiday? Which one do you think is the most important?

For many years we have been celebrating Thanksgiving, but that is not the only reason I believe it is the most important. Many years ago, colonists from many places came together to honor their safe journeys. When they gathered, they decided to have a great feast. Specifically, they had a turkey, vegetables, a pie, and they played games and had fun.

I would like to share some of the facts about Thanksgiving that I have discovered.



Did you know the author of “Mary Had a Little Lamb,” Sarah Josepha Hale, also helped make Thanksgiving a national holiday? She created a campaign to try and persuade President Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving an official holiday in the United States.

Eventually, her hard work paid off. In 1863, President Lincoln encouraged Americans to celebrate Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November.

In 1870, Congress passed the law that made Thanksgiving a national holiday. It should be noted that this law also included Christmas, New Year’s Day, and Independence Day.



From 1621 to today, many people have celebrated Thanksgiving. We honor our families, eat, and play games on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day is on the fourth day of November, but it wasn't always on that day.

Lincoln declared that the final Thursday in November would be the day for Thanksgiving celebrations. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt broke from this tradition and stated that it should be the fourth Thursday in November since that year there were five Thursdays in the month of November.

For a few years there was much confusion, and some people were celebrating two Thanksgivings! In 1942, Congress passed a law that officially made Thanksgiving take place on the fourth Thursday in November, as it does today.

I like Thanksgiving very much. I love the origin behind it. I love the fun food that many people have eaten and enjoyed, and I like to spend time with people I care about and love!

I hope you like Thanksgiving too, and if you do I hope you got to learn something from this informational essay!

All About Demon Slayer

By Kohen Hall

Do you like Demon Slayer or anime in general? If so, then this is the article for you because I'll be telling you about demon slayer.

Demon Slayer is a Japanese manga series written and illustrated by Koyoharu Gotouge. A manga is basically a Japanese comic book. The Demon Slayer manga was adapted into twenty-six episodes of a television anime show and a movie, Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba – The Movie: Mugen Train, which is a sequel to the anime show, was released in 2020. The movie made more money than any anime or Japanese movie ever before!



If you watched the Mugen train arc than you probably may know Akaza but you might not know his blood demon art. His blood demon art is destructive death and since he is upper rank 3, he's overpowered and if you don't know, the closer your rank is to 1 the more blood Muzan gives you. And if you are lower rank one like Enmu, you're the closest to become an upper rank like Akaza and the closer you are to upper or lower 1 the more powerful you are and when you are upper rank one you are the strongest demon in the demon ranks.

That's it for the demon slayer ranks. Now I'll tell you about the different breathings.

The breathings are their sword fighting styles and attack moves. First, let's start with my favorite breathing: thunder breathing. So, the current main character that uses thunder breathing is Zenitsu Agatsuma, but he only knows the first form and he made it better. The

form was called thunder breathing first form thunderclap and flash he then evolved it to thunder breathing first form thunderclap and flash six-fold.

You see this move in the mount Natogumo arc when Zenitsu has a flash back of his teacher who taught him thunder breathing. Next, he uses thunder breathing first form godlike speed. He uses this at the entertainment district when Zenitsu and Inosuke fight Daki.



Next water breathing user's: Uroaki, Giyu, and Tanjiro (main character of demon slayer) all use water-breathing styles. Giyu made his own form of water breathing and it's called water breathing 11th form dead calm. He is he only one who knows how to do this.

Tanjiro's forms are called water breathing first form and water surface slash. The second form is water wheel, and this move allows him to roll a circle of water to attack enemies. I also want to mention that the 8th form is waterfall basin and 10th form is constant flux, which is when you summon a water dragon around your katana and whenever you spin it becomes stronger.

And that's it for water breathing and that is the end for demon slayer.

The German Empire and World War I: Apocalypse Rising!

By Noah Thomas

The German Empire was an empire created after the Franco-Prussian war when Otto von Bismarck, the prime minister at the time, convinced the king to create an empire. The king of Prussia was Wilhelm II, and he would become Kaiser, or Emperor, of the German Empire.



The Franco-Prussian war was a conflict between the second French empire and the kingdom of Prussia. The leaders were Napoleon III and Wilhelm II. After the war, Bismarck established the German empire and Wilhelm II became emperor. He did not really like the idea at first but with some convincing he finally accepted.

Wilhelm II was the King of Prussia during the franco Prussian war. He did not like Napoleon III insulting him or invading his territory. Napoleon III was the first and last emperor of France. He started the Franco-Prussian war by insulting and attacking Prussia.



WW1 was started when Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne was shot and killed by a Serbian nationalist in 1914. Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

The Russians had an alliance with Serbia, so the German Empire declared war on the Russian Empire and Russia declared war on them. Germany and France then declared war on each other, and the British Empire declared war on the Germans. Italy had an alliance with Austria-Hungary and Germany, but they would join the side of Germany and France in 1915 as they hoped for a better outcome this way.

Even the United States would eventually declare war on Germany in 1917. The result of all of this was the First World War, also called “the Great War,” which was one of the bloodiest conflicts in human history and would set the stage for another world war just twenty years later as the results would give rise to nationalist movements in Germany, Italy, and Japan.

These three countries would go on to become the main aggressors in the Second World War and would become known as the “Axis Powers.”



The Battle of Yarmouk

By: Russell Willer

You have probably heard of the famous battles like Gettysburg, Midway or Stalingrad but have you heard of the Battle of Yarmouk?

The Battle of Yarmouk was in the Middle Ages in the year 636. The Muslims fought one of the best fighting forces in world, the Byzantines. The Byzantines had a noticeably enormous chunk of land that the Muslims could take if they won The Battle of Yarmouk. Though it would be tough to beat the Byzantines because they had many more soldiers. If the Muslims were to beat the Byzantines it would be a major upset.



Next, the Byzantines attacked in the middle of the Muslim army. The Muslims retreated but the men's wives forcing them to go back into the war by throwing rocks, stones, and tent poles at them.

Then, the Muslims gained progress after the Byzantines tried attacking their right flank of army men. The Byzantines had to retreat, but the same thing happened again when their wives forced them back into the battle.

After that, the Byzantines tried the same thing they did the day before and still they made no progress. The Muslims gained ground on the Byzantines and became closer to winning the Battle of Yarmouk. The Byzantines were on their last legs, they could not stand any longer, the Muslims were still fighting indeed having lots of confidence and gaining more ground than the Byzantines.

Prior to this, the Byzantines had been fighting for days and still struggled to gain any ground. As the Muslims gained more progress, they started having more confidence as the Byzantines were having less confidence. The Byzantines leader, Vahan, was surprised that they were losing a battle to the Muslims. Both sides lost very excellent fighters and were incredibly sad. But the Muslims were able to do better without their general chiefs and excellent fighters. While the Byzantines could not do as well as the Muslims.

For the first time, Vahan knew what real fear felt like and was nervous he was going to lose the Battle of Yarmouk as the Muslims were inching closer to winning it they were making the Byzantines retreat. As they were retreating the Muslims forced them into the ocean only for them to be smashed by rocks and die.



Finally, The Muslims were able to pull off an upset they have beaten the Byzantines. Most of the Byzantines were killed, but some of their soldiers managed to escape including their leader Vahan. But Vahan died shortly after he escaped. Vahan offered the Muslims a truce.

By offering a truce he had signaled to the Muslims that he might lose. The Byzantine Empire was falling apart, and the Muslims won the Battle of Yarmouk.

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Things About Huskies

By Brian

Huskies were initially brought to Alaska because of the Gold Rush in 1909. They originated in Siberia and are friendly and gentle. “The Siberian husky can be traced all the way back to the Chukchi people...(they) bred the Siberian husky to endure, and even thrive, in their frigid home.” (8 Awesome Facts About the Siberian Husky).

Despite their appearance, Siberian Huskies are not part wolf. They can work in extreme cold. When it snows, they get a snow nose.



The Siberian Husky

Huskies saved cargo and pilots in World War II. Most huskies are friendly, but some are rude and mean. Huskies can live 12-15 years. They can be gray, black, silver-gray, and while some people think they are cute, they have a bite force of 320 PSI. Males can be within 21-24 inches tall and weigh 44-60 pounds.

Siberian huskies worked as sleigh dogs; no one took them seriously as racing dogs. The Iditarod sled race is recreation of Siberian huskies' heroism. “The Iditarod sled race, a 1,000-mile-long dogsled race that takes place in Alaska. ...the race commemorates a 1925 relay run that delivered diphtheria medicine from Nenana all the way to Nome. Teams of Siberian huskies made up large portions of this historic, heroic run, and it was because of the efforts of these drives, as well as their dogs, that so many people were saved during this outbreak.” (8 Awesome Facts About Siberian Huskies, 2021).



The Daily Wag states heterochromia is common in Siberian huskies. Heterochromia is when a husky has two colored eyes.

According to Wikipedia, the breed belongs to the Spitz genetic family. It is recognizable by its coat, and erect triangular ears, and it is smaller than the similar-looking Alaskan malamute.



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People Who Changed History and Made a Difference in the World

By Emma Grace

People who changed history obviously made a difference in the world. What happened in the past affects the present. Things have taken a turn for the better. The people who made the world better deserve to be recognized.

One person is Rosa Louise McCaley Parks who was an American activist in the Civil Rights movement. “Best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery Boycott, United States Congress has honored her as the First Lady of Civil Rights and the mother of the Freedom Movement” (Wikipedia, 2023).

Parks organized and collaborated with civil rights leaders such as Edgar Nixon, and Martin Luther King Jr.



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People always said that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true. I was not tired physically... No, *the only tired I was, was tired of giving in.*

ROSA PARKS

The next person is Jack Roosevelt Robinson. He is a baseball player who became the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. Robinson broke the color line when he started at first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947 (The History Channel, 2022).

When the Dodgers signed Robinson, it heralded the end of racial segregation in professional baseball that had relegated black players to the Negro Leagues since 1880s (Jackie Robinson Elementary School, 2023). Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.



Photo of Jackie Robinson

Another person is James Merce Langston Hughes. Hughes was a poet, playwright, and novelist. Hughes made a poem about "dreams deferred" it's called, "Harlem." Deferred dreams mean to put off. Hughes wrote about African people who gave up on their dream.

Hughes is best known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance. He famously wrote about the period that "the Negro was in vogue", which was later paraphrased as "when Harlem was in vogue"

This is a poem by Langston Hughes, below, from the Poetry Foundation (2023):

Harlem

By Langston Hughes

What happens to dreams deferred

Does it dry up like a
Raisin in the sun?

Or fester like a sore
And then run?

Does it stink like rotten meat?

Or crust and sugar over
Like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags
Like heavy load

Or does it explode?

Another person who changed history and made a difference in the world was Madam C. J. Walker, born in Delta, Louisiana on December 23, 1867. Walker was an African American entrepreneur. She rose from poverty to wealthiness. "Her hair care line made over \$500,000 in sales, in the final year of her life."

She was worth one million dollars in 1919. "As her wealth increased, so did her philanthropic and political outreach...(she) became active in the anti-lynching movement" (National Women's History Museum, 2015). "She grew to be many things but, died on May 25, 1919, because of kidney failure.

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How White Animals Camouflage

By Payton

Have you seen white animals in the wild? If not, the first animal I am going to tell you about is a polar bear.



Polar bears have hollow hair, and their skin is black. “Hollow” means polar bears have hollow hair, so the snow goes through the hair to make it white.



Photo of polar bear’s hollow hair

Polar bears do not have a fear in Antarctica.

The next animal is Krait white-scaled snakes. Krait white snakes are found in Nepal. It is hard for the snakes to find food because they do not have camouflage.



Photo of a white Krait snake

Camouflage has another name called cryptic coloration. According to National Geographic, "Organisms use camouflage to mask their location, and movement." This allows prey to avoid predators to sneak up on prey. Animals with fur have different camouflage than those with feathers and scales.

An example would be an Arctic Fox. They have a white coat that changes brown in the summer; in the winter they are white.



Photo of Artic Foxes

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The Writing of Ay'Den Lester



Knowing Journalism

What I think we are doing (from reading two pages and looking at mid-chapters) is learning how to write, learn, and improve on writing and reading, while learning different words in our book. But the main thing that I think I will learn is learning about different people that are very popular on this subject, so it is better to learn from them about the art of journalism. While learning about journalism, we'll know things about the past and present. We will improve on handwriting while learning about cursive. Learning journalism is something I will like very much.

Definition:

Authentic- undisputed origin; genuine.

Many things can be authentic, like playing your favorite game that revolves around a specific time, and you play at that time. Authentic is something that is genuine, a thing that has a questioned origin, something that just can happen.

Something authentic happened to me once. One time, when I was playing a game called 'Get a snack at 4 am,' there was this one achievement, that if you play at 4 am, you'd get the badge. When I played at the time, I didn't even know this badge was a thing, so I just played all night, and the next time I saw my achievements, it showed I received the badge!



Powers

I'm curious on how to live a life that you can control. I mean, everyone can't control life and how it goes, but I mean I want to control how it goes! A scenario could be, you DON'T say something bad; our family member (little or big) misheard you say it, and goes to tell your parents, so you go to your parent's room to sort it out. But it's too late, so you get in trouble.

Now, some people wish to go back in time, and say something different that isn't bad, but means the word they said. Then, you wouldn't get in trouble. That could be something you do to control your life! Controlling your life can help you with situations that you don't want to be in. Like things that just happen unexpectedly, like being framed for an act that you didn't do. Controlling the world can have lots of benefits, just make sure that when you have it, only use it for good, and not for selfish reasons (only ones that don't affect people in a bad way).



A Bit of an Ending

Now, throughout the times of journalism right now, I have finished my first article (knowing how authentic journalism is)! With this being my first article, I just want a little ending to it. Just know that this will be the only time I will be doing this until the real end. But just savor up the first (kind of) ending to a page.

Fortnite: Be the Last Player

By Curry Jr.



Do you want to hop on the battle bus and get ready to shoot your way to victory in Fortnite?

The way of winning is to be the last player. You might think it is easy, but it is very hard. You must shoot people to win, or you could camp in a bush like a noob. There are a lot of guns in the game, like the shotgun, pistol, assault rifles and more like SMG's. You can get skins, pickaxes, back bling, gliders, contrails, and wraps for your gun to make it cool.



What are the best skins for Fortnite?

In Fortnite you can build in normal, no build or creative modes. You can find keys in the chests, on the ground, or in an enemy's inventory when you kill them. You also can find them in rare chests and in supply drops sometimes. It is rare but kind of not rare to find keys in a normal chest all the time. If you have v-bucks, you can buy the battle pass, skins, pickaxes, back bling's, gliders, contrails, and wraps.



(Top 5 Best Fortnite Gliders for players 2021 (FirstSportz))

The more wins and stuff you do the higher your account level is, there are now crowns that you can win if you get a victory royale. There are a lot of Seasons in Fortnite with Season 1 being the first. There are a lot of updates in the Season. The more you "level up," the more stuff you get in the battle pass if you buy it. The key to leveling up is to do quests.

(Fortnite Victory Crown: How to get a Victory Crown in Fortnite | Eurogamer.net)

Fortnite is a platform game that is free to play. On a mobile device which is on a phone the seasons are in the past but if you don't play on mobile, you play the season that is present. There are leaks to the game, so you know what comes next but sometimes there are no leaks. The more seasons the more it changes the different stuff like guns, skins, vehicles, and houses and stuff change. With all that said I hope you would like to play Fortnite and get victory royales like me.

How to Make Arroz con Leche

By Rowan Henry Warner



I was curious about how to cook Arroz con leche.

First, put seven cups of water into a medium-heavy saucepan. Next put in one cup long grain white rice. Then put in a delicious four-inch cinnamon stick. You put all off these things in a medium-size heavy saucepan set over medium-high heat. Then wait for it to boil uncovered.

Next, cook until the rice is tender in about 18 minutes. Then strain out the liquid. Discard the cinnamon and reserve the rice. Return the rice to the saucepan. Then stir in the twelve-ounce evaporated milk, fourteen-ounce condensed milk, and one-cup whole milk.



Continue cooking over medium-high heat until the mixture comes to a boil. Then reduce the heat to a low and cook, uncovered, stirring constantly, until the mixture is thick, about 20 minutes. Add the raisins and stir well. And lastly, transfer the Arroz con leche to a serving bowl and dust off the pudding with some ground cinnamon. Arroz con leche was incredibly fun to learn about and I hope you think so as well.

I also hope that when I try to make Arroz con leche I'm able to comprehend it and I honestly hope that you might try to as well unless you have already have been making it while reading this. I had so much fun while writing this and I hope you have had fun reading this and learning about Arroz con leche as much as I have. I did not know how to make Arroz con leche until now and I am so excited to try and make it. I have been eating it without even knowing about it.

Los Angeles [aka LA]

By Ruby Brow



I love Los Angeles it is such a beautiful city. I have never been there. EVER. But I wish I could go but the thing is I can't because I have 6 siblings and I must wait until they get older. But I do hope I can meet a celebrity when I go to LA.

But never mind about that. There are many things I LOVE about Los Angeles like its nickname "The City of Angels". I literally love that nickname. There are also celebrities there. Like Tyra Banks, Chris Brown, Kim Kardashian, and Katy Perry. All these celebrities are singers or rappers.



I also love their beaches; they are so beautiful. Their beaches are so wide, their beaches also have a nice & beautiful, long pier. LA's beaches are also popular because Los Angeles may possibly be the American city with the best overall variety of local beaches. The beach water is so pretty and blue.



Well, I am done with this LA article. I hope you liked my article. Thank you for reading my article. You made my day.

Snoop Slimes

By Ruby Browning

Snoop Slimes are my favorite; I always watch their YouTube channel. They have cute, stretchy, and non-sticky slimes. They even customize their slimes. They have so many different types of slimes. I have never had their slimes, but I do want them for Christmas. I just cannot wait for Christmas.



They also have slimes that have a sweet smell because they always put a delicious scent in the slimes. Whenever they sell their slimes, they would put activator in the slime which makes it not sticky. They have Butter slime which has a good stretchy texture. And they have slimes that make big bubble pops.

I also love how they have beginner and advanced slimes. The girl who created Snoop Slimes is Jugmin Kang. She started her business in February 2017 at the age of 13.



I hope you like my article about Snoop Slimes.

LOVE

By Vinson Stokes

I'm curious about love. What things make it end? And the main concept of love is very crucial (which means critical), and love is also the main thing in people's lives. Love is also showing affection, care, protection and emotion to a person or an object and most love is strong.

For example, I love Fortnite. Fortnite is a battle royale game that starts with 100 people. You must get loot from chest and ammo boxes and kill until the last person standing is you. This is called the "Victory Royale". If you use your money in real life, you could buy Vbucks. They are the things that they make for you to buy; outfits which are called skins and dances which are called emotes. Right now, you can purchase 5,000 V-Bucks for \$31.99. Therefore, 1,000,000 V-Bucks would cost **\$6,398**.

You can play on all platforms including Xbox, PC, PlayStation 4 or 5, or Nintendo. Personally, I like playing more on PlayStation 4 and 5. Every year Fortnite is upgrading seasons. It started right when the game came out. There are different modes such as zero build and creative modes. You can even play a game that people make themselves. You could play those in solos duos, trios, and squads.



But I'm still curious about Fortnite; will it ever end? And if it does wouldn't that be a scam because you must buy Vbucks to buy skins and emotes and items. I have 378 skins because I've been playing since the game started. So, if they end the game all my money would go to waste and the time and dedication would be for nothing. If I had never bought anything on Fortnite my parents would be rich. I spent at least \$10,000 dollars on Fortnite because I'm addicted to Fortnite; but it might end.

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String Anyone?

By Nicholas Sofia

Did you ever wonder what string is made from? Let me tell you.

String is made from many kinds of material. Linen, hemp, cotton, coir, jute, straw, sisal, vegetable fibers, sinew, silk, and rawhide are a few things that string could be made from. String is just thin rope made of twisted threads. Why do we need string? It's used to tie things together.

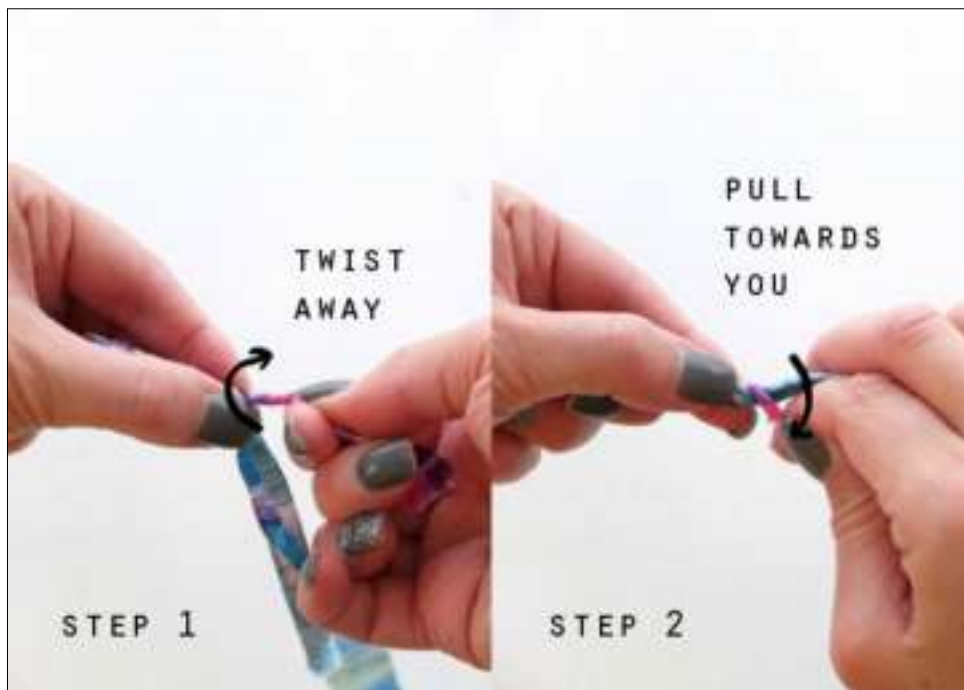
Would you like to learn how to make string? Here are the steps to make your own fabric string. You will need fabric strips 1" wide in two different lengths, scissors, and something to wind your fabric string onto.

Step 1: tie two strips together with a small knot. Then twist the strip away from you.

Step 2: pull that twisted strip over towards you.

Repeat.

If you need to join strips, just leave a tail of about 1" and wrap the new strip around it. Keep twisting. The tighter you twist, the firmer your string will be.



Here's a picture of finished fabric string.
It's so easy to make.



You can make string from any materials that you have, even bark from a tree. You can look up videos on YouTube to learn how to make string from bark. The steps are like the steps to make fabric string.



Bark Fibers



Bark String

String is amazing! I hope you learned more about string from my article. Now, go make some string!

Sources: WIKIPEDIA, Collinsdictionary.com, Pinterest

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Fear of Dogs

Caylee Bourdette



Why are people more scared of some breeds of dogs than others, like Pitbull's? How do dogs even know you're scared? When you think about, it it's kind of weird. Cynophobia is the fear of dogs. People can have this phobia for many reasons like having a bad encounter with a dog.

Children usually have cynophobia, but it can also affect adults. People are likely to have a fear of dogs if they have depression, anxiety, or other phobias.

Some dogs that people are more commonly afraid of include Dalmatians, German Shepherds, Rottweilers, Siberian huskies, and Doberman pinschers.

Dogs aren't born mean. Certain breeds get a bad reputation because of their high energy or territorial nature. Sometimes there are also dog breeds that get abused and act mean because of how they were treated, or even from not being socialized as a puppy.

A main reason behind fear of dogs is getting bit. Some studies show that even though aggression levels can be related to dog breeds, it isn't fully true because each dog's attitude and actions are different.

Many of the dog breeds that are most feared are good! They make up rescue mission dogs, K9 dogs, and some are bred to watch after children.

When people first get their dog, it is a good idea to give them obedience training and socialization so that they become good over time.

What is the Rarest Dolphin?

Chloe Cregut



Hector's dolphins are the rarest, and one of the smallest dolphins in the world. You can tell them apart from other dolphins by their distinct black facial markings, short and stocky bodies, and their round dorsal fin that looks like a Mickey Mouse ear.

Sir Hector James was the first to see Hector's dolphin which is how it got its name. Some people will also call them Mickey Mouse dolphins because of the shape of their dorsal fin.

The World Wildlife Fund estimates there are ~7000 Hector's dolphins left in the world and NOAA lists them as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

Hector's dolphin is one of the four dolphin species that is a part of the genus *Cephalorhynchus*. Out of the ~49 dolphin species all over the world, I think that Hector's Dolphin is the cutest dolphin.

These dolphins are only found in New Zealand. They weigh up to 110 pounds, grow up to 5 feet long and live for at least 22 years. Unlike other dolphins, in this species the male is shorter than the females.

The main reason for Hector's dolphins being endangered is from getting caught in fishing nets. Luckily, there are a lot of agencies and charities that are working to restore the dolphins' population.

Have You Heard of the Philippine Eagle?

By Jase Adams



The Philippine eagle is one of the most powerful birds and one of the biggest eagles, also known as the “monkey eater.” They are critically endangered with their population size at ~250-270.

Philippine eagles do eat monkeys, but prey on many other animals of all different sizes. They are known to hunt bats, civets, flying squirrels, and macaques. They also eat other birds of prey, snakes, and lizards.

Hunting and deforestation are the main reason for these eagles becoming critically endangered. The Philippine eagle is found on about 4 islands in the Philippines, which is a country in Asia.

With these eagles only living on islands, they are at a higher risk of habitat loss because they have nowhere else to go.

These birds have a body length of 2.5-3.3 feet, a wingspan of 6.5 feet, and weigh 10-18 pounds.

Philippine eagles build stick nests high in the main fork of a tree and usually on a platform of ferns and orchids. Every other year, the female lays one large egg which needs 2 months to develop.

The natural breeding cycle requires 2 years. Breeding season is October-December so that the chick can hatch in the dry season, February-May. After 60 days, the chick hatches and will reach independence in 5 months!

What is a Geode?

By Marlaina Gravitt



Geodes are a type of rock that come from volcanoes and are different sizes. There are hundreds of different kinds and the world's largest is Callederigrade. Geodes come in different colors and some jewelry is made of geodes!

Geodes look like ordinary rocks on the outside, but on the hollow inside, there is a surprise. When you cut open a geode, it is filled with crystals.

On the outside, geodes can be different colors like blue, brown, black, and other colors. Each one is unique because of the crystal formation and colors.

Geodes are found all around the world. Deserts, volcanic ash beds, and areas with limestone have the most geodes. In the U.S. you can find geodes in California, Arizona, Utah, Indiana, Ohio, and a few other states.

You can make your own crystals at home with eggshells, glue, and alum powder. The best part is it won't take thousands of years like the natural geodes.

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Most Dangerous Sharks

By Ilyana Marie Roberts



Great White Shark

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Great white sharks are one of the biggest sharks in the world with white stomachs. They live in waters from 54* to 75*. The oceans they habitat are the North Atlantic, and northeastern oceans. Their scientific name is *Carcharodon carcharias*. They like to eat earless seals, fish and other sharks and stingrays. The great white is also one of the most vicious sharks in the world.



Megalodon Shark

Another vicious shark is megalodon. It is the biggest shark in the world with teeth up to 6.9 inches a piece. Adult megalodons can be up to 10.2 meters long and 58.7 ft. long. Baby megalodons, on the other hand, can be up to 6.6 feet long. Adult megalodons can weigh nearly 66,000 pounds, and a baby can weigh almost 500 pounds.



Adult Megalodon tooth



Adult Megalodon

SOURCE:

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/megalodon--the-truth-about-the-largest-shark-that-ever-lived.html>

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/great-white-shark>

Fun Facts About Pandas

By Cassandra Annamarie Torres



Panda Teeth photo taken at National Zoo, Washington, D.C., unknown photographer.

Did you know that pandas are dangerous, and they have very sharp teeth? Pandas also have very strong jaws. American black bears and giant pandas stand between two and three feet (60 to 90 centimeters) tall. Female pandas can weigh up to 205 pounds (133 kilograms) in the wild. Giant pandas are good swimmers. Pandas will spend 10-16 hours a day eating bamboo.

Because they eat bamboo all day, they poop a lot. According to bestofpanda.com, “yes, they do poop a lot. In fact, they poop an average of 40 times a day. Moreover, their poop size is about 6×3 inches or (15×7 centimeters).”

Pandas have an extended wrist bone that they use like a thumb to help them grip food. In their first month of life panda cubs are well protected by their mothers. Pandas are good at climbing.

BBC reported that Giant pandas are no longer classified as endangered but are still vulnerable, Chinese officials say. "Experts say that the country managed to save its iconic animal through its long-term conservation efforts, including the expansion of habitats."



Pandas thrive on bamboo

SOURCE:

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/fascinating-facts/pandas>

Camels Store Water in Their Blood?

By Sofeia Elizabeth Peterson



As we all know, we mostly think about cats, dogs, horses, lizards, and bunnies. But what about knowing a lot about camels?

Camels Store Water in Their Blood!

Don't you think camels store water in their humps? Well, you are incorrect. Camels do not store water in their humps. They store the water in their blood. That's right! Their humps are used to carry fat on them so they can live off it for weeks while they are moving or traveling.

Baby Camels are Born Without Humps?

As you probably see in movies, baby camels have their humps but, in our world, they are not actually born with humps – either two or one – they are born without any humps until after, say, 12-14 months. A female camel gives birth to one, or rarely two, newborn baby camels at a time.

Similarities: Camels vs. Llamas

Some people might not know this, but it is something almost incredible! Did you know camels and llamas are cousins. Look closely and you might see the similarities.



Camel



Llama

Mini Facts About Camels:

- Camels can carry up to 900 pounds, for 25 miles per day
- Camel milk is very nutritious
- Camels can live to 50 years
- There are 160 words in Arabic to call a camel
- Camels can completely close their nostrils during a sandstorm

SOURCE:

<https://www.twinkl.com/blog/16-interesting-camel-facts-for-kids>

Sea Turtle Crusade

By Tatiana Wells



Sea turtles are different from any other animal in the water.

Sea turtles live in the water. When turtles become grownup, they lay eggs and have a lot of babies at one time. They go on land to have their babies.

Birds will come to eat the eggs. The baby turtles try to run away but, but birds try to eat them, sometimes by twos and threes. Turtles are like humans in that they will follow light. So, it is important not to shine a bright light at night or they will follow the light instead of the moon's light.

This species of turtle is likely to become endangered because so many are eaten by birds.

Birds Eat Sea Turtles

Many birds will try to sneak up on them, to eat the sea turtles. Baby turtles are cute when they are born. They try to hide in the sand to save themselves, but they can't stay on the sand too long or they will sink into the sand. The birds will also dig in the sand to find the baby sea turtles. People should not touch these baby sea turtles or the eggs. When they get into the

water these turtles will not smell like the rest of the turtles and some of them will not make it, but many will.



Looking Different

Sea turtles look different from their brothers and sisters. Each is unique. Birds bullying sea turtles happens a lot because birds are trying to eat these turtles. Sea turtles fight back even though they don't have arms, legs, and feet like people do.

Please remember not to touch sea turtles. Germs can sometimes kill sea turtles from being touched.

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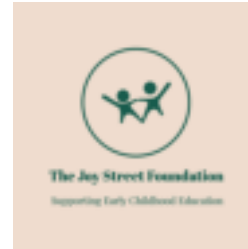
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