



~ Scholarly Articles ~

**Fourth and Fifth Grade Students of
Indian River County, Florida**

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Beachland Elementary

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Our Principles and Advocacy



Noah, a scientist.

The primary principle behind The Young Journalist Program is that the best predictor of life's success is one's reading and writing ability in primary school.

Timothy Bates and Stuart Ritchie, at Edinburgh University, have proven the connection between reading well and future success. They analyzed the relationship between early reading skills at age seven and later socio-economic life, following more than 17,000 people in England, Scotland and Wales over 50 years from 1958. Their data showed that reading well at age seven was a key factor in determining whether people went on to get a high-income job. Reading level at age seven was linked to social class even 30 years on. "Children with higher reading...ended up having better incomes, better housing and more professional roles in adulthood," the authors concluded.

Journalist David Brooks, who is a columnist for *The New York Times*, hit the nail on the head in his recently released book, *The Second Mountain, the Quest for a Moral Life*. Mr. Brooks writes, "One of the things goodwriting mentors do...is to teach you not to be afraid to write badly. Get the first draft out even if it's awful. Your ego is not at stake." Further, "Recently I bought a Fitbit. It kept telling me I was falling asleep between eight and eleven in the morning. But I wasn't asleep; I was writing. Apparently writing is the time when my heartbeat is truly at rest, when I feel right with myself."



David Brooks

That calm from writing that David Brooks refers to, is what we offer at The Young Journalist. We offer a “risk free” writing environment where our students do not feel intimidated by what they are expected to write. “Writer’s block” is real. As David Brooks wrote, “Get the first draft out even if it’s awful.”

The Young Journalist believes that all intellectually bright and gifted students are entitled to a fair chance to live up to their potential. It is a challenge for teachers to stimulate gifted students and provide them material to test their abilities and grow intellectually.

The Young Journalist Program is a free offering of the School District of Indian River County, FL “Extended Day” Program for fourth and fifth graders. Its’ 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 2021, the Program has expanded to eight elementary schools with 58 fourth and fifth graders. The non-profit strategic plan is to expand to all 13 Indian River County elementary schools for the 2022-2023, as well as to increase its footprint to schools outside Indian River County.

Additionally, the Program has expanded to the Youth Guidance Mentoring Academy, Vero Beach, FL, whose mission is to work with children from low-income households to build a path out of poverty, develop assets associated with successful adult lives, and ensure graduation from high school. In 2021, 16 children enrolled in the Program.

The Young Journalist organization is also partnering with the Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation, The Environmental Learning Center, The Pelican Island Audubon Society and The First Amendment Museum, Augusta, Maine.

The learning objectives of the Program are to understand that without curiosity there would be no journalism. The objective for the students is to research and write “scholarly” articles for publication. In the process, they are also learning journalism “tools” such as collaboration, how to email, how to go online for research, copy and paste in Word, site sources, paraphrase, use sophisticated grammar and punctuation, select free images and “conceptualize” how the research should be turned into an article. And then do it. We help build their self-esteem and social skills, while they are having fun.



Who says you can't enjoy learning about journalism?

The Young Journalist Program helps grow writers and their writing, helps grow readers. It uses 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.

Young Journalist's read out loud biographies of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, E. B. White, Gwen Ifill, Nellie Bly, Hunter Thompson and Richard Engle, among others, to inspire them. This also educates them on journalism's many styles and helps them build a rich and expansive vocabulary, which enhances their writing.

According to the iReady Diagnostic, an adaptive assessment designed to provide teachers with actionable insight into student's needs, the six students in the 2018 inaugural class showed a "measurable" increase in reading scores from winter to spring the following year. The Program meets 29 of the Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS) for grade five.

Beachland Elementary School

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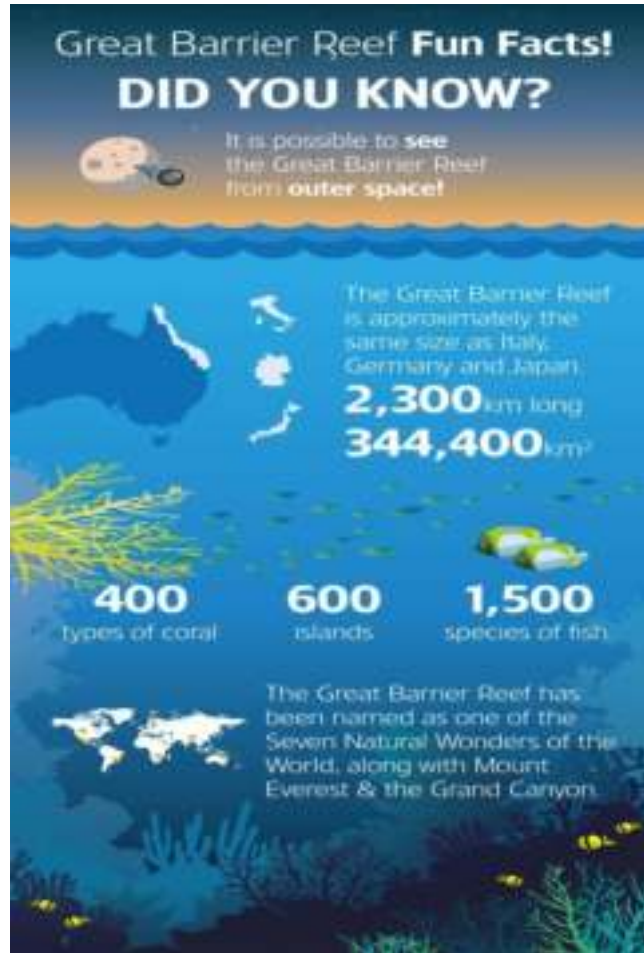
All About the Ocean

By Addie Jean McClellan



This is going to be good.





The ocean covers 70% of the earth’s surface. It holds about 1.35 billion cubic kilometers (324 million cubic miles) of water, which is about 97% of all water on earth. The ocean makes all life on earth possible, and makes the planet appear blue when viewed from space. Earth is the only planet in our solar system that is known to have liquid water.

Oceanographers divide the ocean into different vertical and horizontal zones, based on physical and biological conditions. The pelagic zone consists of the water column from the ocean’s surface to the ocean’s floor throughout the open ocean.

The water column is further categorized in other zones depending on depth and on how much light is present.

The phonic zone consists of the water column from the surface to a depth of 200 (m) where photosynthesis can occur.

Salt in the sea or ocean salinity is mainly caused by rain washing mineral ions from the land into water. Carbon dioxide in the air dissolves into rainwater, making it slightly acidic.

When rain falls it weathers rocks releasing mineral salts that separate into ions. These ions are carried with runoff water and ultimately reach the ocean. Sodium and chloride (the main constitute) of the type used in cooking make up over 90% of all the ions found in seawater. Around 3.5% of the weight of seawater comes from dissolved salts.



How much salt is there in the ocean?

There are about 35 parts per thousand. In other words, about 3.5% of the weight of seawater comes from the dissolved salts.



Dead Sea Mineral Salts

The ocean is the body of salt water which covers approximately 70.85% of the surface of the earth and holds 97% of the earth's water.

Did you know that an estimated 50—80% of life on earth is found under the ocean surface and the ocean holds 99% of the living space of the planet? Less than 10% of that space has been explored by humans. 85% of the area and 90% of the volume constitute the dark, cold environment we call the deep sea.

Oceans of the World



The End.

I hope you enjoyed my article.

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Animal Facts

By Damian Avelar

Chameleons:



Chameleons come in different shapes and sizes with unique color patterns. They are unusual creatures, which is why they are so well known. They are classified as Reptilia, which means reptiles, which are different from mammals. Reptiles are cold blooded creatures with scaly skin; cold-blooded mammals on the other hand are warm blooded and give birth like humans do. A Chameleon's life span is about 5 to 10 years, and their common habitat is the rainforest and the deserts of Africa.

Red Panda:

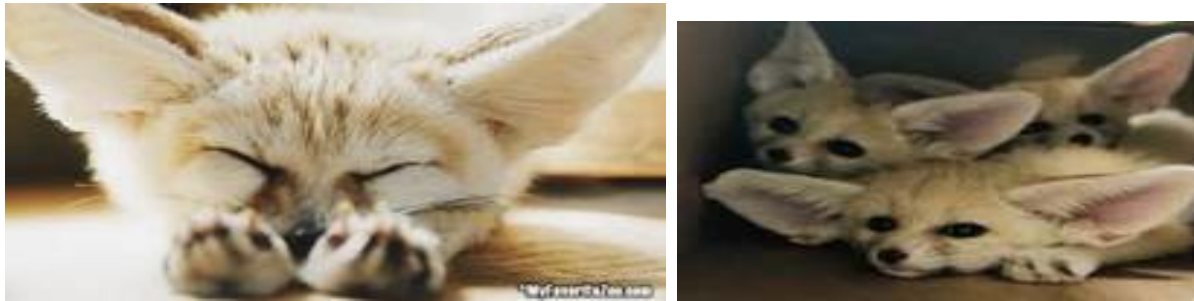


It is believed that the red panda got its name from the Nepalese word “Nigaluyaponya” which means it has a bamboo eater’s diet, which mostly involves eating bamboo. But they happen to be predators, which mean they also eat other things than plants and bamboo, like small mammals and for example: a bird.

Red pandas are mostly found in China, Nepal, and Bhutan. Their life span is about 9 to 13 years. Their lifestyle mostly involves sleeping in trees. Red Pandas might seem cute and cuddly, but they

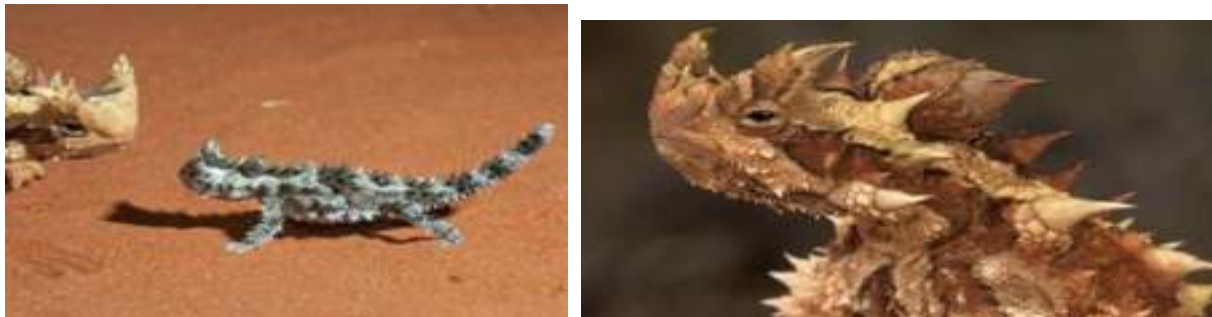
are dangerous creatures. They might only be as big as a cat, but they can still bite a finger off, so remember when you see a red panda do not try to pet it.

Fennec Fox:



The fennec fox is an Omnivore eating completely anything, such as eggs, termites, lizards, birds, mice, berries, roots, fruits, and lastly, seeds. They can also go for a long time without drinking water based on “seaworld.orgs.” Their kidneys are adapted to conserve water by obtaining moisture from the food they eat. The fennec fox can live up to 11 years and they are mostly found in the desert of Africa, the Sahara Desert.

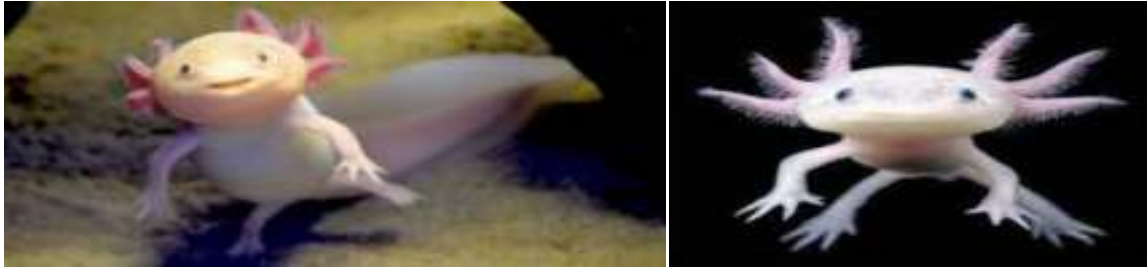
Thorny Devil Lizard:



The Thorny Devil Lizard is an incredibly unique lizard. One of the cool things about it is that they can drink water through its skin. Isn't that awesome?

The lizard also has a false head on the back of its head to confuse his predators. They can also change color when it is warm to a little pale color and when it is cold; they change to a darker color. Thorny Devil Lizard's usually eat ants and their lifespan is about 20 years long. They are usually found in Australia.

Axolotl:



Axolotls are usually around 20-30cm long but can grow up to 45cm (about half the length of a baseball bat.) They also happen to be carnivorous with their diet including small fish and crustaceans.

One of the cool things about these creatures is that they are capable of regenerating limbs and organs, sometimes even generating an extra limb by accident. Axolotls' lifespan in the wild is about five to six years but in captivity it is about 15 years long based on "Axolotl description."

One of the things that stand out to me is how they have a smile in their face, which makes them unique from other creatures.

Thank you for reading my article about cool animal facts until my next one!

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Sharks

By Deyman



People say that the king of the jungle is the lion. But with over 70% of the Earth covered in water, the true king of the beasts would have to be the shark. Sharks have been around for millennia, cruising the oceans like a boss! Here is some valuable information about sharks that everyone should know and be aware of.

Sharks are majestic sea creatures and it is believed they existed in some form for 400 million years. Existing that long means, that sharks have been around to see every cool thing that has happened throughout history. Researchers believe that sharks came from cartilaginous fish because they are made from cartilage instead of bone, allowing them to be extremely flexible. The person most credited with founding the scientific study of sharks is Eugene Gudger who began to study shark biology in the early 1900's.



Ancient shark fossil

Sharks have for a long time made people afraid to go in the water. This fear originated from a lack of information and from popular movies such as Steven Spielberg's, Jaws. As a result, people thought little of hunting and killing the creatures. Today, although some of the fear has been reduced sharks are still hunted for food. Although the cartilage, liver and even the skin are occasionally used, the most valued part of a shark is its fin. In Hong Kong, shark fin soup is extremely popular and it is estimated that 73 million sharks are killed every year to supply the

demand for this soup. It is a cruel practice as a shark that has been “finned” is typically thrown back into the water unable to swim and left to die. Conservation news group Mongabay estimates that the shark population on earth has decreased 73 percent since 1970. In total, 31 species of shark are endangered with 24 entering critical.



Harvested shark fins

Something must be done about the rapid disappearance of sharks. People need to be informed about how important these creatures are and what they can do to help. They have been a critical part of the world's oceans for millions of years. If they were to disappear it would affect all other aspects of sea life. For more information on what you can do to help, please visit oceanconservancy.org



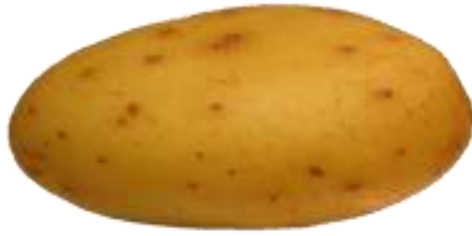
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Yes,



I'm Just a Potato

By Emma Camilio



When people think about a potato they usually think of French fries or potato salad, but they do not stop and wonder about the history of the potato, which is important to know. Don't you want to know what you are eating?

Well, lucky for you, I am writing about potatoes.

Let us get started.

One interesting fact about potato's, is that that they are about 80% water and 20% solid. "The world's largest" potato chip was produced by the Pringles Company back in 1990. Based on the Idaho Potato Museum, that fact is not significant.

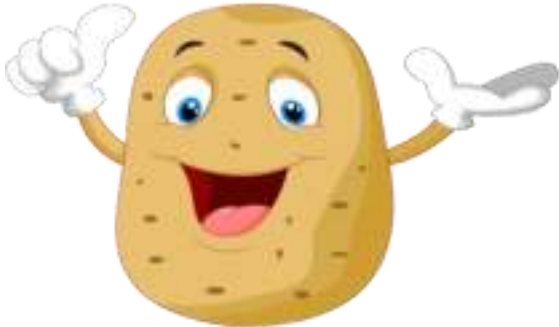
Here is another fact about potatoes that I bet you did not know. The potatoes belong to a family of tomatoes, tobacco, chili pepper, eggplant and finally, Petunia.

Potatoes play a big part in our history. In 1929, when the Great Depression started, potatoes became a popular and an affordable food source; not only that but a fashion style was inspired by the potato sacks.



Potato sack dress

Well, now you know the history of the great potatoes. Now you know what you are eating, so enjoy, and thank you for taking the time to read my article.



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Leatherback Sea Turtles

By Marley Joy



Leatherback Sea Turtle

The Leatherback Sea Turtle is a beautiful, amazing sea creature that is so peaceful. It can travel great distances, gracefully, without getting tired.

It can lay about 110 eggs six weeks after mating. If you have not guessed it already, I will be writing about the Leatherback Sea turtles, which happen to be one of my favorite sea creatures. I will be presenting some interesting information and what makes them unique.

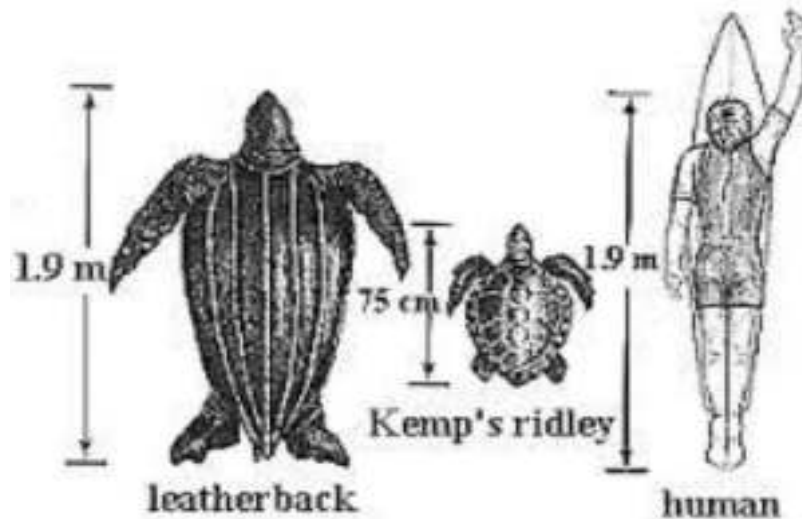
When it comes to defining a leatherback sea turtle, they have more than one name. They are also known as the lute turtle or the leathery turtle. The lute turtle happens to be the largest turtle according to Oceana.

Sea turtles are mostly known for being one of the most migrators (traveler who moves from one region or country to another) that travels the furthest.

They tend to swim around the globe crossing the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean and travelling as far as north Alaska and Norway. Sea Turtles can dive down to 4,000 ft which is half the Golden Gate Bridge. They happen to be the only turtle species to be able to do that besides other sea creatures that can do that like the Sperm whales, and Beaked whales.

Leatherback turtles can stay under water for up to 85 minutes. "How is this known?" You might ask. Well, it has been recorded with satellite technology, and it was also estimated they have swam 12,000 miles, that is half the distance around the Earth!

Leatherback turtles do not have hard shells; in fact, they are the only turtle species that have thick tough leathery skin. They measure around 1.9m and weigh 2,000 pounds they are the largest turtle species in the world. Leatherback turtles have also a specialized blood vessel structure called a counter current exchanger that allows them to maintain temperature that are higher than there surrounding water, which provides them with a major advantage in the extremely chilly waters.



Though the leatherback turtles are vulnerable to extinction, its numbers are in better shape than most sea turtles. Thank you so much for reading my article until next time.

Have You Ever Heard of a Clydesdale?

By Nadya Grieg



They are the biggest horses I have ever seen, and they are incredibly beautiful creatures. Clydesdale's have an interesting background, originally coming from Scotland.

If you want to know some more cool things about them, grab your glasses, follow along and get ready to read.

As stated earlier Clydesdale were bred in Scotland. People referred to them as *The Great Horses* according to "Animal Worlds Mammals." They were mostly bred to "carry armor knights that would weigh in about 100 pounds back in the middle Ages plus their own armor that would weigh in 80 pounds."

When they were not used in battles, they would be used to do farm work which would mostly consist of hauling heavy equipment because of their strong shoulders.

One thing that mostly stands out to people is how extremely tall they are; the average height for an adult male is 17 to 19 hands (5.3 – 6.3 ft) and the average female height is 16 to 18 hands (5.3 5.7 ft); and a baby Clydesdale Height is 3.5 ft weighing in around 2,000 pounds.

What horse can be bigger than the Clydesdale you might ask? Well, keep reading to find out.



This is the Dapple Percheron and yes, this horse here is larger than the Clydesdale.

The average male's height is about 16 to 17 hands but the huge difference is how much they weigh, which is 600 pounds heavier than the Clydesdale. The Dapple Percheron originally came from France and they are mostly known for their coats and their intelligence.

Percherons were also used in World War II and, like the Clydesdale, Percheron are one of the horse species that are close to extinction. It's important to appreciate these amazing creatures.

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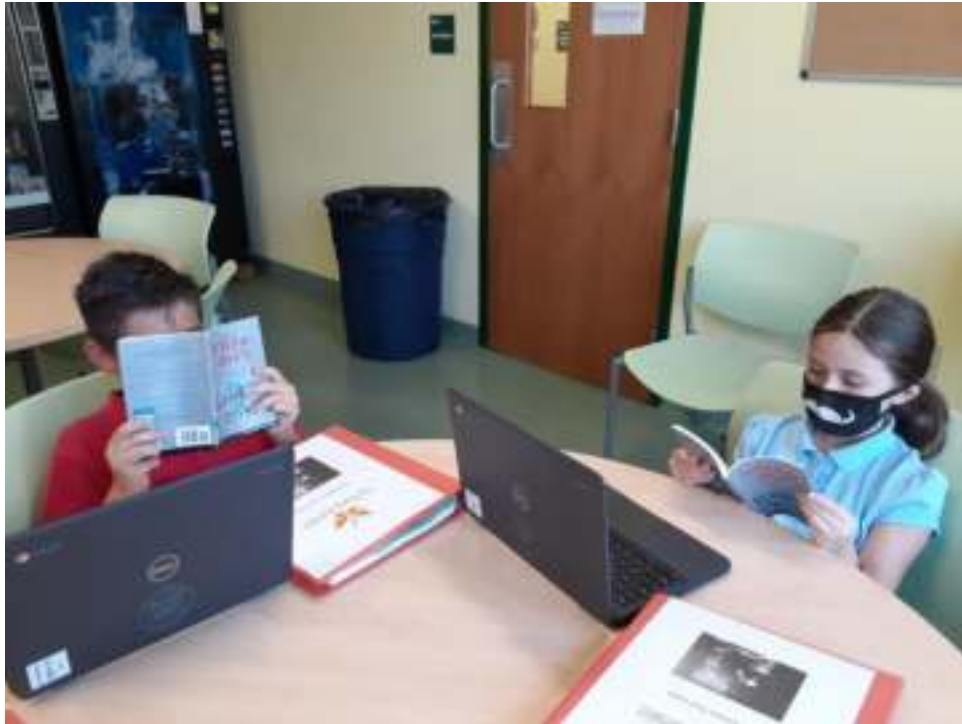


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One of Football's Greatest QB's, Aaron Rodgers

By Fernando Soza



Water colored painting of Rodgers

Have you ever heard of Aaron Rodgers? He's one of the greatest Green Bay Packers quarterbacks of all time. In accordance with other reports; I will highlight his greatest achievements to date. On December 2, 1983: Darla Leigh Pittman Rodgers and her husband Edward Wesley Rodgers welcomed the second of their three sons, Aaron into the world. Little did they know that he was destined for NFL greatness; Aaron was born in Chino, California and from an early age he showcased his natural athleticism.



Aaron Rodgers age 6

At the age of ten he was featured on the front page of Ukiah Daily Journal, for his amazing performance at a basketball free throw competition. Shortly after his feature his family moved to Beaverton, Oregon where he played little league baseball as a shortstop, center field, and pitcher. In 1997 his family moved once again; this time returning to his hometown of Chico, California. He started playing football at Pleasant Valley High School. He was the starting quarterback for two years garnering 4,421 passing yards. He also set two school records, one for a single game with six touchdowns and 440 all-purpose yards. The second record was an impressive 2,466 yards in 2001. He got little to no attention from Division 1 programs and nearly quit his pursuit for a professional sports career in order to attend law school after completing his undergraduate degree.



Aaron Rodgers high school photo

In 2002 he began his college football career at Butte College in Oroville, California before he transferred University of California, Berkley. It was not long before he took over as the starting quarterback for the Golden Bears. In 2004 he led the team to a 10-2 record and a ninth ranking the season's final Associated Press poll. In 2005 he was named first-team All-Pacific 10 Conference and was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in the first round of the NFL draft. He was the second-starting quarterback behind the teams lead QB Brett Farve. In his first three seasons with the team, he played in only seven games. In 2008 his big shot finally came after Brett Farve had a falling out with the team's management and was traded to The New York Jets. Rodgers was finally given the chance to lead offense for the team which he did successfully passing that season for 4,038 yards and 28 total touchdowns. For the following season he was extended a six year contract with a 65 million dollar price tag. In 2009 his phenomenal passing would continue to break records as he threw 4,434 yards and 30 touchdowns all while leading his team to an 11-5 record and a playoff berth. This new record would make him the only NFL player ever to have back-to-back 4,000-yard passing campaigns just in his first two years as a starter with the team. Also in 2009 he was also recorded a 103.2 passing rating which is the second best in the league history. The following year, 2010 he would be awarded MVP for his win over the Pittsburg Stealers with an impressive 24 of 39 pass attempts for 304 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions, which landed The Packers a spot in the Super Bowl where he lead the team to victory. In the years that followed Rodgers would continue to make NFL history and continue

breaking records set by his predecessors; in 2017 Rodgers broke his right collarbone after Minnesota Vikings linebacker hit him in the first quarter of a game. This injury had him out longer than his previous broken left collarbone in 2013 due to it being his throwing arm. His absence was felt by his team and led to the end of the Packers' eight-year playoff streak.



Aaron Rodgers passing stance

2018 would be a career low for Rodgers following his injury but by the 2019 season he was back in the swing of things with a season win of 13 games and Rodgers himself throwing 4,002 yards and 26 touchdowns. Finally in 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic began to spread he still managed to secure his third MVP award as well as the FedEx Air Player of the year. He was also ranked 3rd for Top 100 Players by fellow league mates. As of 2021 Rodgers career has had a mild set back with him being hit with major league violation not following the Leagues protocols for the unvaccinated, set in place to protect other players and league staffers. He was also placed on a reserve list following a positive COVID test as of November 3rd. Despite this, not many other NFL quarterbacks can hold a candle to the talent that is Aaron Rodgers and that is what makes him one of the NFL's greatest QB's of all time.

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What Happens to The Human Body on Other Planets?

By Genevieve Hebler



The Solar System

Have you ever wondered what could happen to the human body on different planets? During the course of the article we will explore all the potential theories of what could happen to us when we journey forth to the other eight planets in our solar system. Let us begin with the farthest and smallest planet in our solar system. Pluto has been the subject of great debate as to its planetary status but for the sake of my journalism diligence, I will explore ALL the planets. Taking a look at Pluto, there is virtually no way somebody can live on this planet. For starters, it is extremely cold with temperatures reaching well beyond below freezing at -400 degrees Fahrenheit and it has low atmospheric pressure. The atmosphere is also in such a constant state of change as it moves closer and farther from the sun that no known organism could survive on the surface. It is safe to assume that the moment you stepped off your spaceship you'd be crushed and frozen solid.



Pluto

Next we journey back to the first planet in our solar System, Mercury. Mercury is the second smallest planet in our solar system behind Pluto; it is closest to the sun, and barely bigger than our moon. It is the first planet in our solar system and one of the toughest places to live due to it having one of the biggest changes in temperature of all the other planets. Now you would think that with Mercury being closest to the sun that it would be the hottest, however in assuming that

you'd be wrong. That honor actually belongs to Venus. Mercury has no real atmosphere so it cannot trap in the heat generated by the sun but it still has a surface temperature of about 800 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and -290 degrees Fahrenheit at night. It also has solar radiation and the sun burns seven times brighter on Mercury than on Earth. If humans traveled to Mercury, we'd likely survive no longer than ninety seconds and that is only if we hit the right time and temperatures between when the day changes to night.



Mercury

Moving on to Venus; Venus is the second planet from the Sun and Earth's closest neighbor; it is also similar in size and density. Venus is also one of the brightest things in our solar system behind the Sun and Moon. Even though Venus has similarities to Earth; it's the differences that would make a trip there impossible. For starters, Venus has the greenhouse effect over the entire planet, making it the hottest planet in our solar system. The surface has enormous lava plains and volcanoes. The temperature is so hot that it can melt lead and the atmosphere is 98% carbon dioxide with thick sulfuric acid clouds. Not to mention that, that type of acid smells like rotten eggs! Due to the weight of the atmosphere and extreme heat you'd be lucky if you survived one second on this death star.



Venus

Going forward in our solar system we are skipping right over Earth and moving to the fourth planet in our planetary alignment; Mars. Mars is often called The Red planet because of the rusty iron on the ground. It is our first real contender for space colonization but in reality the human body would last about 80 seconds on this desert world without a space suit. Temperatures average about -81 degrees Fahrenheit. However, that drastically changes at the poles where the temperatures can drop to -220 degrees Fahrenheit. Its atmosphere is 95% carbon dioxide and as previously mentioned it is a very cold planet. Out of all the planets Mars is closest to Earth because it has seasons, polar caps, volcanoes, canyons and weather changes. We don't know what the future

holds for colonization but with the constant desire to explore the unknown, anything would be possible.



Mars

Now we journey to the fifth and largest planet in our system, Jupiter which is rumored to be, “where boys go to get more stupider.” This giant will rock you with its furious winds and enormous hurricanes that the human body simply cannot handle. It is a turbulent, stormy, whirlpool of wind and chaos. It has a noticeable “Red Spot” which is a storm that is four times larger than any storm in Earth’s recorded history. This giant gas planet also has an atmosphere that is extremely dense and made with a lethal cocktail of hydrogen and helium with small traces of methane. The temperatures on Jupiter are an average of -238 degrees Fahrenheit on the surface with the planets core temps reaching an estimated 36,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Jupiter is the stormiest planet in our solar system. Between the extreme weather and toxic atmosphere; it is safe to say that you’d be lucky to survive a full second on this giant gas planet.



Jupiter

Now we move our journey to the sixth planet and aside from Earth one of the most visually stunning planets in our solar system, Saturn. Saturn is the second largest planet in the solar system and has a mass that is less than water, which means Saturn could float on top of the ocean. We also need to remember that it is another gas planet so the atmosphere has similarities to Jupiter with a few notable differences. For starters, hydrogen makes up most of the atmosphere with lesser amounts of methane and ammonia. If the toxic air didn’t get you the clouds made of ammonia ice crystals might. All of this makes the atmosphere extremely thick. Being even further away from the sun the average temperature is about -285 degrees Fahrenheit

with wind speeds that have been measured slightly higher than 1,000 mph. Not to mention that being a gas planet there is no real surface to stand on. Best guess is you'd last less than a second on this beautifully toxic gas planet.



Saturn

So far we have covered six out of the nine planets with Earth being the exception. Moving forward, Uranus is another gassy planet made up of hydrogen and helium much like Jupiter. This chilling planet has a temperature of -353 degrees Fahrenheit. It also has an axis tilt that is a whopping 98 degrees which means this icy ball rest on its side. It is hard to say for sure how long the human body could survive here because the body would dissolve before we reach the liquid icy center.



Uranus

Finally onward to our last planet we move to the blue planet, Neptune. Is it possible to survive on this bright blue sphere? Absolutely not! The human body wouldn't even last a millisecond. For starters, Neptune has the strongest winds out of all the planets in the entire solar system. It is another gassy ice giant with temperatures reaching a brutal -373 degrees Fahrenheit. These grim conditions and horrifying supersonic winds would destroy anything and everything that breaches the atmosphere.



Neptune

In conclusion, I don't believe a trip to any other planet in our solar system would be a memorable one. The human body simply cannot survive most planets without the aid of a spacesuit and even then the survival rate is slim. I think it best to continue the exploration of space but Earth is the only planet we should call home. Thank you for coming to my TedTalk!

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The Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle

By Genevieve Hebler



Out in the dark, eerie, treacherous waters of the western part of the North Atlantic Ocean there is a region that has been mystifying people for centuries called The Bermuda Triangle, also known as The Devil's Trap. It is a body of water that has had a number of mysterious disappearances occur under weird or unusual circumstances from aircrafts to ships of various sorts.

These unexplained phenomenon's date back before Christopher Columbus, but it was his strange depictions of what he saw that gained attention. He sailed through the area on his first voyage to The New World. In his reports he claimed that a great flame, which was likely a meteor, crashed into the sea one night and that another strange light appeared in the distance a few weeks later. He also wrote erratic compass readings. It is likely that the erratic compass readings were due to a sliver of the Triangle being one of the few places where true north and magnetic north actually line up.



Christopher Columbus' Santa Maria

People have been trying to solve the great mystery of The Limbo of the lost, for years, but it wasn't until 1964 that the Bermuda Triangle was given its namesake. Vincent Gaddis used the phrase to describe this triangular region in a publication of Pulp Magazine. This area has destroyed hundreds of planes and ships without a trace of them. It is a horrific sounding place where sailors and pilots are prone to lose contact with the world and vanish forever.

Between the years of 1945 through 1970 several flights vanished from Flight 19, made up of a fleet of five Navy torpedo bombers to the search and rescue plane that was sent to look for the missing fleet. Another strange occurrence was when a flight carrying 32 passengers was lost and never found; no wreck was reported; no debris discovered; and no bodies of missing people surfaced. To date the US government does not recognize the Bermuda Triangle as an actual geographical location or as any type of threat, but that doesn't mean that sailors and pilots alike don't share tales of the terrors at sea.



It is believed that William Shakespeare's play "The Tempest" is based in tales of sorcery and shipwrecks in the area. There is even a legend that dates to 1881 saying that Ellen Austin, a ship sailing from Liverpool to New York encountered a "ghost ship" in the area and things quickly went awry.

Another strange event took place in 1909 when a skilled solo sailor, Joshua Slocum, who gained his fame for being the first person to sail solo around the world, mysteriously vanished on his sailing trip from Martha's Vineyard to South America. His disappearance and possible death have been attributed to the Bermuda Triangle.



The great Hoodoo Sea is in fact a strange and mysterious place where ships and planes vanish in the night without a trace. Could it be human error or perhaps something even more mystifying like UFO's? It could also be rare weather occurrences that cause these crafts to just vanish into thin air from whirlpools that are really vortexes to a secret lost dimension or even a giant Kraken, swallowing ships whole. The mystery may never be solved.



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The Life and Times of Lionel Messi

By Anthony Hernandez



Lionel Messi

With a career consisting of 672 goals and 268 assists in 779 club games played, Lionel Messi is one of the greatest soccer/football players the world has ever known. His numbers add up to a goal scored every 95 minutes, which is a super human feat (pardon the pun.) He has won six Ballon d'Or trophies, an annual French award widely regarded as the most prestigious any football player can earn, and he has won ten league titles, seven national championships, and even a gold medal in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. His stats on the field are astounding and he is regularly compared with other greats of the game such as Cristiano Ronaldo and the great Pele. He holds his own as one of the best of all time.



Young Messi

Born June 24, 1987 in Rosario, Argentina, Messi joined his first football team at eight years old. As a child, he was noticeably smaller than the other boys, and when his parents, Jorge and Cecilia, took him to see a doctor, it was determined that he had a hormone deficiency that kept him from growing as he should. The solution was a series of daily growth hormone injections prescribed to help him grow normally, but the shots were too expensive for his family to afford. Luckily, when he was 13, a major soccer academy in Barcelona called La Masia, offered to pay his medical bills and move him to Spain to be trained to play for their team. The treatment worked and he grew to a height of 5'7" and further developed his early skills. And on May 1, 2005 at the age of sixteen, he became the youngest player to ever score a goal for the Spanish team.



Messi during a game

Although much was made of a 2016 court ruling that found Messi and his father guilty of tax fraud, in truth he is almost as big a star off the field as he is on in terms of humanitarian efforts. He has recently donated one million euros to help Covid-19 research and benefit those affected. In 2019 he gave 30 million pounds to Saint Juan de Deu Hospital in Barcelona, a hospital that specializes in childcare services; and he gave an additional 670,000 pounds to his hometown hospital in Rosario to refurbish the children's wing. He has even helped to build schools for children in war torn Syria. When he met a young boy, Waleed Kashash, a twelve year old that dreamt of playing soccer but suffered the same hormone deficiency Messi had as a child, he chose to pay the child's medical bills personally for six years. Although his acts on the field will make him a champion in the record books, it is these acts that make him a true hero.



Saint Juan de Deu Hospital donation

Lionel Messi's skill, speed, agility and power have secured his legacy in the record books and is truly an athlete that will be talked about for years to come, and he is one people today are lucky

to witness in their lifetime. All his success has not gone to his head, and he remembers full well his humble beginnings. "You have to fight to reach your dream. You have to sacrifice and work hard for it." he has said. And, "It took me 17 years and 114 days to become an overnight success." With this sort of work ethic combined with the talent he posses, we can only wait and wonder what the football star will show the world next.



Messi and teammates win Copa America in 2021

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Ford Galaxie 500 LTD Brougham

By Aurelio Cortes



My dad's Brougham

My father is the proud owner of a 1965 Ford Galaxie 500 LTD Brougham edition. Some of my happiest times with him are when we are working on, or talking about, the car together. It is a timeless style car, and they don't make them like this anymore. While today's cars are typically small and made of plastics and fiberglass, this car is large and has been referred to as a "land yacht" for its size and luxuriousness, and it is made of solid metal. It is a classic in every sense of the word.

It all began in 1903 when Henry Ford founded Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. By 1908, Ford introduced the first automobile developed for mass production, the Model T. Its assembly line production and simple design made it affordable and reliable to the average American to own. Before the Model T, cars were only owned by the super rich, and took a long time to build and maintain.



Ford Model T

But simplicity did not remain Ford's only focus, and they soon began producing all sorts of cars including racing and luxury vehicles. In the 1960's, Ford's biggest rival was Chevrolet. Chevy's

Impala still holds the record to this day for most cars sold in a year with over one million Impalas sold in 1965. Ford's response to its rival's success was the Galaxie LTD. It came with a powerful seven liter, V8 engine standard with the option to upgrade all the way to an even more powerful R-Code 427 engine. The interior was equipped with walnut colored inlays, extra courtesy cabin lights, a smooth interior made of a new material at the time called nylon tricot, deep carpet flooring, vinyl tops, and a slew of badges and gear that made it truly feel luxurious. Ford claimed the "LTD" did not stand for anything particular (Buick had trademarked the term "limited") but it accounted for these extras and made the selling price rise four to five hundred dollars above the standard Galaxie price (that was enough to buy a good used car back then!)



1968 Brougham interior

The term "Brougham" has been used by many different car dealers, primarily American cars in the seventies. The term comes from the Honorable Henry Brougham, First Baron of Brougham and Vaux, a statesman and juror. Brougham developed a type of horse drawn carriage that consisted of an enclosed large, comfortable area for the rich to sit, and a small, unenclosed bench for the help to ride on. It was among the first vehicle accessories developed to lengthen the ride and make it more glamorous. After that, the term stuck, and today it is used to signify the most luxurious of a given model equipped with the biggest and best there is to offer.

The exterior of the car is nearly 18 feet long with a distinctive flat angle, boxy look. It boasts stacked headlights and was available as either a hard top or convertible, and it could have two or four doors. And it could of course come in any color. It's design made it popular in movies of the time. The 1972 model was featured in car chases in Clint Eastwood's 1973 Dirty Harry movie Magnum Force, and models were used frequently by characters in TV Series such as 1970's The Streets of San Francisco and even to today on Netflix's Stranger Things. Not a desired design by today's standards, but by 1960's and my father and mine's, it is the pinnacle of automotive perfection.

Having the enjoyment of this car to share with my dad is great. One day I hope to own it or a car just like it. The only thing more classic than the car itself; is sharing a special car bond with my dad.



My dad's Brougham again

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Bruno Mars

Ezmeralda Solis



Bruno Mars live performance

Peter Gene Hernandez known famously by his stage name Bruno Mars is an American singer, song writer, record producer, musician, and dancer. He is known across showbiz for his retro style of music that spans through several different genres of music. He was born on October 8, 1985 in Honolulu, Hawaii where he was raised until 2003 when he ventured to Los Angeles, California to pursue a music career. In 2004 he signed with Motown, however this relationship would result in no music produced but did introduce him to Philip Lawrence and Ari Levine who will go on to prove vital to Mars's future in the music industry. In 2009 he co-founded the production team The Smeezingtons with Lawrence and Levine which would go on to produce a variety of chart topping singles for Mars as well as other artist. In 2010 he rose to fame by lending his vocals to such songs as "Nothing on You" by B o B and "Billionaire" by Travie McCoy. Later that same year Mars released his debut studio album *Doo-Wops & Hooligans*. With major hits like "Just the Way You Are" and "Grenade", Mars number one not just on local charts but international charts as well. His solo album made him a superstar and got him his first Grammy Award in 2011 for best male pop vocals. He was also a featured artist on one of the biggest selling movie sound tracks of 2011; *Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part 1*. Mars would go on to be nominated 16 more times for the Grammy's and has won eleven of those nominations to date.



Bruno Mars 2018 Grammy wins

In 2012, Mars released his follow up album *Unorthodox Jukebox*. His sophomore album had more singles climb to number one the *Billboard Hot 100* list faster than any other male artist of his time; a feat only accomplished by one of Mar's idols, Elvis Presley .In 2014 with his success hitting highs, Mars was asked to perform at Super Bowl XLVIII halftime show which would also feature the American Rock group Red Hot Chili Peppers as a special guest. He would also lend his voice to, and contribute music to the soundtrack of, the animated movie *Rio 2*. In the years that follow Mars would release his third studio album *24K Magic* which again would have him climbing the charts. In 2016 British music group Coldplay headed lined Super Bowl 50 with Bruno Mars as their special guest alongside music sensation Beyonce.



Left to Right: Beyonce, Coldplay's lead singer Chris Martin and Bruno Mars at Super Bowl 50

From the moment he signed his first recording contract he was destined for musical greatness. Over the span of his career he has won countless other awards for his singing and producing contributions to the music industry. When the pandemic hit in early 2020, Mars decided it was time to work on his fourth studio album. He also signed a deal with Disney for a yet to be named "music-themed theatrical narrative," which the singer will both star and produce. In 2021 he

continues to produce new music for a variety of artists and he has released new music under the group name Silk Sonic with rapper/singer Anderson .Paak.



Silk Sonic

As 2021 comes to a close Mars continues to see widespread success in all he has done. As his impressive talent continues to grow, so does his impact on the music industry.



Bruno Mars

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Soccer

By Fernando Posadas



In the 3rd and 2nd century BC people in China played a simple game of kicking a leather ball filled with fur and feathers they called cuju, ancient Aboriginal Australians played a game of kicking a ball made of herbs and roots called marh gock, and even the ancient Greeks kicked a hair filled leather ball for game like exercises of the military called harpastum, but it was not until the 12th century in England that the modern day game of soccer first began to take the form it has become today. England began the formation of rules for the game, many of which still stand to this day, and they were the first to organize team competition for spectators. By 1904 the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), which would become the world governing body of the sport, was founded among several European countries and the sport began to grow internationally. Today, over 200 countries participate in the World Cup and it is truly the biggest sport in the world.



Chinese Cuju

Football, as it is known to most of the world, requires very little in the way of equipment. A field, a ball and shoes are really all that is required to play some form of the game. But that does not mean the gear has not evolved. Charles Goodyear developed the first rubber ball filled with air in 1855, and a refillable bladder to help regulate the ball was created in 1862. An official, professional soccer ball is between 27 and 28 inches and weighs 14 to 16 ounces. Socks and shin guards are used to protect player's feet and shins as, although the ball weighs less than a pound, kicking it can hurt. Wearing guards became a rule of the game in 1863. But the most important piece of equipment any player uses is the cleat. Tons of science and technology has gone into developing the best soccer shoes. The shoes, originally equipped with metal tacks, use vulcanized rubber cleats to dig into the field's turf and support balance and movement. A good pair of shoes can enhance a player's performance and prevent injury on the field cause by slipping.



Modern cleats

Soccer being the biggest sport in the world has made it a multibillion dollar industry. With everything from ticket sales to clothing to video games, the sport is an industry juggernaut of profit. However, this does not translate into necessarily high wages for the typical soccer player. While the highest paid players can generate over \$300,000 a year, an average player earns around \$60,000. To put that in context, the lowest paid American football player earns over \$600,000! The pay difference is due at least in part to FIFA being a non-profit industry that tries to put the majority of its income back into the game itself. But what the players of soccer teams lack in monetary compensation, they make up for with fan adoration. Soccer fans are notoriously some of the most passionate in the world. They treat their hometown players and teams like heroes. This passion can easily turn to violence however, and fan altercations, and full on riots, are not uncommon at live games. The worst ever by far being the 1968 Estadio Nacional Disaster when a controversial call led to some fans storming the field. Heavily criticized for mishandling the situation, police responded by firing tear gas into the crowd which caused a panic that resulted in the deaths of 328 people. Luckily most soccer "hooligan" situations are far less extreme, but they can still be dangerous or even deadly.



Soccer fan

When talking about soccer, one thing is certain it is here to stay. It is a game that is deeply rooted in history. And, due to the relative simplicity of the game's requirements, any country that has a field, indoor or outdoor, can play, and this has led to the widespread of international appeal for the game. It is deeply significant to many cultures. Its simplistic nature also gives it more appeal to impoverished nations that might not have the funding needed to support other sports. But most of all it is the thrill of the game that brings the fans back year after year. Watching on with tense anticipation as teams battle back and forth on the turf, each side awaiting to hear what to them is the greatest sound in the world: Goooooooooal!!!

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Salt Fish Life

By Isidro Galves Montes



Saltwater fishing off the coast

From the predatory great barracuda that can weigh up to 106 pounds and feasts on any fish smaller with its sharp teeth, to the elusive and prized bonefish that speeds through shallow waters evading fishermen, to the majestic blue marlin with its sword like nose and massive size of up to 1400 pounds, or even the simple ballyhoo with its long lower jaw that is commonly used as bait for catching these fish, Florida is home to some of the widest array of sought after saltwater fishing.

Florida has been called the “Fishing Capital of the World: and is regularly voted among the top destinations by the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation. Not only is it home to so many species of saltwater life, but The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is consistently making every effort to ensure that Florida’s many watery habitats are protected and enjoyed responsibly. Whether it is strictly enforced fishing seasons, water cleaning efforts such as fishing line disposal and beach cleanup, or water quality education, the FWC always has Florida’s best interests at heart. Pair all this with the fact that the weather in Florida is typically warm and sunny along all 8,436 miles of coastline it possesses, and there is little doubt as to why the area is ideal fishing grounds.



Some fishermen and women prefer to fish with a standard rod and reel on the end of a boating dock, side of a bridge, or in the ocean surf. Seining and cast netting are also popular methods. During certain seasons, free diving with spear guns is practiced. And many Floridians enjoy trolling a line of weeds with a boat and baited hook. Whatever method the fisher uses, they are all after the “Big One.” Fishermen love to tell tall tales of their fishing accomplishments, but with the abundance in Florida, these stories may need little exaggeration. In 1975 Gus Bell caught the state’s largest tarpon in Key West at 243 pounds. And as recently as 2002, Michael Delph caught a record 240 pound yellow fin tuna also in Key West. And in 2001 Conrad E Hawkins caught a record breaking blue marlin off the coast of Panama City at a whopping 1046 pounds! With sizes like these, fishing stories from Florida need little embellishment.



Capt. Bob West, center, and Gus Bell caught a world-record tarpon

Whatever it is you are fishing for, however you like to do it and at any time of the year, Florida is a can't beat spot for some of the best salt water fishing on Earth. No angler's life would be

complete without at least one trip to the Sunshine State and a chance to reel in the “Big One” off the Florida coast.



Florida Marlin jumping

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Anime

By Ivette Montoya



Popular Anime: Sailor Moon

One of the most popular trends in the world today is anime. Animation originated in Japan which typically involves supernatural characters, epic conflicts and fantastic creatures. Originally geared towards children and teens, the appeal of this medium is reaching adults as well, and its influence in popular culture is reaching further and further. It's choppy style and flashy colors are making an impact everywhere.

In Japan, the style is simply referred to as "animation," but in the western world 'anime' refers to animation that is uniquely Japanese.

The first Japanese animation was made in 1907 with crude drawings and cutouts that only lasted a few minutes. The genre began to take its modern form in the late 50's and early 60's with TV shows like, Astro Boy.

The animation began to take on familiar traits we see today such as characters with large eyes, an artistic form used in Japan to express windows to the soul. Characters will typically have colorful hair and a small nose and mouth; tended to maintain many aspects of Japanese culture such as the way schools are taught and the food that is eaten.

Today there are countless TV shows and even full-length movies that span genres from drama and romance to horror and science fiction.



Tokyo Ghoul

There are up and coming programs such as "Demon Slayer" that follows teen Tanjiro on a quest to become a demon slayer after his family was slaughtered and his sister became a demon.

A full-length movie, in addition to a 26-episode series, was released in October 2020 and has already become the highest grossing anime film, and Japanese film, of all time. "The Promised Neverland," follows the orphans of the Grace Field House as they slowly discover that life at their orphanage, and the "Mama" that looks after them, isn't what it seems as they discover dark secrets. The twelve-episode series is quickly gaining in popularity.



Demon Slayer

But anime is not all brand new. The U.S. had an anime explosion in the 1990's when some of the highest grossing products ever became available.

"Dragonball" was one such influential show in breaking anime into mainstream U.S. culture that follows main character Son Goku, a martial artist that travels in search of seven "dragon balls" that if gathered will grant a wish.

And the most popular Japanese anime in the U.S. of all time is "Pokemon." It features small monsters on teams battling in a quest to be the best.

Although some anime purists argue that "Pokemon" isn't even "true anime," with a plethora of card games, video games, merchandise and even a full-length live action/animation hybrid movie, there is no denying the reach this Japanese animation has had. In the end, all anime watchers, and readers of the comic book form of Japanese art called Manga, have their own preferences of storylines.



Promised Neverland

Whatever anime a fan watches, they will be transported to a different world. It has been the biggest change to hit animation as a whole in a long time, and its influence is far reaching. Popular U.S. television shows such as "Stephen Universe" to blockbuster films such as "The Matrix," and even Disney animators, all claim to be influenced by this newly popular artform. If you haven't seen any yet, it is time to check it out and experience firsthand the wonders of anime!



Pikachu Pokemon

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Nezuko Kamado

By Jaslene Becerra



Nezuko Kamado

As the Japanese animation phenomenon continues to grow, and anime continues to gain more and more in popularity, one particular series has taken over in Japan and is rapidly gaining popularity in the United States. Demon Slayer Kimetsu No Yaiba is a Japanese comic book, known as manga, and anime television and movie series set in the Taisho Period in Japan. (1912-1926) The series focuses on teenage lead Tanjiro, a sweet boy from a poor family, that one day returns home to find his family has been viciously murdered by a demon. Even worse, his youngest sister is left alive only she has been transformed into a demon. Tanjiro vows to become a "demon slayer," return his sister to humanity, and kill the demon that slaughtered his family. The story is uniquely melancholy as Tanjiro is sympathetic to the demons he must hunt as they are all previous humans.



Tanjiro and Nezuko

Originally written by Koyoharu Gotouge, a reclusive author who does very little in public and prefers to remain anonymous (Gotouge is a pen name and not his actual name,) and published in a 2016 manga series. Since publication, the book has spawned a television series and a full length

movie, *Kimetsu no Yaiba the Movie: Mugen Train* which recently became Japan's number one grossing film of all time, making \$313 million on its opening weekend alone. But one of the key driving reasons behind the success is not lead Tanjiro, but his sister Nezuko Kamando, the human turned demon survivor of the murdered family.



Mugen Train

Nezuko was one of six siblings and second oldest to Tanjiro. As a human, she cared for her brothers and sisters and was a normal, sweet girl. Once transformed into a demon, she develops sharp claws and teeth, becomes skilled in combat, has heightened skills and reflexes, can alter her size and is all but immortal, but all this power comes at a price and she craves human blood. Due perhaps to her strong bond with her brother, and her brother's desire to protect her, Nezuko does what no other demon has done before and fights her craving for blood and refuses to kill humans. She even fashions herself a gag made of bamboo to prevent her from biting. She joins her brother and fiercely protects him on their quest to find a cure for her condition.



Nezuko with her bamboo gag

Becoming a demon took a lot out of her, and as a result she has lost most of her memories and is barely able to speak. When she is able to talk, it usually comes out in broken stutters. In the anime series she is voiced by two separate actors. In Japan, she is portrayed by voice actress Akari Kito born in 1994 in Nagoya, Japan. Kito is primarily only known for her work on this series, although she has lent her voice talents to 2012 *Sword Art Online* anime. Her English speech is voiced by voice actress Abby Trott born in 1986 in Attleboro, Massachusetts. Trott has also worked for voices on *Carmen Sandiego* in 2019 and *Nier:Automata* in 2017. Both actresses largest success to date is the *Demon Slayer* series.



Voice actresses for Nezuko. Top: Akari Kito bottom: Abby Trott

The success of this anime has already been vastly impressive, as a craze in Japan and on the grow in the United States, the future appears bright for the series. American releases of the series and film are beginning to become available. And the creators have already confirmed a sequel to be in the works for the film in Japan. We will have to wait and see if Nezuko and Tanjiro will be able to succeed in their quest. It is sure to be an exciting ride!



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Yoyos

By Josiah Chapman



Yoyos

A simple disc wrapped in string has become one of the planet's most iconic and enduring toys: the yoyo. The origins of the device can be dated back as far as 440 B.C. in an ancient Greek painting of a boy playing with a wooden yoyo. Similar early depictions can be found in China, the Philippines, and ancient Egypt, so the true origin of the toy is unknown, but whatever the case might be, the toy gained popularity quickly. Simple in design, this toy actually employs moderately complex physics in order to defy gravity and glide up and down the string and perform tricks. By converting potential energy into kinetic energy, and back again, a yoyo is able to dance on its string and perform a variety of complex maneuvers. But what is all this scientific and historic context really saying? That yoyos are fun!



Yoyo in motion

Although they have been around for a long time, it wasn't until Donald Duncan's attention was caught by the toy in San Francisco in 1928 that the yoyo really became mainstream. Duncan, an entrepreneur, partnered with William Randolph Hearst, owner of the country's largest newspaper chain, and began an aggressive marketing campaign. Soon the Duncan Yoyo was a household name. Capitalizing on his toy's success, Duncan began traveling yoyo demonstrations

to schools where professional yoyo players could show kids firsthand what they could do. It was here that the yoyo converted from popular toy to national phenomenon.



Donald Duncan

The idea of professional Yoyo-ing with a World Yoyo contest began in London in 1932. And today the International Yo-Yo Federation continues this tradition into the modern day with its most recent, pre-covid, competition taking place in Cleveland, Ohio in 2019 in which competitors from all over the world gather to show off their skills. Gentry Stein, an American, won first place in the men's 1A Finals that year which is when a solo yoyo-er performs the tricks. And Mexico's, Betty Gallegos took first in the women's category. There are other levels of the yoyo competition from 1A to 5A which is the most not the hardest level but most competitive. The organization works to bring trick exhibitions, battle contests, and competitive divisions to its fans where yoyo-ing is seen as a sport, not a toy.



2019 World Yoyo Contest logo

The sporting idea is furthered when considering the complexity of some of the tricks capable of being performed. Involving longer strings, duel yoyos and professional discs allows users to perform everything from basic tricks like "walking the dog" in which the yoyo spins for a long time at the end of the string before retracting, to the complex such as the "split the atom" where

the yoyo performs multiple loops and swoops in one graceful display. Learning these tricks take a lot of practice and is a difficult skill to master. It can also be expensive. While a Duncan Yoyo still sells for around \$3, top of the line professional yoyos such as the Ace Yo BTS Tiss yoyo can cost you up to \$500!



Ace Yo BTS Tiss yoyo

Not many other toys have managed to maintain this level of popularity and enjoyment over hundreds of years, the yoyo is truly an international phenomenon that has earned its place in people's hearts. So whether it is the history, the science, the sport or the just plain fun of it, one thing is for sure, yoyos are here to stay.

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LeBron James

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LeBron James

LeBron James is without a doubt one of the greatest basketball players of this generation. In his 19 seasons in the NBA he has won four championships, been declared season's MVP four times, MVP in the finals another four times, and has been in the All-Star game 17 times including three times that he was declared that game's MVP. Whether playing for the Cleveland Cavaliers, Miami Heat or LA Lakers, James makes his presence known and he has won the NBA Championship with each one of those teams. Clearly his accomplishments on the court will make him remembered for years to come, and it is no wonder they call him King James, but before he could truly be considered for the crown, he had one feat left unaccomplished.



LeBron with the Cavaliers

In 1996 a film was released starring basketball legend, and player James is commonly compared to, Michael Jordan. Jordan starred among the acting talents of Danny Devito, Bill Murray, various basketball players from Charles Barkley to Larry Bird, and, of course, the entire cast of Looney Tunes from Bugs Bunny to Wile E Coyote. Space Jam was a live action, animated hybrid film that saw the toon characters and Jordan take on evil space aliens in a high stakes basketball game unlike any the Earth has ever seen. Although critics were split on the film, the final score on Rottentomatoes.com was a 44, far from "certified fresh," children and adults enjoyed it and the film earned 250.2 million dollars at the box office, and it has become a pop culture icon ever since with its image gracing popular merchandise to this day.



1996 Space Jam

In early 2020 on a Friday morning, Lebron got an unexpected call from the President of Warner Bros. Ann Sarnoff... In 2021, in a sequel no-one was expecting, LeBron James is thrust into the lives of the Toon Squad to once again face off against an evil team of goons in Space Jam: A New Legacy. This time the animation technology has grown largely and the movie exhibits many scenes that could not have been done before in a now totally digitized animation experience that still blends live action. The film, however, did not earn support from the critics. It was blasted by them nearly unanimously and the film earned a mere 25 on the tomatometer, and caused film critic Rogan Graham to state the film is, "most useful to be studied as to how we got it so wrong." Filmgoers however largely liked the movie, and it was able to earn 162.8 million at the box office despite being bashed by the critics.



Lebron in Space Jam: New Legacy 2021

In truth, neither Jordan nor James' performance could be considered Oscar worthy. And as for which film is better, it would rest largely on which one the filmgoer saw as a child. Only time will

tell if A New Legacy will stand the test of time and become the pop culture craze the original Space Jam did. But what this film does is add one more accolade on an already impressive list of accomplishments for James. He did his best to make this movie and remained humble throughout. "It was definitely a proud moment, just to be in a position where Warner Brothers and everyone would feel confident in my abilities to be part of Space Jam. I'm very humbled by that." he told Entertainment Weekly. Doing your best and remaining humble, truly the characteristics of a sports star, a king, and a cartoon alien fighter.



Lebron throwing a free throw

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Friends Forever

By Kimberly Martinez



Good Therapy, defines friends as a close association between people that is marked by feelings of care, respect, admiration, trust, concern, or even love. A best friend however is the closest of all the friends. Maintaining these relationships can sometimes be difficult but completely worth it in the end. I cannot say that all friendships can stand the test of time but I can say that for me personally, not only have mine grown over the years but also survived a pandemic which made seeing my friends difficult if not impossible.

It all began when I lived in California. My dad was offered a job here in the Sunshine State or Florida as it is called historically and properly. We moved to the quaint town of Fellsmere and I began school at Fellsmere Elementary. My mom dropped off my little sister and me on our first day. I was extremely nervous because I didn't know anyone. When I got to class I hugged my little sister good-bye and my teacher took me in the classroom. Mrs. Jaffe was nice and made me feel welcomed in her bustling class. She sat me next to another girl who to my surprise would become one of my best friends. We had to tell each other a little about ourselves. The girl introduced herself as Jaslene; who I now call Jazz or Jazzy. I told her anything about myself that I could think about at the time. During that first conversation we decided to become friends. The rest of school year went by in a blur and before I knew it we were headed to the second grade. Jaslene and I still remained friends. We play together and we do fun stuff together. She is honestly my best friends. In the third grade we unfortunately were not in the same class but it was okay because true friendship can survive a little space. However, I was really lucky and met another girl, Ivette who was also new to the school. I asked her if she wanted to be friends and she said yes! Later that day at recess, I introduced my two friends Jaslene and Ivette to each other; they instantly hit it off and the three of became best friends.



When the pandemic started I was upset that we had to stay home and I would not have the chance to see my besties. Now we are all in the fifth grade and we are still laughing and growing together. Our teachers say that we are inseparable which is true even though we aren't in the same class this year. We make time for each other and try to see each other at breakfast and lunch. For Halloween Jaslene and I dressed up as Frozen character. She was Elsa and I was Anna and we even planned to do a trio costume next year that will hopefully include Ivette. We also love Starbucks and hope to go together one day.

The moral of my article is simple; real friendships take time and work. I am lucky to have found two extraordinary friends who go beyond the standard definition of friendship.



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All About Tinker Bell

By Valeria Maldonado



Tinker Bell

Have you ever wondered about one of Disney's most recognizable characters? Instantly, you might think of the original five: Mickey, Minnie, Donald, Goofy, and of course Pluto, but they aren't who this article is about. Instead we will take a look at the character that became an icon in her own right and unofficially became the mascot of Walt Disney World Company for many years. Tinker Bell is a fictional character first created from J. M. Barrie's 1904 play *Peter Pan* and then in 1911 novelization *Peter and Wendy*. It wasn't until 1953 that Tinker Bell made her animated film, and Disney, debut which in the years that followed would make her a household name. To really dive in to what makes this character such a Disney icon, we have to go back to her origins... It all began when a dancer named Margaret Kerry auditioned to be the live-action reference model for Walt himself. Margaret won the role and quickly began dancing and moving for the animator Marc Davis.



Margaret Kerry modeling for Tinker Bell

In the years that follow, Tinker Bell will be featured in the opening sequence of every Disney movie and TV special. Disney even introduced Tinker Bell's nighttime flight at Disneyland,

California in 1961 with her coasting through the skies from the top of the Matterhorn over to Sleeping Beauty's castle. Her flight took place before the Fantasy in the Sky fireworks show. On July 3, 1985, she finally made her flight debut at Disney World in Florida to an audience of more than 60,000 guests. Since her initial flight there have been a few changes; now she makes her nightly appearance not at the start of the firework show but rather at the close, flying 850 feet from Cinderella's Castle to Tomorrowland in less than 30 seconds.



Tinker Bells flight at Disney World Magic Kingdom



Julia Roberts as Tinker Bell in Hook

The magic that is Tinker Bell shows no signs of slowing down. She has been re-imagined in several other retellings of Peter Pan, such as the 1991 Hollywood movie *Hook*, starring Robin Williams; where she is portrayed by Julia Roberts. In 2008 she became the star of her own stand alone movie *Tinker Bell* which launched the *Disney Fairies* franchise and introduced us to several of her fairy friends. She would go on to star in five more films from 2005 to 2015; including a Disney short film in 2013. She along with her other pixie friends were the inspiration for the book series *The Tales of Pixie Hollow* and the novel *Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg*, where we learn that all fairies are born from a infants first laugh then carried on the wind to Pixie Hollow in Neverland. There are also countless video games, graphic novels and in 2008 the theme park attraction Pixie Hollow was opened at Disneyland in California with Tokyo Disney Seas planning on opening another version of Pixie Hollow in 2023. Tinker Bell has become one of Disney's biggest international stars. She will be back on the big screen once again in the Disney's live-action remake of Peter Pan in *Peter Pan and Wendy* where she will once more be re-imagined with actress Yara Shahidi taking on the iconic role of Tinker Bell.



Side by side of Tinker Bell and actress Yara Shahidi

It is safe to say that this once fairy sized idea has turned in to a legendary character that shows no signs of slowing down. I personally can't wait to see where a little faith, trust, and pixie dust takes my favorite Disney character next.



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Small Dogs

By Vianney Zamarripa



Various small dog breeds

All dogs are descendants of the wolf. Our ancient ancestors domesticated dogs somewhere between 27,000 and 40,000 years ago during the ice age. They were the only animal to be domesticated while humans were hunter gatherers, all other domestication of animals didn't take place until farming became standard practice. Early humans may have shared surplus meat with the wolves, and they began to grow comfortable around one another, and they may have even hunted together. Ever since this early bond, dogs have been unrivaled as "man's best friend," and today dogs come in all sorts of shapes and sizes.

But if all dogs are descendants of wolves, how did some breeds become so small? The answer lies in breeding. Canines have what scientists call a "slippery genome" in their DNA which allows dogs to adapt more quickly than other animals and therefore they can mutate to accommodate various needs and surroundings faster than most animals. Not living in the wild and being forced to fend for themselves; dogs under human protection of man had less need to always be big and strong. The first small dogs began being specifically bred in the Middle East 12,000 years ago from the Middle Eastern grey wolf, which is smaller than most wolves. Smaller dogs served a variety of purposes from being able to fit in small places and hunt rodents to simple companionship that could fit in a lap. Whatever the reason in the years that followed small dogs have gained steadily in popularity.



Eastern wolf

Some of the more popular breeds of small dogs include the Pomeranian that are only 7-12 inches long but appear bigger due to their flowing blonde fur. This breed originated in Northern Europe from powerful sled dogs and have been popular among royalty since the 1800's. The pug, with its distinctive flat face, was originally bred as temple guardians in China 2,000 years ago where Eastern nobility revered flat faced dogs. Though not guarding many temples now, today's pugs are known for sleeping 14 hours a day, are surprisingly good swimmers, and... gassy, but still adorable none the less. And Yorkshire terriers, or yorkies, were bred from other breeds of terrier in Scotland to chase rodents in textile mills in the mid 1800's. By the late 1800's they had become popular pets from proper English ladies.



Royal Corgi

As one can see, small dogs tend to follow a certain pattern, one that has caused somewhat of an issue. While first bred for a purpose, the dogs became heralded by the wealthy as status symbols. Today it can be difficult to find a picture of an A-list celebrity not holding a small dog with a collar that matches their outfit or pushed in a baby carriage. These designer dogs as they are known such as the puggle, a mix of a beagle and a pug, can cost thousands of dollars. Owning these pets is not a bad thing in and of itself, but a trend is emerging and experts are seeing a rise in small dogs being used as status symbols. They are treated more as possessions than companions and discarded when not of use or out of fashion.



Fashionable Teacup Terrier

Inside every small dog beats the heart of a tiny wolf, and they require proper nutrition and exercise to live a healthy life. Small dogs tend to live longer than large breeds and it is possible they could live up to 17 years. They require fewer calories than large dogs, but veterinarians still

recommend they be fed twice a day, portions depending on breed, and specialized dog food for smaller dogs with smaller, easier to eat pieces. They also require daily exercise to keep bones and muscles healthy and strong. Another important necessity for small breed dogs is socialization. Some small dogs have a bad reputation for being mean, loud or aggressive, but there is no link between breed and anger. Proper socialization is best taught while young, as with any dog, rather than try to break bad habits. Regular introduction to strangers and other pets while puppies, is best to ensure a small pup grows into a lover, not a biter.



Chihuahua

No matter what type of dog, small, medium or large, one thing is certain: if treated right they will be a best friend for life. It's been that way for thousands of years. They are faithful, intelligent, brave and dog gone cute!

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Mental Health

By Yeimi Benitez



To begin, we will be looking at mental health disorders. To me, the author, mental health is a very important topic. The stigma surrounding mental health disorders is something that is often looked down on. When in reality it is something we should be openly speaking about; especially in this day and age, where a pandemic is running ramped and the need to isolate is at an all time high. In my article I will look at the three main forms of mental health but the overall list of mental health condition is long and some are only starting to be explored more in-depth.

Depression

Depression is a mood disorder that causes a feeling of sadness and makes you less motivated to do what you love. Depression affects how you are feeling, and you might have trouble doing daily task. You cannot just get rid of depression. It requires treatment. But do not feel hopeless; you can talk to a psychologist, do psychotherapy, taking an antidepressants or mood stabilizer medications prescribed by your physician. A combination of these could help alleviate some of the symptoms and take steps towards navigating the bleakness depression can make you feel.

The generalized symptoms of depression are as followed, but can present differently in men, women, teens and children.

- *Feelings of sadness, emptiness or hopelessness
- *Getting angry over unimportant things
- *Loss in interest in things you once enjoyed
- *Developing insomnia/Lack of sleep
- *Loss of appetite/eating more
- *Lack of energy/takes big effort to do small things
- *Slower movements like speaking or other body movements
- *Feeling worthless and guilty/blaming yourself for past errors

- *Trouble concentrating, thinking or remembering things
- *Anxiety
- *Reoccurring thoughts of death, suicidal thoughts, self harm
- *Unexplained physical ailments

For people with depression the symptoms can be moderate to severe; often noticeable in day-to-day life and activities. Some people are miserable or not happy without knowing or understanding why. Please note; it is never okay to self-diagnose! If you have any of the symptoms please seek medical treatment.

Anxiety

We humans can feel anxious from time to time, especially if your life is stressful, hectic or chaotic. It is simply a part of life, however people with anxiety disorder have to deal with frequent intense, excessive worry and fear about their day-to-day activities. Anxiety disorders often have repeated episodes that can peak within minutes resulting in panic attacks. It is possible to have anxiety as a child or adult. Anxiety has symptoms related to panic attacks, obsessive-compulsive disorder also commonly known as OCD, and other types of anxiety, but they are all different conditions. Living with anxiety can be challenging and in many cases it comes along with other mood disorders. Usually anxiety can improve with psychotherapy, medication or mindfulness grounding techniques. Making some changes to your daily life, self care, learning to cope with it and finding relaxation techniques could also help you improve. I, the author of this article have had to deal with anxiety but learned to manage it.

Symptoms may include

- *Feeling restless or on-edge
- *Tiredness or feeling fatigued
- *Mindlessness/difficulties concentrating
- *Irritable
- *Muscle tension
- *Difficulties controlling feelings of worry
- *Having troubling falling asleep/staying asleep or unsatisfying sleep

There may be times when your worry does not completely consumes you, but you still feel anxious even where there is no reason to be. For example, during the pandemic people felt extremely worried about their own personal safety or the safety of their loved ones. Some even experienced a general sense that something bad is about to happen. Your anxiety and the physical symptoms can cause you to be in agony at work, school, or even at home. It is possible for your anxiety to change with age as well as making life-style changes.

Bipolar Disorder

There are several different types of bipolar and related disorders, or formerly known as manic disorder is a mental health condition that causes you to have extreme mood swings. They may include mania or hypomania and depression. With this disorder, you could feel incredibly happy as if you were on cloud 9 or higher then radically swing to a low liken to having severe depression. When you feel depressed, you feel sad and hopelessness; you hit a low but then your mood switches to mania. You might feel euphoric and suddenly full of energy. These mood swings can affect your sleep, energy, behavior and ability to focus. Even though Bipolar Disorder is a lifelong condition it can be managed with a treatment plan. In many cases it can be treated with regular visits to your mental health provider as well as taking your medications as prescribed.

It is important to remember to never self diagnose but there are signs to look for. Bipolar I have more manic episodes that can often be severe and dangerous whereas people with bipolar II disorder can be depressed for longer periods which can overall cause significant impairment. There are two different types of bipolar episodes, mania and hypomania although both have the same symptoms. Mania is more severe and can cause more noticeable problems in your day to day life as well as make relationships difficult. It can also trigger the need for a break from reality and may require hospitalization. Bipolar I and II are separate disorders and need a medical professional for diagnoses. Bipolar disorder can occur at any age, it is commonly diagnosed in the teen years to early twenties. Symptoms can vary from person to person and may differ over time.

Symptoms of bipolar disorder include:

- *Unusual cheerfulness or jumpiness
- *More motivation or energy
- *A big boost of confidence (euphoria)
- *Being unusually talkative
- *Being distracted easily
- *Poor decision making (as in going on a shopping spree, buying unessential items, or foolish risk taking with money)

In conclusion, bipolar disorder is a mental health condition that is life-long but it is manageable. People with bipolar disorder can and do lead normal and healthy lives. In order to accomplish that, be sure to keep regular visits to your mental health provider as well as take medication as they are prescribed.

To sum it all up, mental health is not the taboo subject it used to be. Instead it is of the utmost importance. Acceptance, understanding, and bringing awareness to these topics help us to better understand them and the people coping with them daily, especially in today's society where a modern day plague is running ramped and the need to isolate is at an all time high. If you have any of the symptoms listed above or want to know more on behalf of a loved one or even yourself, please reach out to a mental health provider and remember it is never okay to self-diagnose.

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Indian River Academy

Mentor: Thomas Hardy



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Why? Why Do We Need Money?

By Abigail Carter



Why? Why do we need money? People need specific things to live, like food, clothes, and shelter, but people put such high costs on them! Why do we even need money in the first place?

That's the argument I am discussing with you today. I want to know why we need money in the first place. It doesn't help the world, it's almost like it's tearing it apart! These are going to be a few reasons why we DON'T need money.

Life without money would be so much better than life right now! There would be no robbers that would fight and steal money, no government, there would be no rich or poor people; we would all have the same ranking. Can you imagine!

Life without money would be not just great, but amazing! Don't you think so?

According to Jason Mackinnon who studied Philosophy at University Hull, "I hear...so many times; that without money the economy would collapse. This just isn't correct. With the ability to automate everything just like the automotive industry, and the advent of 3D printing in all sorts of mediums, including food, metals, plastics, and so many others, there would be little, if anything that we would have to go without."

So, I ask, can 3D printer make a refrigerator? The answer is yes.

3D printing, or additive manufacturing, is the construction of a three-dimensional object from a CAD model or a digital 3D model.

If 3D printing can make a refrigerator, how do you make it cold inside?

According to ALL3DP, "Researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy's Ames Laboratory used 3D printing to build an advanced model system that reaches refrigeration level cooling by using magnetocaloric materials. They call the contraption the calorismART (short for Small Modular Advanced Research-scale) Test System."

De Economist acquired data from Northwestern Mutual's 2018 Planning Guide and shows that money is the number one stress factor for people in the world.

Mr. MacKinnon argues that: Financial stress causes marriage breakdowns, thus there would be no stress due to finances. Couples will no longer have financial arguments. There will be more love between couples.

The incentive to commit crime is almost exclusively financially based. Without money there will be no crime.

Without money we would have a classless society. There would be no rich people and no poor people and no one in between.

There would be more peace and happiness. We would live more relaxed lives.

Without fortunes, there would be fewer "less fortunates."

Home life would be vastly different. With 3D printers and the ability to turn energy into matter, if we needed a casserole dish, medications or a new vehicle, we could just print them.

In conclusion, this all seems crazy because first you would have to buy a 3D printer with money.



About Squidgame. One of My Favorites.

By Ernesto Garcia



Have you heard about the show SquidGame? If not, you should know about it, because according to an October 13, 2021 article in www.forbes.com, “In the first 28 days of release (September 17, 2021), Netflix says that SquidGame has ‘reached’ 111 million fans, using Netflix’s metric of people watching at least two minutes of a movie or show for that to count.”

It quickly became one of the top shows on the streaming platform Netflix. A disturbing nine-episode series, SquidGame is about a world where its games turn deadly. It’s about a bunch of people, either down on their luck or massively in debt, who take part in a series of games to win big cash prizes.

It is addictive, highly binge worthy and not necessarily good for your health.

According to an October 12, 2012 article by Gael Fashinobauer Cooper in C/NET, “SquidGame focuses on a desperately indebted group of people in South Korea. They’re first tricked into a deadly tournament of children’s games, but then many of them volunteer to come back, realizing the games maybe their only chance to win the money they need to survive. Big bucks are at stake - 45 billion Korean won, which translates to \$38 million US.”

Hwang Dong-Hyuk came up with the idea for the show in 2008, while living with his mother and grandmother.

Born in 1971, Hwang Dong-hyuk is a South Korean film writer and screenwriter who had to stop writing script at one point and was forced to sell his laptop for \$650.



Hwang Dong-Hyuk

SquidGame was originally a film.

Its name comes from the squid-like playing field, a square with a triangle on top, with a “waste” of two rectangles at the center and circles at the top and bottom.



How do you play squid game?

According to an October 13, 2021 article on NBC by Hanna Park, “dark twists play out against a backdrop of childhood games. In the nine-episode Netflix series, 456 players fight to the death in a series of games for a cash reward of \$338 million. The show mixes deep entrenched issues of poverty, class anxiety and income inequality with nostalgic Korean children.”

Bringing Back Extinct Animals

By Ta'Narie Gandy



Woolly Mammoth

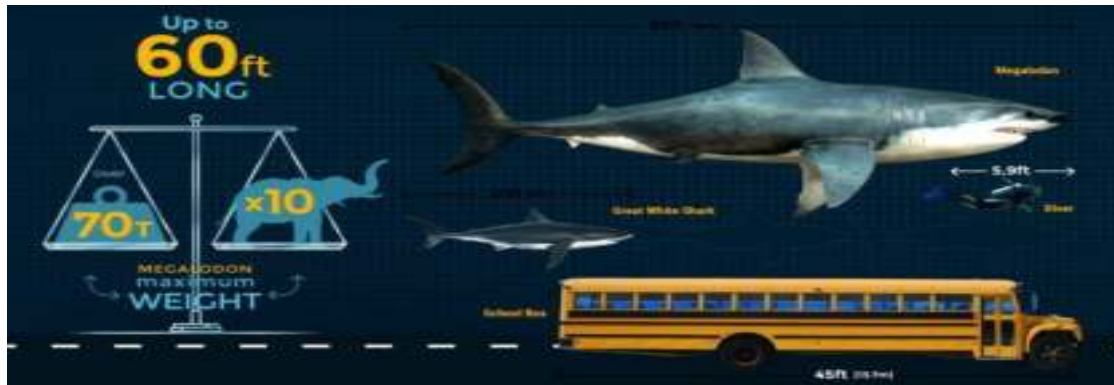
Imagine travelling to the wilds of Siberia to see a Woolly Mammoth lumbering through its natural habitat. Or getting up close to a living, breathing Tasmanian Tiger. Thanks to developments in cloning and gene-editing technology, the prospect of bringing back extinct animals is looking more likely than ever.

De-extinction is about creating populations of healthy, genetically vibrant animals that can be released into the wild where they'll be able to breed naturally and contribute positively to the environment. But it's not just about bringing back the dead.

The same techniques being developed to help resurrect extinct species can also be used to help save living species on the brink of extinction.

Are scientists bringing back Megalodon?

Scientists prove mighty Megalodon Shark was not killed off by space radiation. However, new findings due to be published to the journal Peer have found evidence that the Megalodon shark died long before the cataclysmic event 2.6m years ago.



Megalodon: The Terror of the Deep

According to [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com), here are The Smartest Animals in the World:

- Chimpanzees are better than humans in some memory tasks.
- Goats have excellent long-term memory.
- Elephants can work together.
- Parrots can reproduce sounds of the human language.
- Dolphins can recognize themselves in the mirror.
- New Caledonian crows understand cause-and-effect relationships.

It would be good to bring back extinct animals, because animals perform important roles in the ecosystems they live in, so when lost species are returned, so too are the jobs' they once performed. Woolly mammoths, for example, were great animals that help plants and flowers... It could be the same for other de-extinct animals, too.

According to <https://www.kotatv.com>, HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (KOTA), September 20, 2021, "Woolly Mammoths walked the earth over thousands of years, but the chance of seeing one walking around again might not be too far away. We're really bringing back part of a Mammoth. Scientists are working to bring back the woolly mammoth."

What Was the First Civilization?

By Titto Harvey



The Sumerians

The first civilization currently known to man is the Sumerian civilization, which started in 3000 B.C. The civilization was agricultural and had a community life. The people of the Sumerian civilization were adept at building canals, irrigation and using metal. These people used metals such as gold, copper, and silver. The Sumerian people also developed skills for artistry and technological knowledge.

How were the Sumerian social classes structured?

There were three classes. These classes consisted of the upper, middle, and lower classes. The upper class was formed by the kings, priests, government officials, and warriors. The middle class was the biggest. It consisted of artisans, farmers, fishers, and merchants. The lower class had people from other tribes that were captured from war. They had to help with numerous projects around the city.

How did the Sumerian civilization come to be?

The Sumerian civilization was founded in the Mesopotamia region of an area called the Fertile Crescent. Sumer was a place settled by humans from 4500 B.C. to 4000 B.C. It is possible people had come earlier. The early tribe people were known as the Ubaid people. The Ubaid people were notable for making strides toward an agricultural civilization, which almost could have been the first civilization. But the Sumerian people gained control of the Ubaid people by 3000 B.C. The Sumerian civilizations ended when they were conquered in 2004 B.C. This happened when some people named the Elamites stormed through the Sumerian civilization and took control of it ending the first civilization, the Sumerians.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, the Sumerian people were the first people to create an actual civilization. These people had created the idea of a civilization. They are the founding fathers of civilization as we know it today.



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What Do We Eat Daily?? And What is Healthy??

By Akeem Sharpe



#1 Cooking Breakfast. To start, let's make pancakes and eggs.

Let's get started with the pancakes. You will need: 1 cup all-purpose flour (spooned and leveled), 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoons salt, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons unsalted butter (melted) or vegetable oil, 1 large egg, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil (so if you don't use butter you'd use 3 tablespoons of the vegetable oil). Assorted topping such as; butter, maple syrup, confectioners' sugar, honey, jams, preserves, sweetened whipped cream, or chocolate syrup.

According to www.healthline.com, "We hate to break it to you, but pancakes and waffles are not a nutritious way to fuel your mornings. Despite their tasty profile, these comfort foods are often made with refined white flour and topped with butter and syrup, which is essentially pure sugar."

Another breakfast is scrambled eggs.

1. Step 1: Beat your eggs until they're completely blended.
2. Step 2: Prep the pan.
3. Next, heat a nonstick skillet over a medium-low flame and toss in a pat of butter.
4. Step 3: Add the eggs.
5. Step 4: "Patience Makes Perfect"
6. Step 5: Almost done.
7. Step 6: Ready to eat.

According to <https://www.heart.org>, Eggs are loaded with vitamins, minerals, high-quality protein, good fats and various other lesser-known nutrients. One large egg has (1):
Vitamin B12 (cobalamin): 9% of the RDA. Vitamin B2 (riboflavin): 15% of sugar.

And last: French Toast

According to <https://www.fitday.com>, French toast are thick slices of bread, soaked in a mixture of beaten eggs with milk and cinnamon, toasted in a frying pan, and served with butter and maple syrup. This must be one of our favorites, and most indulgent, breakfast dishes.

If you are watching your weight and health then you should know that French toast has quite a high amount of saturated fat. This could be attributed to the eggs and milk that are among the ingredients of French toast. Saturated fat is one of the types of fats that you should avoid on a regular basis.

Next: lunch

A Hot Dog

1. Pre-heat oven to 400degrees.
2. Put your hot dogs in a pan or tray. You can use a casserole dish, a roasting pan or even a baking tray (if it has a rim for catching juices).
3. Cook for 15 minutes. Keep an eye on your dogs.
4. Serve. Take your hot dogs out of the oven, put them in a bun and top them and enjoy!



According to <https://www.usatoday.com>, “regardless of moderation, hot dogs are not exactly healthy.” The World Health Organization’s International Agency for Cancer Research (IARC)

reported that ham, hot dogs and other processed meats may contribute to colorectal cancer. Hot dogs are also high in saturated fat and sodium.”

Chicken Wraps:

Crispy flour tortilla loaded with juicy chicken, bacon, lettuce, avocado and cheese drizzled with a delicious spicy Ranch dressing. This chicken wrap is the perfect combination.

Citation: [Healthy Chicken Avocado Wraps - Veronika's Kitchen](#)

Making healthy and delicious lunch shouldn't be complicated! Take a burrito size tortilla; layer it with lettuce, tomatoes, avocado, chicken, and cheddar cheese then wrap it up and it's ready to eat! These wraps are perfect for a to-go snack or a picnic party so it is healthy.



And Last, Pizza

1. Heat the oven to 550°F or higher. Arrange a rack in the lower-middle part of the oven (if you have a baking stone, place it on the rack) and heat the oven to 550°F or higher.
2. Divide the dough in half.
3. Roll out the dough.
4. Top the pizza.
5. Bake the pizza.
6. Slice and serve.

According to www.cnn.com, “Depending on the type of crust, the amount of cheese and the toppings used, pizza can rank anywhere from nutritionally decent to a diet disaster. Even healthy

pizzas deliver a good amount of sodium from tomato sauce and cheese, so if you are watching your salt intake, you should eat with caution.”



Now it's Time for Dinner.

Chinese Food:

Chinese food, rich and colorful, has diversified color, aromatic flavor, and excellent taste as its main features. With these three characteristics, it is not only tasty but also a work of art for people to appreciate. The main type of Chinese food is Chinese orange chicken.



According to www.purewow.com, “Chinese food, when ordered consciously, and intentionally, can be filled with muscle -building protein and filling, fiber-rich vegetables.” What’s more, it can be a healthier alternative to a lot of fast food (like burgers and fries.)



Steak

1. Physically tenderize the meat.
2. Use a marinade.
3. Don't forget the salt.
4. Let it come up to room temperature.
5. Cook it low-and-slow.
6. Hit the right internal temperature.
7. Slice against the grain.
8. Eat.

According to www.themeatandwineco.com, “Steak is one of the best protein sources, and protein is important for pretty much every cell in your body.” It’s a macronutrient, which means

your body needs a large amount of it to function. Protein is essential for keeping our hair, nails, skin, and bones.



Fish:

1. Heat oven to 450°F.
2. Spray a baking sheet or shallow baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
3. Place fish on baking sheet in a single layer, season as desired.
4. Bake uncovered, 10 minutes per inch of thickness or until fish is done.

According to www.doh.wa.gov, fish is filled with omega-3 fatty acids and vitamins such as D and B2 (Riboflavin). Fish is rich in calcium and phosphorus and a great source of minerals, such as iron, zinc, iodine, magnesium and potassium. The American Heart Association recommends, eating fish at least two times per week as part of a healthy diet.

How Many People Drown Every Year, and Why?

By Chase Mcgrath



According to the World Health Organization, “In 2019, an estimated 236,000 people died from drowning, making drowning a major public health problem worldwide. In 2019, injuries accounted for almost 8% of total global mortality. Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death, accounting for 7% of all injury-related deaths.”

Why do so many people drown? I am curious.

Drowning is more likely to happen when people have not had swimming lessons and do not pay attention to their children when they are in the water.

Risk factors for drowning include a lack of training or attention to children, alcohol or drug use, epilepsy, and lack of higher education. Alcohol is involved in approximately 50% of fatal drownings and 35% of non-fatal drownings.

Drowning is the most common cause of death for persons with seizure disorders, largely in bathtubs.

Drowning is a form of death by suffocation. Death occurs after the lungs take in water. This water intake then interferes with breathing. The lungs become heavy and oxygen stops being delivered to the heart

Steps to prevent drowning include: teaching children and adults to swim and to recognize unsafe water conditions; never swimming alone, use of personal flotation devices on boats and when swimming in unfavorable conditions.

Research has shown that children can drown in less than one minute.

Did you know that someone who is drowning and struggling to breathe is usually unable to call for help? Most instances of fatal drowning occur alone or in situations where others present are either unaware of the victim's situation or unable to offer their assistance.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is necessary for near drowning, as complications can be fatal.

Common drowning locations include natural and man-made bodies of water, bathtubs, swimming pools, and even buckets and toilets.

Whether a person drowns in freshwater versus salt water makes no difference in respiratory management or the outcome of the person.



Here are ten signs of someone drowning.

1. Head low in the water with mouth at water level
2. Head tilted back with mouth open
3. Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
4. Eyes closed
5. Hair over forehead or eyes
6. Not using legs and vertical in the water
7. Hyperventilating or gasping
8. Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making progress
9. Trying to roll over on the back
10. Appears to be climbing an invisible ladder

There is an economic impact on drowning because those who drown are unable to work.

Despite limited data, several studies reveal information on the cost impact of drowning. In the United States of America, 45% of drowning deaths are among the most economically active segment of the population.

Coastal drowning in the United States alone accounts for US\$ 273 million each year in direct and indirect costs. In Australia and Canada, the total annual cost of drowning injury in US dollars is 85.5 million and 173 million respectively.

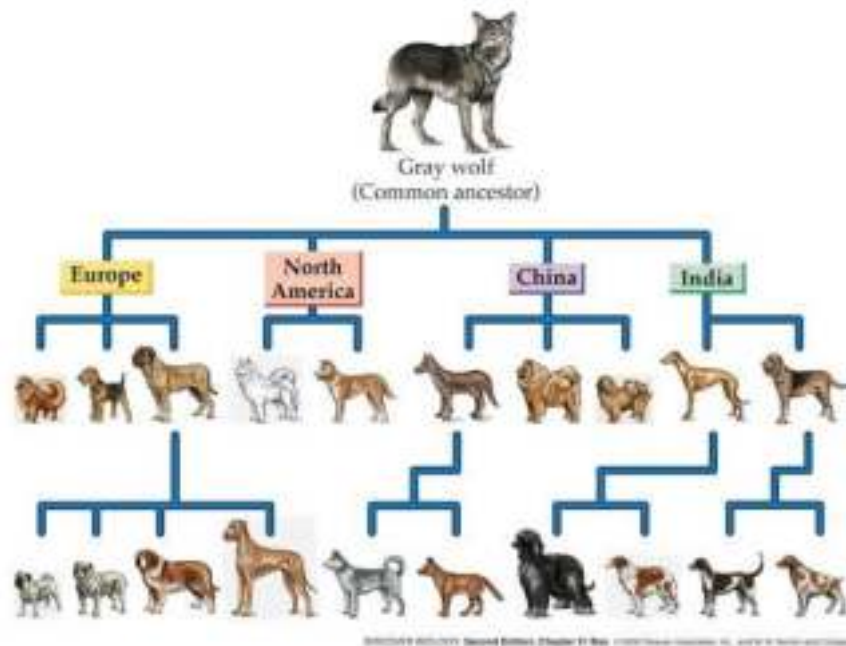
Youth drowning rates are highest for children under five years of age and persons fifteen to twenty-four years of age. Nearly 80% of drowning victims are male.

Since children ages one to four have the highest drowning rates, my recommendation is to make sure all children take swimming lessons.



Did You Know That Our Family Dogs Originated from Wolves?

By Conner Kerr



According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, our family dogs trace their ancestry back thousands of years to wolves.

Wikipedia indicates “The dog was domesticated from grey wolves in Eurasia. Genetic studies suggest a domestication process commencing over 25,000 YBP, in one or several wolf populations in either Europe, the high Arctic, or eastern Asia.”

Researchers have been able to use DNA and fossil evidence to determine that the domestication of wolves occurred around 15,000 to 40,000 years ago. The fact that all of our family dogs originated from wolves is understandably hard to understand.

Here are some characteristics of wolves:

WEIGHT

females: 60 to 80 pounds
males: 70 to 110 pounds 26 to 32 inches
(at the shoulder) females: 4.5 to 6 feet
(tip of nose to tip of tail)
males: 5 to 6.5 feet up to 13 years in wild
(usually 6 to 8 years)
up to 16 years in captivity

AVERAGE FOOT SIZE

4 inches wide by 5 inches long

FUR COLOR

Gray, but can also be black or white

NUMBER OF TEETH

42 Teeth

BREEDING SEASON

February to March

GESTATION PERIOD

63 days

WEIGHT AT BIRTH

1 pound

LITTER SIZE

4 to 6 pups

PACK SIZE

2 to 30 or more
Average pack size
5 to 8

PACK TERRITORY SIZE

25 to 150 square miles in Minnesota
300 to 1,000 in Alaska and Canada

AVERAGE TRAVEL SPEED

5 miles per hour

SPRINTING SPEED

36 to 38 miles per hour
for short distances

COMMON FOOD

ungulates
(hoofed animals like deer, moose, caribou, elk, bison, musk-oxen)

MAIN THREATS TO SURVIVAL

Loss of habitat due to destruction, development and encroachment by humans.

According to, The Endangered species coalition; The Mexican gray wolf (*Canis lupus baileyi*), a highly intelligent and socially complex carnivore, is the most endangered wolf subspecies in the world. Native to the mountainous woodlands of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico, this rare canine suffered habitat loss and other human impacts so great that it has been effectively absent from the American landscape for more than half a century.

The Mexican gray wolf has been recognized as an endangered species since 1976 and about 300 individuals currently live in captivity between the United States and Mexico. Twenty years after gaining this endangered status; these rare predators were returned to the Southwest through a bi-national reintroduction program. Eleven captive-reared individuals were released into eastern Arizona and western New Mexico in 1998, throughout a region known as the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area. The recovery program has not attained its goal of restoring at least 100 wild wolves by 2006. There are approximately 58 individuals in the wild, as of 2011.

The Mexican gray wolf is a subspecies of the gray wolf, commonly referred to as “el lobo”.

Though they once numbered in the thousands, these wolves were wiped out in the U.S. by the mid-1970s, with just a handful existing in zoos. In 1998, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, led by Jamie Rappaport Clark (now president of Defenders of Wildlife), released 11 Mexican gray wolves back into the wild in Arizona.

Although their numbers have grown slowly, they remain the most endangered subspecies of wolf in the world because of compromised genetics, human intolerance and reluctance to release more individuals and bonded pairs to the wild.

Defenders' Impact

As the population slowly recovers, Defenders continues to support scientists and policymakers to find the best path forward, including supporting adult releases and cross-fostering of pups. We also sponsored a Mexican biologist to come to the U.S. to gain experience working with the recovery team to support wolves in Mexico.

Defenders works directly with ranchers and tribal members to implement proven techniques to keep wolves and livestock safe. These include using range riders to watch over livestock, moving livestock away from wolf dens, erecting special fencing and more.

Defenders supports range rider projects on the ground in high conflict areas to reduce conflict and foster coexistence. Defenders also supports a collaborative wildlife technician program which places trained graduate students in the field for six months at a time to assist with monitoring of wolves and livestock and to implement proven non-lethal tools to reduce conflicts.



lobo

Front and Back Flipping

By Connor Kerr



This article is about how you do front flips and back flips on flat land. I can do them in water but don't know how to do them on flat land. That is my concern.

People think you can do them in a gymnasium where you work out, but you really can't do them there because there are too many machines around and it is dangerous.

Here is what I have learned from Google.com:

1. Stand in an extended straight line. Stand straight up with your legs together and raise your hands straight above your head. Your body should form the number one.
2. Lean into the roll. Keeping your knees as straight as possible, move your arms, head, and trunk down as one unit. You should not be bending down at the knees.

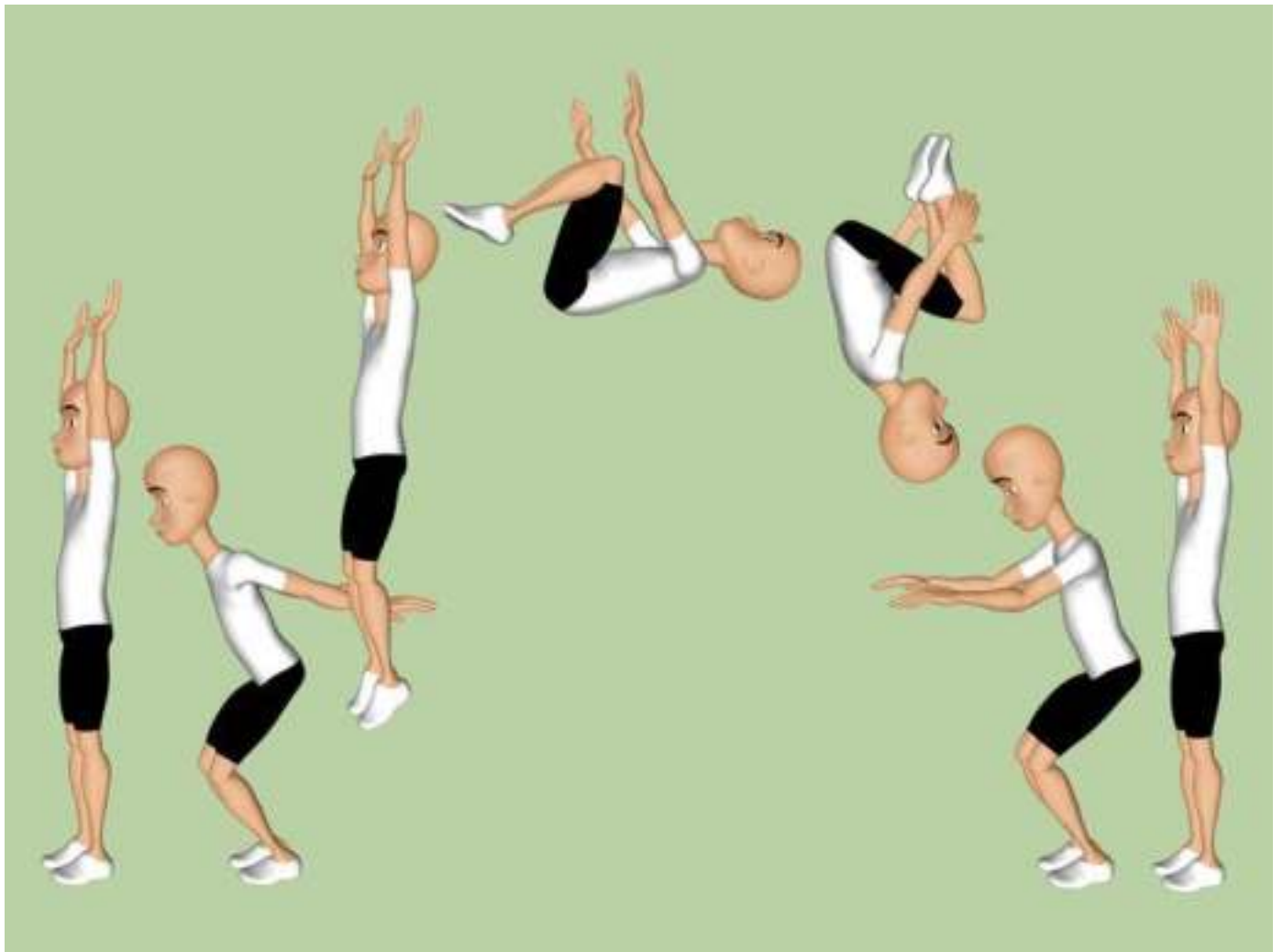
3. Push your hips forward when your hands touch the floor. Your hands should touch the floor.

In gymnastics, a front flip is also called a front tuck. Basically, it's a move where you jump up in the air, tuck yourself in a ball, and rotate forward. Then you untuck yourself and land on your feet.

Gravity helps you do this. That's a fun fact for you; okay?

Another fun fact you can do a back-flip anywhere outside.

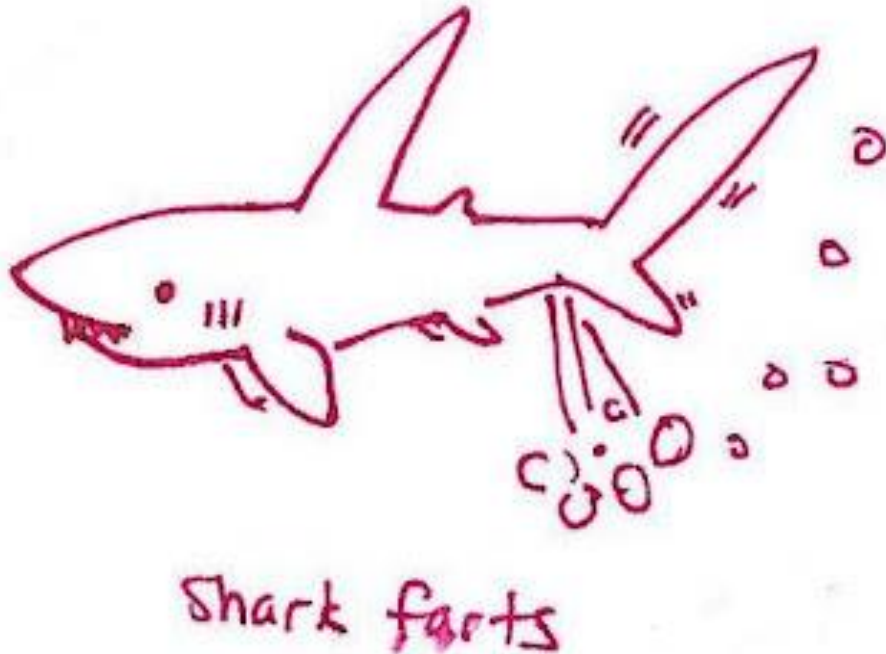
Okay. Have a good day and hope you learned something.



Back Flip

~Sharks~

By DeAndre Sharpe



Journalism is a form of writing that tells people about things they may not know about. So, do sharks fart? Yes, sharks let out air that is a form of gas when they want to lose buoyancy.

Though the Smithsonian Animal Answer Guide confirms that captive sand tiger sharks have been known to expel gas bubbles out their cloaca; there really isn't much else out there about this.

Where do sharks live? Sharks live in every ocean. Where do they live in the ocean? They are found in just about every kind of ocean habitat, including the deep sea, open ocean, coral reefs, and under the Arctic ice.

Do sharks sleep at all? According to Google sharks do not sleep. 97% of all sharks are harmless to humans due to their size and teeth.

Here are some facts I found out about sharks: The average lifespan of a shark is 20-30 years. If you've ever asked yourself are sharks fish, the answer is yes! Although sharks look like a

marine mammal, they are indeed a type of fish. Sharks can swim up to 50km an hour but only in short bursts. There are more than 500 shark species in the world. When sharks jump out from under the surface of the water, it is referred to as a breach. An estimated 100 million sharks are killed by fisheries every year by becoming accidentally caught in fishing nets or lines. Sharks constantly shed their teeth and grow new ones. It is not unusual for a shark to have 50,000 teeth over a lifetime. Most sharks have a streamlined, torpedo-shaped body that reduces friction so they can swim more easily. A shark has six senses; vision, taste, smell, hearing, touch and electro-reception. And lastly, 97% of all sharks are harmless to humans due to their size and teeth.



Sand Tiger Shark

Facts About Snickers

By Diandre Sharpe



According to justsomefacts.com, "Snickers holds the top spot for the bestselling chocolate bar in the world. It has annual global sales of \$3.5 billion." It is a chocolate bar made by Mars, Incorporated, consisting of nougat topped with caramel and peanuts that has been cloaked in milk chocolate.

Frank Mars was the creator of the Snickers candy bar and founder of Mars, Inc., originally called Mar-O-Bar Co. It was named after one of Frank Mars' favorite horses.

Also, according to justsomefacts.com, "The bar was marketed under the name **"Marathon"** in the UK and Ireland until 1990, when Mars decided to align the UK product with the global Snickers name."

They are yummy in my tummy.

Each bar has a peanut limit, they reduced the size of the Snicker's bar in 2009, and there's a Snickers salad. A Snickers salad is a dessert salad consisting of a mix of Snickers bars, Granny Smith apples, whipped cream and often pudding or whipped topping served in a bowl. (Source: Wikipedia)

Snickers even comes as ice cream. I have eaten it before and it is yummy in my tummy too.

Well, that's all I know.



Make-Up Tips and All Things Make-Up

By Lena Lou



Here I am, back again. You may remember my articles from last year. It's Brooklyn, but my pen name is Lena Lou. This time I am writing about make up.

It is the beauty you put on your face when you want to look pretty, or for fun, or for special occasion like parties etcetera.

Here are some tips for make-up from www.cosmopolitan.com.

1. Apply your foundation before concealer.
2. Maintain your eyebrows with a spolia brush.
3. Exfoliate your lips before applying lipstick.
4. Do not sleep with blush on.
5. Melt your pencil liner to help it glide.
6. Make your eye shadow pop with a white eyeliner.
7. Outline your cat eye.

Here are other pictures of make-up looks.



These are just some of the looks, but there are more in the world. Here is one more.



Oooooooooooooo...that is so pretty.

I love to do makeup just for fun though, since I don't go to many galas!!

Is it okay to sleep with makeup on? Your skin will look blotchy, dull, pale and lifeless, and straight lines and wrinkles could appear. There, that is the answer to that question.

Here are some more crazy looks:



Here is a traditional look:



Here are some reasons why make-up is good for you: From Google.

- Make-up makes you feel more confident.
- Make-up will keep your skin protected.
- Make-up helps in enhancing your appearance.
- You will have more fun with your day when you wear make-up.
- Make-up makes you look perfect in photos.

Here are reasons why make-up is not good for you, from Google.

- Premature aging.
- Dry or oily skin. So, make sure you wash your face every night.
- Be sure to find make-up products that work for your skin.
- Use moisturizer and sun screen daily.

Don't do those bad things. Do the good things. Bye, from Lena Lou.

Port St. Lucie Police Department

By Nick.b/570



Police Officer Steven Brown

This article is dedicated to my father, St. Lucie County Police Officer Steven Brown, who suffered a heart attack after completing a third day of leading the Port St. Lucie Police Athletic League's Police Camp. The camp involved three days of strenuous outdoor activities including an obstacle course at the Navy UTD-SEAL Museum. He served the Port St. Lucie Police Department for 14 years and was 40 years old.

I would like to follow in his footsteps. This course is helping me because if I become a cop, I would have to write reports using proper grammar.

The Chief of the Port Saint Lucie police department is John A. Bolduc. Chief Bolduc has worked as a law enforcement officer for 34 years and was appointed Chief of Police for Port St. Lucie on August 13, 2012.

According to the Port St. Lucie Police Department 2020 Annual Report, the department has 261 sworn full-time police officers, 12 full-time and one part-time Animal Control officers, 60 full-time and one part-time civilians and 157 volunteers.

According to its website, the Department "is devoted to protecting and preserving individuals' rights as granted by the Constitution, focusing on basic essential services."

The Police Department enhances and strengthens its training, technology, cultural diversity, and community partnerships, as citizen input and involvement are critical to the organization's success."

Their mission statement is: "Through Courage, Knowledge, and Integrity, the Port St. Lucie Police Department is Committed to Superior Customer Service and Remaining One of America's Safest Cities."

In fact, while crime data, and Port St. Lucie officials themselves, have long touted the city as one of the largest safe cities in Florida, a recent survey concluded it's safer than most small towns.

The survey, by the independent review site SafeWise, ranked Port St. Lucie the ninth safest city in the Sunshine State; it was the only city in the top 10 with more than 100,000 residents.

The ranking used 2017 FBI crime data, which listed Port St. Lucie's violent crime rate at 0.00 per 1,000, and property crime rate of 11.27 per 1,000. Both are far below state and national averages.

Port St. Lucie Properties wrote: "Feel safe and secure in Port St. Lucie? There's a good reason for that."

Police officers wear many tools to protect citizens. These include a Glock. 45, a taser, handcuffs, pepper spray, a flashlight and night stick, ammunition, batteries, gloves, a ticket book, a radio and a body camera. These items can weigh up to 40 pounds on an officer.



Police officer in uniform.

I hope you enjoyed. Bye!!!!

The Movie Halloween and Michael Myers

by Nick.b[570]



While the movie Halloween is not necessarily good for children, I like it because it's scary and I always have a parent around me when I watch it. I like horror movies.

Michael Myers is a fictional character that goes around and kills people on Halloween night and there are many films about it like the most recent "Halloween Kills." My most favorite is "Halloween Kills." There is also Halloween 2018, which is awesome because Michael is simply crazy and kills many people.

Oh, dear, perhaps I shouldn't be writing about this. But my friends know about it, and why shouldn't our parents, too! They need to understand what are going through our minds, and what attracts us to certain films.

Michael Myers has at least 27 kills or higher in all the movies. He kills some important people like police officer's, main characters, and kids. He kills people in many ways, such as with a knife, unarmed, of anything in the area where he is.

The main characters are Myers himself and Peter Myers (father; deceased) Edith Myers (mother; deceased) Judith Myers (older sister; deceased) Jamie Lloyd (niece; deceased) Laurie Strode (younger sister) Mr. Lloyd (brother-in-law; deceased) John Tate (nephew) Steven Lloyd (great nephew).

BACK STORY: As a child, Michael was admitted into a psychiatric hospital for the murder of his older sister, Judith Myers. After 15 years of captivity, Myers broke out of the asylum and started his killing spree, with the intention to murder his remaining family relatives and anyone who would get in his way.

No, Michael Myers is not real, and the 'Halloween' films are not based on a true story. However, the character was named after a real individual. The fictional masked killer was named after Myers to seemingly commemorate the success of 'Assault on Precinct 13'.

Why Myers kills:

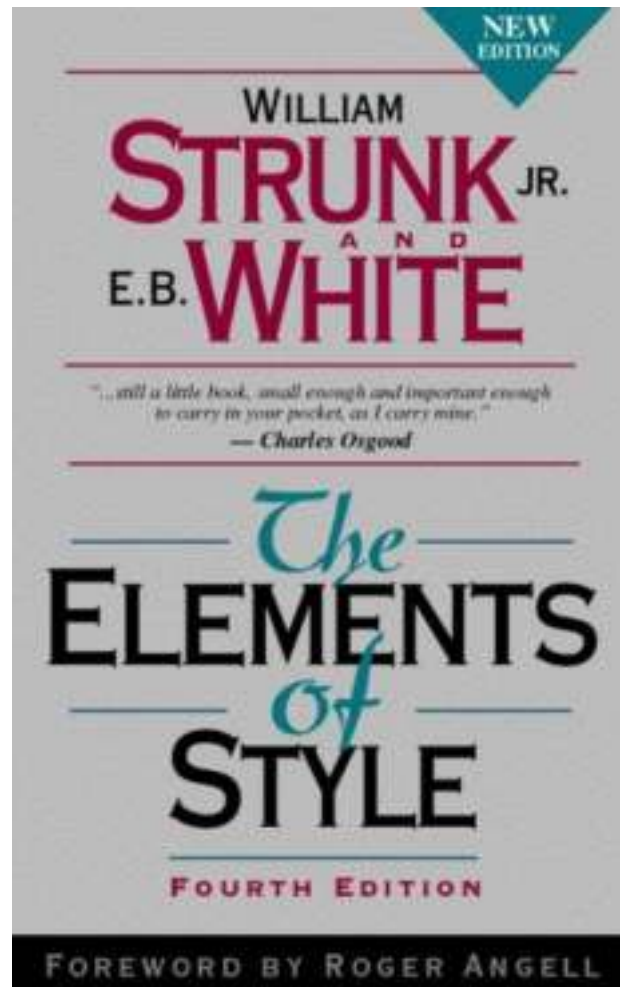
The sixth film in the series reveals Michael was a victim of the Curse of Thorn, a druid curse that possesses a child, forcing them to kill their entire family on Halloween night. It also grants the child superhuman strength and immortality.



Mike Myers

The History of 'THE ELEMENTS OF STYLE'

By Noah Kerr



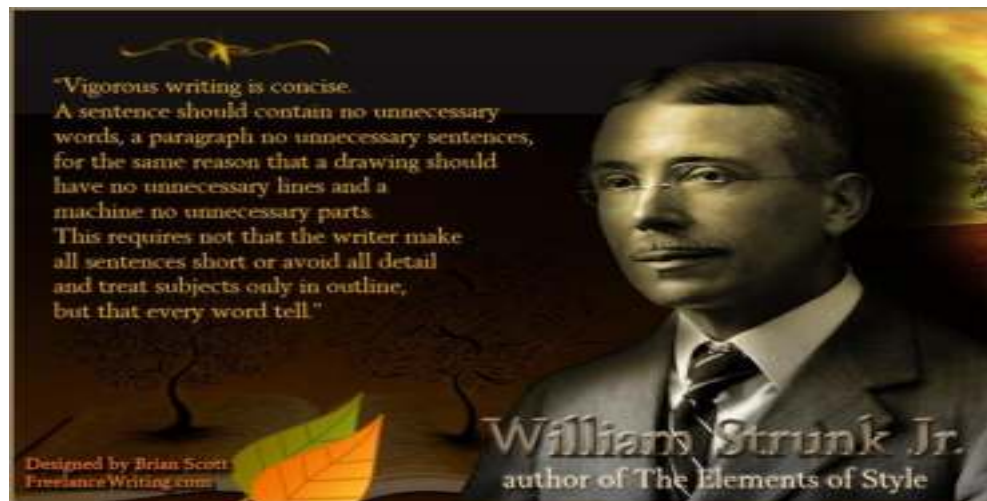
We are learning about 'The Elements of Style' in our journalism class.

Dorothy Parker wrote: "If you have any young friends who aspire to become writers, the second greatest favor you can do them is to present them with copies of The Elements of Style."

According to Wikipedia, "Dorothy Parker (née Rothschild; August 22, 1893 – June 7, 1967) was an American poet, writer, critic, and satirist based in New York; she was best known for her wit, wisecracks, and eye for 20th-century urban foibles."

Satire has a funny definition: “The use of humor, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose and criticize people's stupidity.”

In 1918, William Strunk privately published ‘*The Elements of Style*’ for the use of his Cornell students, who gave it its nickname, the little book. Strunk intended the guide “to lighten the task of instructor and student by concentrating attention on a few essentials, the rules of usage and principles of composition most commonly violated.” In 1935, Strunk and Edward A. Tenney revised and published the guide as *The Elements and Practice of Composition* (1935).



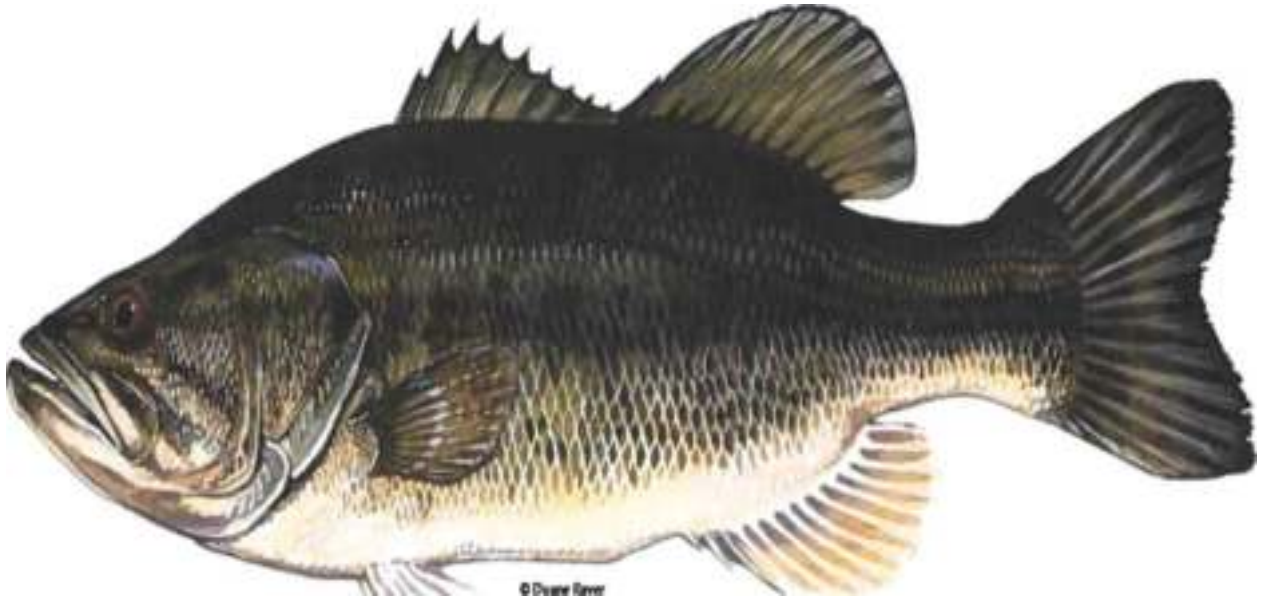
E. B. White praised the little book's "forty-three-page summation of the case for cleanliness, accuracy, and brevity" in the use of English in his *New Yorker* column of July 27, 1957. MacMillan and Company then commissioned White to revise the (1935) edition for republication under Strunk's original title. After his expansion and modernization, the book sold more than two million copies. Since 1959, total sales of three editions in four decades have exceeded ten million copies.

In 1945, after retiring from Cornell in 1937, William Strunk suffered a mental breakdown, diagnosed as “senile psychosis,” and died less than a year later at the Hudson River Psychiatric Institute in Poughkeepsie, New York. Strunk's Cornell obituary noted that his friends and former students remembered "his kindness, his helpfulness as a teacher and colleague, [and] his boyish lack of envy and guile.”

Joseph McBride, an associate cinema professor at San Francisco State University, said: “I concede that “The Elements of Style,” by William Strunk Jr. and E.B. White, is not in vogue. Its first version was published 100 years ago. But no other guide to writing is as compelling. It is impossible to shake the effect it has on devotees”.

What are the Different Types of Fish?

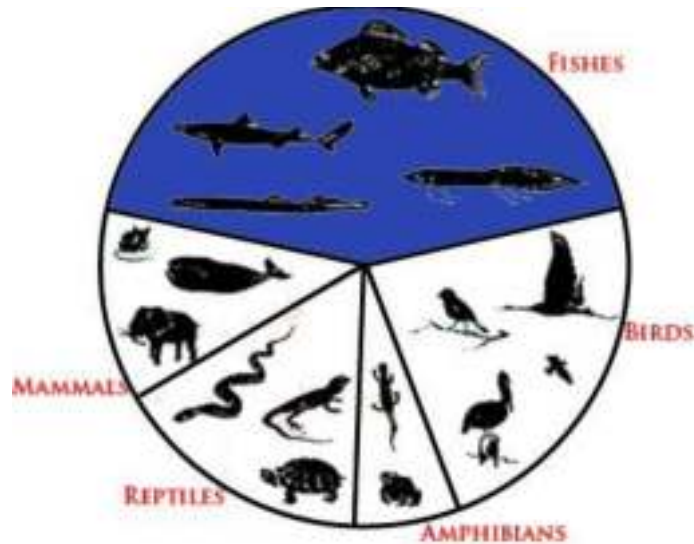
By Noah Kerr, a scientist.



There are many types of fish and here is an effort to define them.

Defining a fish is difficult because the term includes a very wide range of aquatic animals. Of all other vertebrates, which combine all the 50,000 species of animals with backbones, 4,500 are mammals, 9,700 are birds, 6,500 are reptiles, 4,000 are amphibians, and 25,000 are fish.

Although these numbers change as new fish are found, more often than other new vertebrates, the number of species of fish will outnumber another vertebrate. With so many animals identified as fish, it is not surprising that they come in all shapes and sizes and fish live down deep and up high from the deepest depths of the oceans to mountain pools high in the Andes. Fish live in warm and icy water from desert pools to under Arctic pack ice.



Fish also range in size from ridiculously small, like the tiny cyprinid in Indonesia, which grows to a maximum length of 10 mm, reaching 12 meters with their skeletons and having a wide variety in size, composition, and structure.

Fish have a wide range of diets, including plankton, algae, fish, seals, and turtles. Some fish are parasites, some are blind, some are venomous, and some even produce electricity! With all this amazing diversity, it is hard to come up with a definition that describes all fish.

Defining a fish can also be difficult, often used to describe things that are not fish. For example, starfish are really echinoderms—related to sea urchins and sea cucumbers. Jellyfish are cnidarians related to sea anemones and corals. Crayfish are really crustaceans related to lobster. Even though starfish, jellyfish, and crayfish live in the water, they do not have backbones, and they are not true fish. Starfish are called sea stars and jellyfish are called jelly medusa and you need to avoid them.





Starfish and Sea Cucumber



Here are some definitions of fish I found in different places on Google.

Definitions of terms:

Poikilothermic: An animal whose temperature adjusts with the outside temperature. These kinds of animals have historically been called cold-blooded, but that is not completely accurate. If it is cold outside, their body temperature will be cold. If it is warm, their body temperature will be warmer. Most fish are poikilothermic, but some fish, like tunas and lamniform sharks, use special blood vessel networks to keep their body temperature warmer than the surrounding water. This helps them to be better hunters.

Aquatic: Living in the water, either seawater or fresh water. Some fish like lungfish or mudskippers may be able to spend some time out of the water, but they cannot remain permanently out of the water, and they are confined to wet areas.

Chordate: Animals with notochords. A notochord is a stiff rod of cartilage that supports the nerve cord. Chordates have some other features in common, like gill slits, and a dorsal nerve cord. Mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish are all chordates; a few invertebrates are chordates too.

Gills: Organs for gas exchange. Most fish breathe with gills. However, some fish have lungs, some can exchange gas through their skins and some are able to gulp air and exchange gas through their stomachs.

Scales: Thin plates that cover the thin skin of fish. Modifications of scales include hard bony plates or spines. Scales can also be ridiculously small or absent from some fishes, like blennies or eels.

Fins: If fish have appendages, they are thin, flat moveable fan-like parts. However, some fish, like eels, do not have any appendages.

Fish are amazingly diverse and variable. Therefore, scientists must use careful wording when defining them. There are two accepted scientific definitions of a fish:

1. Fishes are aquatic vertebrate with gills and with limbs in the shape of fin.
2. Fishes are “poikilothermic,” aquatic chordate with appendages when developed as fins, whose chief respiratory organs are gills and whose body is usually covered by scales.



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Wolves

By Abigail M Chadwell



This article is about wolves. I wrote it because I love wolves and you will read that they are very interesting.

Wolves are in the Canidae or dog family. They are carnivores, which means that they eat meat. Wolves are the largest animals in the Canidae family.

They do not hibernate like bears and alligators. Wolves are mammals which means that they live their whole life on land and don't have feathers like birds, scales like an alligator, or smooth skin like a frog.



Did you know that wolves are the reason that we have dogs today! They crossbreed and make doggies! Another animal that the wolf made by crossbreeding is a coyote. Most people fear wolves, but they are friendly.

They can run long distances; and do it quickly. They can eat up to 20 pounds (9 kilograms) of meat, preferring larger meat like deer, elk, and moose.

Most of the wolf population is the gray wolf. Types of wolves are gray, arctic, and red wolf. The red wolf is endangered. The arctic wolf lives in the arctic and it loses fur in the spring and grows more fur in winter. Gray wolves are also called timber wolves and have a long bushy tail.

I got all my info from GOOGLE!



Interesting Facts About Florida

By Amelio Aaliyah



Do you live in Florida? Well, if you do not live in Florida then I have some interesting facts about Florida so you can know what it is like.

One thing you should know about Florida is that it is a one of the 50 United States and the majority of the State is surrounded by water.

Another thing you should know about Florida is that it is a part of the United States region called the southeast. Did you know that to the east of Florida is the Atlantic Ocean and to the west of Florida is the Gulf of Mexico?

Also, another interesting fact about Florida is that directly north of Florida is Georgia.

Some little interesting fun facts about Florida are that the state reptile is an alligator. Another little interesting fun fact is that the state flower is an orange blossom and a palm tree is our state tree. That is it for our little fun facts.

The last big and best fact is that we have two nicknames for Florida. The first one is the Sunshine State. The reason we call Florida are sunshine state is because we have 230 days (about seven and a half months) per year that are sunny. The second nickname is the Orange State. The reason we also call Florida the Orange State is because in Florida we grow a lot, I mean a lot, of oranges.

Florida is a great state and it has amazing history and amazing facts. I Hope you enjoyed this article.

Baseball

By Jaxson Rider



Baseball happens to be one of the most popular sports today, aside from football and soccer. But baseball is one of my favorite sports to play. It is a lot of fun and can be a big workout too; from running base-to-base, to swinging a bat that can weigh 3 pounds. It can be a full body workout that involves a lot of cardio. Follow along if you want to keep reading about baseball and find out some cool things about this sport.

Baseball first appeared around April 22, 1876, and was inspired by the British back during the Civil War, according to “Baseball History.” Baseball was not as popular as it is now until the 1940’s. It has long been believed that Abner Doubleday is the one who invented baseball, which is a myth for the ages but has never been proven.

In 1914 a young Babe Ruth started his baseball career and became one of the greatest players of the sport. In 1947 a young black man named Jackie Robinson made his way into baseball legend and also garnered the same title, “Baseball All-Star,” as The Babe did. Robinson, born in Cairo, Georgia would go on to have Holman Stadium, which is located here in Vero Beach, Florida, dedicated in his honor. This was the Spring Training site for the Dodgers where Robinson played as the first basemen.



Hollman Stadium, Vero Beach

Baseball can be a complex sport. There is a lot of mental toughness that goes into this sport and for some the rules can be a little confusing. This sport isn't only about hitting homeruns, it also about knowing the rules, which I will be explaining to you based off "Baseball History."

For starters there are two teams that take turns playing the field and pitching. They switch roles when half an inning occurs. What is half an inning you might ask? Well, no need to worry, as I will explain it to you. Half an inning means "three outs."

There are a few ways to get someone out. One way, and possibly the most common, is catching the ball after it has been hit without it touching the ground. Another common way is if a ball is thrown to base before the hitter makes it to that base in time. One team has nine players on the field at a time and they try to prevent the hitter from running all four bases to score a run. To win, the team who scores the most runs after nine innings is declared the winner!

Now you know a few cool things about baseball and why it's not only a fun sport to play but considered America's Pastime.

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Halloween

By Jennifer Hood



Halloween has been around for decades. It first started as an ancient Celtic Festival in Samhain back in the 19th century. People who celebrated Halloween then believed that most ghosts would return to earth. So, they would dress up in costumes and light bonfires that would honor them and ward off bad ghosts.

Based on a website called "History", it states that "Halloween used to be celebrated on November first; now it is celebrated on October thirty-first."

Halloween used to be called Hallows Eve but over time people began to call it Halloween.

Many people believed Halloween was also the Day of the Dead, people believed spirits from the dead came back to Earth!! That is crazy!



Thank you so much for listening to or reading my information about Halloween.

Day of the Dead

By Keral Deynes Pena



What is the Day of the Dead? Is it like Halloween? Is it even a holiday? If you have ever wondered then you are in luck. This article is all about the mysterious Day of the Dead, when it started, the tradition, and the meaning behind it all.



Day of the Dead is a celebration in which family members honor and celebrate their deceased ancestors and welcome their souls back to earth. Food and drinks are placed in their gravestones, and celebrations are had in their honor. It is said that if one does not do this for the deceased by their loved ones then they will disappear in the afterlife. Day of the Dead celebration usually starts around October 31st and ends

November 2nd, so it is understandable why so many people confuse it with Halloween. Although they might have some similarities, such as people getting dressed up in fanciful outfits and costumes, but they are separate practices with their own traditions. While day of the Dead is an honored tradition, Halloween is all about scary fun.



Day of the Dead started in Mexico and worked its way through Central America. The Aztecs were the first ones to practice this tradition. They celebrated the day the same way then that it is celebrated now. The only difference is that back then they used to place skulls on top of their loved one's tombstones where as today people wear drawings of skulls on their clothing or paint skulls on their face. Today the holiday is popular worldwide but most extremely in the Latin Nations of Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela.

So there you have some information about the Day of the Dead and I hope that it is not so much of a mystery.

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All About Furrys

by Liam Hiles



For this article I will be writing about the Furry Community and what makes it so interesting, unique and fun, and why everyone should at least try it. That is one of the main reasons I chose to write about this topic.

Furrys are people who role play as animals with characteristics. A better explanation of this would be someone acting and dressing like a dog. Almost like Halloween. The furry fandom started around November 1990. It is strongly based on charity which they happen to do a walk in Colorado to raise money for the Furry foundation.

The Furry Community is extremely welcoming and understanding. “Free judgment Zone” is what they like to go by. That is what makes them unique, and you can still join even if you don’t have a furry suit.

Some fur suits are not all cute and fuzzy; some can be “scary” and can have characteristics of dinosaurs or reptiles

Fur cons are a massive thing in the furry world. Overall Furry Community is fun, and it is different, and people should try it.



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Camels in Cold and Hot Weather

By Jalisse Thompson



Did you know that camels can survive in cold weather? Everyone knows the camel as a desert animal - but new research is pointing towards its ancient ancestors actually being far more used to the cold of the north Canadian forests and that the fat in the hump was essential for surviving in such a harsh climate. The new research suggests they were cold-weather beasts that roamed the frozen wilds of northern Canada before becoming desert animals.

Did you know camels can swim? Camels can swim up to 1.8 miles. "Immediately after grazing, they drink the rainwater collected in depressions of the island." (Saluja, 2020)

Now that we have established that camels survive in cold weather, let's discuss them living in hot weather, such as Egypt, Tunisia, Kazakhstan, and Afghanistan. Some people think camels have humps to store water, but no. "A camel's hump does not hold water at all – it actually stores fat. The camel uses it as nourishment when food is scarce. If a camel uses the fat inside the hump, the hump will become limp and droop down... The hump is not used for water storage, but camels can go for long periods of time without water." (Loc.gov, 2019)



Camels are herbivores, eating grass, grains, wheat and oats. They will spend their days searching for food and grazing. However, food can be tough to come by in their harsh desert environment. (PBS.org, 2020)

People also ask what is a camel's favorite food? "They prefer eating fish, bones, and carrions. Wheat, alfalfa pellets, and oats are their favorite food but they cannot eat them regularly as the said food items are just too nutritional for camels."(Juper, 2021)

With proper food and rest the hump will return to normal. As I previously wrote, "Camels can drink 30 gallons of water in just 13 minutes. (Bradford, 2017). This water is stored in the animal's bloodstream." (loc.gov, 2019)



Ha ha! I hope you enjoyed learning about camels.

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Wondering

By Liliana Rose Elliott



How did God make people and how he did he make the earth? I wonder. I love wondering. "...God said let the water under the sky be gathered to one place and let dry ground appear..." (Gen 1:9 NIV)

How do you think the world was created? I think God created the earth. The Bible also says how God made people in Genesis 2:7 ESV. The text says "Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."

I wonder if it is safe to drink rainwater. You probably are shocked about this, but yes you can drink rainwater. Ansley Hill, RD, LD from Healthline.com says "There is nothing inherently unsafe about or wrong with drinking rainwater, as long as it's clean."

In fact, many communities around the world depend on rainwater as their primary source of drinking water. Why do they depend and expect to receive rainwater? According to Scijinks.gov, it is because water droplets get too heavy to stay suspended in the cloud.



Greek Temple

I also wonder why people had to go to church in the Middle Ages and why did the serfs have to do all the work? You may be wondering how these things happened; I do too. I think that the people in the Middle Ages had to go to church because if they did not go to church, they would not go to heaven; but you could go to church at different hours and times depending on the church you went to.

“During the Middle Ages, the Church was a major part of everyday life. The Church served to give people spiritual guidance and it served as their government, as well.”(Csis.pace.edu)

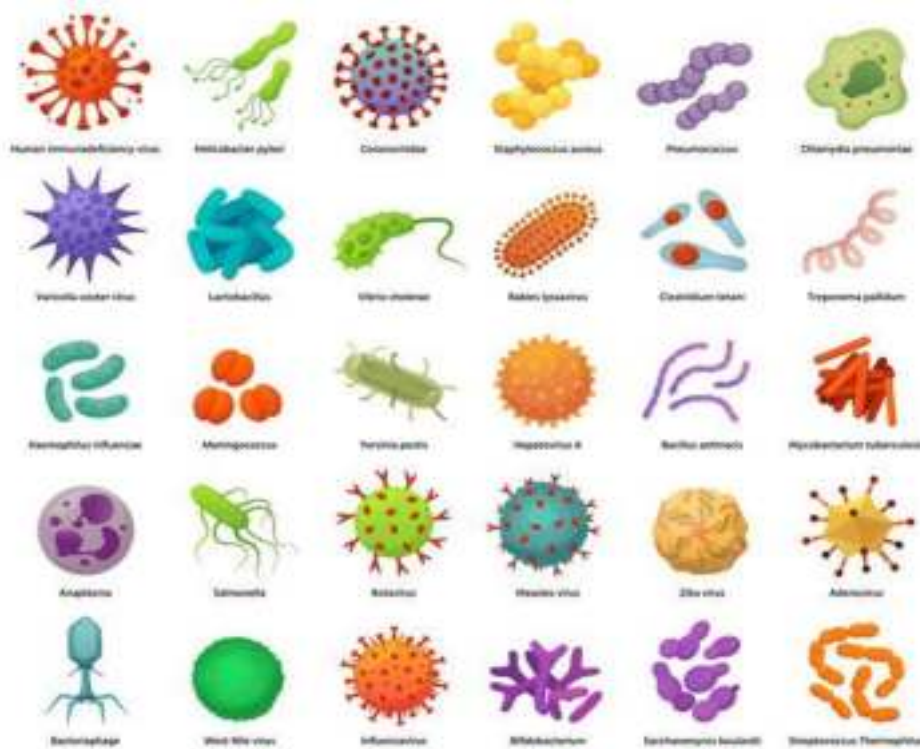
I also wonder about Greek people and what they did. Greek people had their own language and the Greek God Hestia is the God of fire. Zeus is the god of the sky. Ares is the god of war. And the god Aphrodite is the god of love. I wonder how many Greek gods there were.

I found out that there are more than 12 Greek gods and Hades is a bad god. His power is very strong and he is the god of the underworld.

I have a lot of things I wonder about. What do you wonder about?

Viruses and Diseases

By Nathan Charles Ministre



Bacteria and virus icons. Disease-causing bacteria, viruses, and microbes. Color germs, bacterium types vector illustration set. Coronavirus and bacterium, pathogen hepatoviral, and zika. Source: thehungryjpeg.com

Did you know that there are many viruses and diseases? Sometimes you know you have a disease, but sometimes you do not know until it is too late. Cancer is a good example; it can be inside you, and you don't know until you feel pain or something even worse can happen... death.

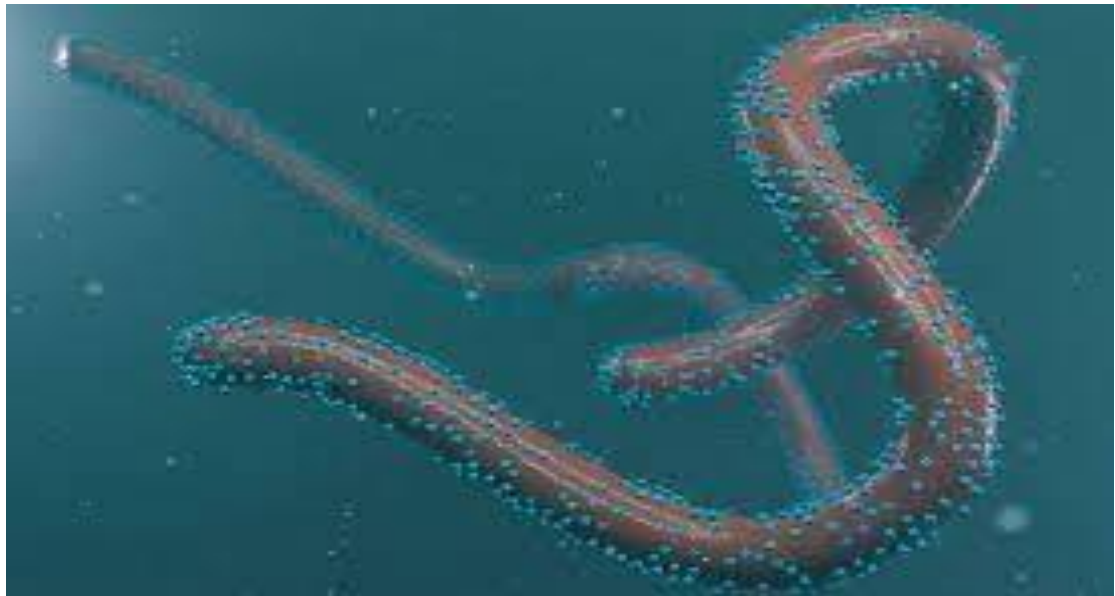
Another one is diabetes when you have too much sugar in your body. Also, hyperglycemia is when you have too much glucose which is a simple type of sugar. "When blood glucose levels (blood sugar levels) get too high, it's called hyperglycemia." (Pitone, 2021)

What is a virus or a disease? A virus is a collection of genetic codes that infects your body. A disease is a malfunction in a human, plant, or animal. And both usually cause symptoms.

How many viruses and diseases are on our planet? 10 nonillion or 10 to the power of 31 viruses are on our planet. (National Geographic, 2020.)

How do viruses and diseases infect your body? First, a virus enters your body. Then, it infects a cell. After that, it breaks up and spreads its genetic code in your cell. After that, the cell dies and the genetic code disperses and infects other cells, and it happens all over and over again. A disease infects you from Fungi, Parasites, and Bacteria.

What are the most dangerous diseases? The Marburg virus is one of the most dangerous viruses. (Live Science, 2021)



The Marburg Virus

What is the COVID Virus? According to Medscape.com, COVID is a new virus that began in 2019 in China. COVID reached the USA in 2020. Soon it started a worldwide pandemic. COVID is worse than the flu. COVID spreads faster and also kills faster. It has many symptoms, including sneezing, coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath, and fever. COVID can kill you by filling up your lungs with debris. Too much vomiting causes most of your fluids to go out of your body, and diarrhea sends most of your intestinal fluids out.

If COVID has a bright side, it is that it is bringing people together to solve the problem. Still, COVID has killed hundreds of thousands of people and has really hurt the economy; and it isn't something to joke about.

The Russian flu caused another pandemic in the '80s. The Russian flu pandemic started in 1889 about 100 years ago and ended in 1892. That was three years. Let's hope the COVID pandemic doesn't last that long, as additional variants keep occurring. But when South Africa's health minister announced on Thanksgiving Day that the discovery of the B.1.1.529 variant, which appears to be spreading rapidly in parts of the country, was the strongest reminder yet that the pandemic is not over.



What is The Black Plague? In what was known as the little ice age, thousands and thousands died from the black plague. One-third of Europe died from this devastating plague which was the first plague! Even though it was in the Middle Ages it changed our lives today. Have you ever heard of plague doctors? They're the people who wore the bird's beak on their faces because they thought an unpleasant smell caused the plague to spread. Because of the plague, the serfs of the Middle Ages started rising against the lords and ladies, but they always failed. The town back then was crowded with people, which allowed the plague to spread. The plague was spread by fleas that rode on rats, and if they bit you, you would catch it. You knew you had the plague if you got a red or black bump that grew to the size of an apple and then they would grow all over you. You would die after one to three days. If you didn't die in that period, it meant you were better.



What is Dysentery? Have you heard of the worst king in history, King John of England? And did you know that he died from this virus Dysentery? So, dysentery is a virus spread by eating food made by someone who has the disease. It causes you to have bloody diarrhea.

There are many viruses and diseases I was curious about and after much research, I was able to conclude there were just too many to fit in this article.

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Salty Seas and Beaches

By Ruby Browning



Have you ever wondered why the seas and waters have salt in them? “Salt in the sea, or ocean salinity, is mainly caused by rain washing mineral ions from the land into water. Carbon dioxide in the air dissolves into rainwater, making it slightly acidic. When rain falls, it weathers rocks, releasing mineral salts that separate into ions. These ions are carried with runoff water that ultimately reaches the ocean.” (Natural History Museum)

I had thought that the seas have salt in them because the Carbon dioxide in the air dissolves into the ocean. I also thought that the seas are salty because of the air we breathe.

Where does beach sand come from? “Most beaches get their sand from rocks on land. Over time, rain, ice, wind, heat, cold and even plants and animals break rock into smaller pieces. This weathering may begin with large boulders that break into smaller rocks. Water running through cracks erodes the rock.”(whoi.edu) I thought beach sand came from broken buildings.



This is a picture of one of Australia's beaches.

Do all trees grow in saltwater? I think that only some trees can grow in saltwater. "Areas in close proximity to salt water, such as beaches, have high salinity in their soil, and the vast majority of tree species cannot survive in those types of conditions... However, mangroves are the only trees that grow directly in salt water." (sciencing.com)

And this is the reason why Mangroves grow in saltwater. "...because salt water can kill plants, so mangroves must extract freshwater from the seawater that surrounds them. Many mangrove species survive by filtering out as much as 90 percent of the salt found in seawater as it enters their roots. ... When the leaves drop or the bark sheds, the stored salt goes with them." (Amnh.org)



Mangrove tree

Why are different beaches different colors? Oceans appear blue because the sunlight scatters across the molecules. Light from the sun is made up of a spectrum of different wavelengths. The longer wavelengths appear to our eyes as the reds and oranges, while the shorter ones appear blue and green.

“Water is a clear liquid. But if a body of water is deep enough that light isn't reflected off the bottom, it appears blue. Depth and the ocean bottom also influence whether the surface appears a dark blue or light blue. (science.howstuffworks.com) I thought it was because in different areas it is colder and warmer so it changes the water temperature and affects the color.



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About Journalism

By Vinson

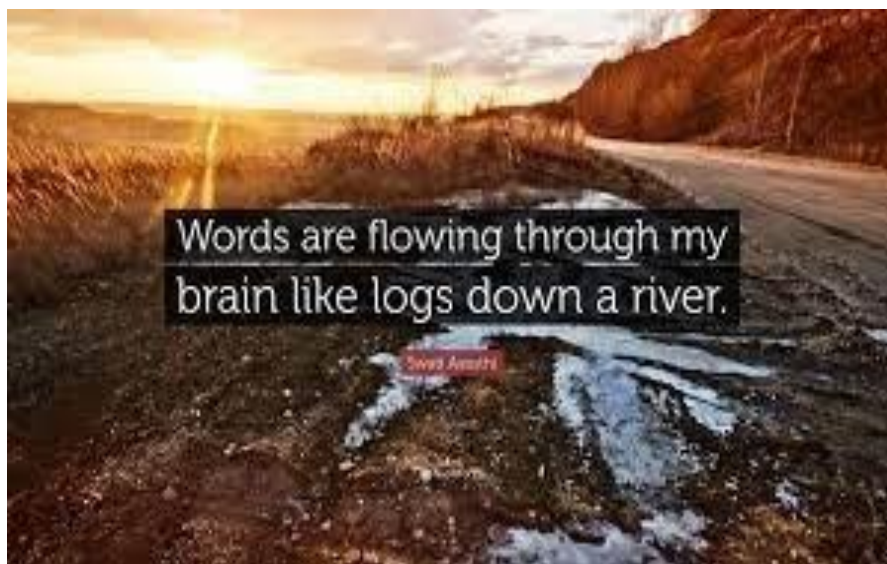
Journalism is new to me. It's so fun! I'm learning so many new things and new vocabulary words such as: colloquial, conceptualize, publications, augment, litmus test, libel, sensationalism, indicted, proponent, prominence, criticisms, serendipity and servile.

I didn't think I'd be good at journalism, but I'm getting good at it. I thought writing would be plain boring, but it isn't! Although this course is appropriate for all students interested in writing, it was designed for fourth and fifth graders at elementary schools in Indian River County Florida (The Young Journalist pg.2). All children are entitled to a fair chance to live up to their potential and grow intellectually.



Journalism also gives people time to speak and express themselves. “Freedom of speech gives Americans the right to express their feelings without having to worry about government interference.” (History.com, 2017) “It’s the most basic component of freedom of expression.” (Egemenoglu, 2020)

What's something that calms you down? Well, think of journalism like that. Sometimes when you're writing and you're stuck, it can make you mad. But then sometimes your thoughts just come to your mind and keep coming and coming and coming and coming. “The most important characteristic shared by good journalists is curiosity. Good journalists love to read and want to find out as much as they can about the world around them.” (Niles, n.d)



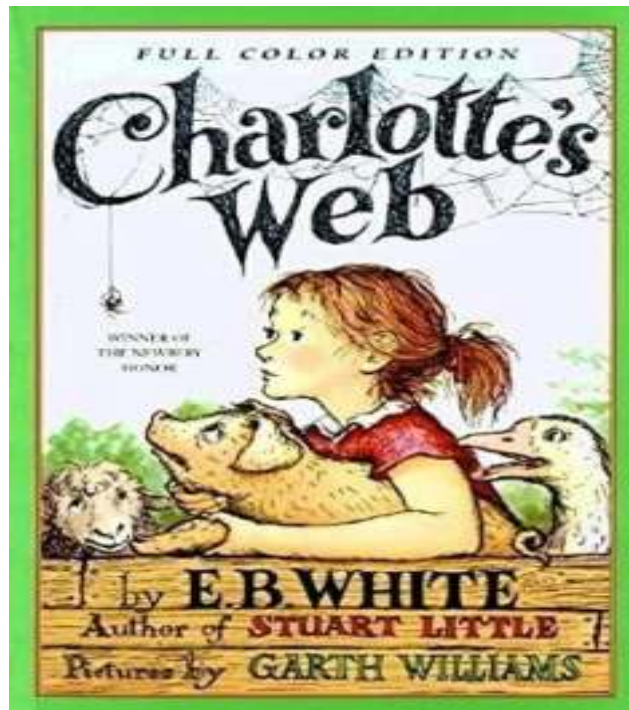
A famous journalist’s name is E.B white. He is really famous. Do you know the book Charlotte's Web? He wrote that; and that’s how I was inspired. He kept on writing and he didn’t stop.

He also greatly enlarged and revised the book *Elements of Style*, originally composed by his teacher William Strunk Jr. comprising eight "elementary rules of usage," ten "elementary principles of composition," "a few matters of form," a list of 49 "words and expressions commonly misused," and a list of 57 "words often misspelled."

American poet Dorothy Parker has said regarding the book: If you have any young friends who aspire to become writers, the second-greatest favor you can do them is to present them with copies of *The Elements of Style*. Typically, *The Elements of Style* is not read until college, but we are reading it now!



E. B. White and his dachshund, Daisy.



According to Danny M on IFAJS.org there are three things you may not know about journalists.

- They are deadline driven
- They are versatile and adaptable
- They are calm in the face of criticism

What can journalism teach you? “A journalism degree provides you with a range of core journalistic skills including researching, investigating, interviewing, reporting and writing; in addition to technical skills such as video, editing, shorthand, audio, content management and web design.” (Prospects.ac.uk,2019)

Why is journalism a good career choice? “Today journalism as a career stands not only for a prestigious profession but also for a challenging career option. Journalists play a key role in the growth of any nation. The core purpose of journalism is to inform, educate and enlighten the masses on various issues revolving around them.” (Indiaeducation.net)

Is it hard to get a job in journalism? Yes. “I'll start with three reasons: First, it's hard to get any job in journalism. There are a lot of very highly qualified applicants all competing for lower-than-average-paying jobs, often with bad hours. It's hard at any stage of the process.” (Ben Davis mvorganizing.org)

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Five Night's at Freddy's (FNaF)

By Kira Bullard



Created by Scott Cawthon, Five Nights at Freddy's is an American media franchise, created in 2014 and has since gained worldwide popularity. Cawthon developed 10 games in the main series from 2014 until his retirement in 2021, in addition to three spin-offs. On June 16, 2021, Cawthon posted a message on his website announcing his retirement from public game development and expressing gratitude towards his followers for their ongoing support. He stated that he wished to retire in order to spend more time with his children. It's not surprising Mr. Cawthon retired with [wealthypersons.com](https://www.wealthypersons.com) reporting that in 2021 he had a net worth of \$ 70 million.

According to Wikipedia, "The main video game series consists of eight survival horror games taking place in locations somehow connected to family pizza restaurant Freddy Fazbear's Pizza... a fictional children's restaurant that takes inspiration from family pizza chains like [Chuck E. Cheese's](https://www.chucke.com/) and [ShowBiz Pizza Place](https://www.showbizpizza.com/)."

It's rated 12 and up, so it's not quite appropriate for many preteen players. However, the series does not include the blood, gore, and violence usually associated with other horror games.

The series did, however, appear in the *Guinness Book of Records: Gamer's Edition*, setting a record for the largest number of sequels released in a year. In the first two games, a man known as Phone Guy leaves a recording at the beginning of each night, which advises the player how to play the game. Phone Guy is replaced in the third, fifth, and sixth games by other people called Phone Dude, Hand Unit, and Tutorial Unit respectively.

The first game revolves around a leading character (protagonist) named Mike Schmidt, who begins working as a night security guard at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza, where mechanical puppets move at night and supposedly kill anyone they see. The player has to utilize tools such as security cameras, lights, doors, and vents to defend himself against these mechanical puppets.



To progress through the games, the player must guard themselves against the mechanical puppets. In *Five Nights at Freddy's* the player can control the two security doors connecting their office to the adjacent hallways as a barrier against the animatronics in the vicinity. Each night, the player has a power supply that depletes faster when a tool is used. If the power goes out, the player can no longer use any tools, and is defenseless against the animatronics (technology combining electronics and mechanical engineering).

The main characters of Five Nights at Freddy's 2 are Jeremy Fitzgerald and Fritz Smith. In FNAF 3 there is an unnamed security guard. In FNAF 4 the character is presumed to be the Crying Child or Michael Afton, both of whom are children of William Afton. The main character in Sister Location and Freddy Fazbear's Pizzeria Simulator is Michael Afton again. The Ultimate Custom Night main character is heavily implied to be William Afton himself. The main character in Help Wanted is named Vanny and the main character of Special Delivery is unknown. The Security Breach character is presumed to be a child named Gregory.

The series' main antagonist (a person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone) and central character is William Afton (aka "The Purple Guy"), the founder of universe company Afton Robotics, LLC and co-founder of in-universe company Faz Bear Entertainment, Inc. He was, directly and indirectly, responsible for numerous incidents and tragedies throughout the series.



The Purple Guy

The History of County Music

By Madyson Lawless



Country music originated in the early twentieth century among working-class Americans living in the south, especially in the Appalachian Mountains. Generations of musicians had blended English ballads with Celtic and Irish fiddle songs, adding influences from various European immigrants who settled nearby. It rose from deep and intertwined roots, from fiddle tunes and hymns and from work songs and ballads; from smoky saloons and secluded Appalachian hollows; from barrios along the southern border and the wide-open spaces of the America.



Country music is defined as “a style and genre of largely string-accompanied American popular music.” The roots are in folk music of the Southeast and cowboy music of the West, usually vocalized, generally simple in form and harmony, and typified by romantic or melancholy ballads.

The popular roots originated in the Southern and Southwestern United States of the early 1920s. The term *country music* gained popularity in the 1940s instead of using hillbilly music. It came to incorporate Western music, which grew parallel to hillbilly music from similar roots, in the mid-20th century.



The origins of country music can be found in recordings of Southern Appalachian fiddle players made in the late 1910s. In 1922 the first commercial country record was made by Alexander Campbell “Eck” Robertson and Henry C. Gilliland on the Victor Talking Machine Company records label. Both men traveled, performed and recorded four fiddle duets together. Gilliland was born 1845 in Jasper County, Illinois and died 1924 in Parker County, Texas. Robertson was born 1887 in Delaney, Arkansas and died 1975 in Borger, TX. His tombstone is engraved “World’s Champion Fiddler”.

Jimmie Rodgers, known as the “Father of Country Music,” was an instant national success. He is credited with the first million-selling single, “Blue Yodel #1,” and his songs recorded between 1927 and 1933, established him as the first preeminent voice in country music.

Historians acknowledge that *country music* is derived from a melting pot of different cultures

How to Make an Anime

By Riley Carter



Anime is a hand drawn computer animation originating from Japan. In Japanese, anime is a term derived from the English word animation. It describes all animated works, regardless of style or origin.

Anime animators create everything from movies to video games and expand your imagination through animation programs. They learn the same technical skills used by professionals in the visual effects and game art industries.

Storyboarding is a term used to learn the pre-visualization process and how to narrate your vision through scene-by-scene illustrating. The development and skills in computer graphics uses a variety of 3D modeling tools, motion graphics, 3D rendering and visual effects. Technology uses fascinating graphics and appearance to improve upon other forms of animation. This is called *Model Creation*.



In Compositing Fundamentals, you discover the power of anime through the manipulation of lighting, shading and elevation. According to www.fullsail.edu, “The Compositing Fundamentals course introduces students to both beginning and intermediate compositing techniques commonly used in games, film, video, and image editing. The course focuses on the art of observation and core techniques, concepts, and workflows for the seamless integration of computer-generated elements.”

How do you get started on your own? First, figure out where you want your story to take place. For example, is it going to be in a place that is similar to places on earth or an alien planet? Second, find interesting things about your world. They often have parts of their world that are slightly magical or strange in some way. Lastly, decide the technological advancement of the world you chose. Where do the characters live and how do they get their food are some examples?

Follow the helpful steps below for an easy anime animation:

Step 1: Create the Basic Structure of the Face.

Step 2: Add Facial Features.

Step 3: Draw the Hair.

Step 4: Add the Body.

Step 5: Add Details and Ink to the Drawing.



Anime characters appeal to viewers because of their distinct look, themes, artwork, storytelling, culture and concepts. The entire anime industry uses the computer program called RETAS Studio Suite by a Japanese company.

Anime is almost entirely drawn by hand. It takes skill to create hand-drawn animation and experience to do it quickly. Animators are the ones who make all the individual drawings after the top-level directors come up with the story and the middle-level animators draw the important frames in each scene.

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