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Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade and Middle School Young Journalists
of Indian River County, Florida

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Gifford Youth Achievement Center
Indian River Academy
Liberty Magnet
Storm Grove Middle School
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At The Young Journalist, we believe the best way to empower and inspire young writers to write is to make sure they feel their stories will be heard. In this magazine we are showcasing their stories.

We try to keep our classes light. No grading whatsoever. Our students are encouraged to write their own thoughts and stories.

Through their research they are encouraged to try to find something no one knows about, but which actually happened. That’s investigative journalism. They are encouraged to learn how to research and then incorporate that content into their story. We are patient – giving them time to create. We allow our students to have fun and not rush creativity.

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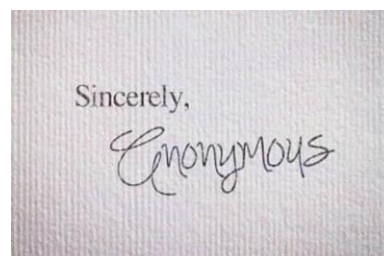


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Beachland Elementary



The Beauty of Flowers

By Opal Ricks

Flowers are maybe the most beautiful part of nature. You can see them everywhere you go, and they have such bright, pretty colors. But you might wonder where they get their flowers from.



That is a great question. According to the Library of Congress, “These colors are made up of pigments, and general speaking, the fewer the pigments, the lighter the color. Pigments in flowers come in the form of anthocyanins. These pigments range in color from white to red to blue to yellow to purple and even black or brown.”

Another thing to mention, flowers also have amazing scents! According to Purdue News, “Floral scents begin as oils that are produced by the petals in most plants because they oils evaporate easily in warm weather. Scientists call them volatile compounds.

Flowers are amazing but what are they made of? According to Britannica, “The characteristic reproductive system of angiosperms is the flower; specifically, the unique feature of angiosperms is the process of ‘double fertilization’ that occurs within the flower, where one sperm cell fertilizes the egg to form an embryo, while another sperm cell fuses with other nuclei in the ovule to develop the endosperm tissue within the seed.” And that is what flowers are made of!

Citrus Elementary



Fortnite Original Skins to Come Back

By Adrian Newman



Fortnite is a game for everybody. The 1st season of FORTNITE was released in 2017. In 2018, the game released the 2nd season including the first battle pass. Season 3 included the second ever battle pass. Season 4 is considered one of the best seasons because it gave the player a chance to play using superhero-based skins such as Thanos.

In addition to the superhero skins, season 4 also allowed players to use skins like Carbide and Omega where they can max out tiers. This means players reach the highest possible level within a Battle Pass during a specific season, unlocking all the available rewards.

Season 5 was another good one, as well as season 6, which was Halloween themed. Season 7 and season 8 are also considered good seasons. Season 8 was summer themed. Season X, released in 2019 was a remix of season 2 and season 6. NOW in 2025 THE OG SEASON IS BACK AND HERE TO STAY.

The OG season features the original loot pull, original maps, and battle passes from season 1 through season 10. According to NewsBreak.com, the new OG pass is coming in less than two weeks, Jan 31st of this year.

In a statement by FORTNITE, any OG skin could come back in their original form. Black Knight is the most popular skin in the game. You could only get Black Knight by getting to level 70. Every skin is getting remixed.



Calamity, a skin from season 6, will be included in the remixes. Other possible skins that may be included in the remix are Rust Lord Dark Voyager, Sparkle Specialist, Omega, Drift, Linx, and Hybrid. There are still updates to come on the details of what is included in the OG season release.

Revival of OG Fortnite Maps

By Grayson Schwarz



Historical Significance of the Original Map The original Fortnite map holds a special place in gaming history. Launched in 2017, it set the stage for the battle royale phenomenon. Players flocked to its diverse terrain, from dense forests to urban areas. The map's unique design encouraged different play styles and strategies.

Epic Games continually updated the map, adding new points of interest. These changes kept the gameplay fresh. Its layout is remembered well by Fortnite enthusiasts worldwide.

Revival of the Original Fortnite Map This new version of Fortnite will be easier. The map is smaller than the current Fortnite map. This mode will be all about the core battle royale experience.

Key Locations Reintroduced The revival brings back locations from Chapter 1 Season 1. Tilted Towers, one of the game locations, returned and is now a hotspot for firefights. Another location that was included is Pleasant Park. It offers a familiar suburban setting to tactical interactions.

OG Battle Pass integrated into the Current Fortnite Game The OG Battle Pass will likely be a separate progression system from the current Battle Pass. Players may have a chance to purchase the OG Battle Pass alongside or instead of the current season's pass.

Key Takeaways In an article by ThingLabs, an online platform for creators in the tech world, it is stated that the OG chapter is a permanent mode in the game. Players can now switch between OG mode and other current versions.

Soccer's Greatest: Cristiano Ronaldo

By Jaiseon Fugate



Cristiano Ronaldo is a distinguished pro soccer player renowned for executing bicycle goals. The Portuguese football (soccer) player is considered to be one of the greatest players of his generation.

In a Biography written by Britannica, it's recorded that Ronaldo has won five Ballon d'Or awards (2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017), and in 2024 he became the first men's player to score 900 career goals in official matches.

Ronaldo can often be seen as righteous on and off the field. He is a worldwide love. His sportsmanship towards his teammates and other players shows his great character.

Ronaldo is passionate about working with and advocating for vulnerable children. He has worked with charities and organizations like Save the Children, and the Portuguese Cancer Center.

His inspiration for charity work comes from his upbringing. When he was little, Ronaldo's family lived in poverty. His mother was a cook and a cleaner. He hopes that through his philanthropy, he can prevent other children from having to live in poverty.



Cristiano Ronaldo Jr, Ronaldos' son, wants to become just like him. Ronaldo Jr believes in his father's ability to have great sportsmanship no matter the situation. According to Marca, a Spanish sports newspaper, Ronaldo Jr signed with the Al Nassar academy youth team in 2023.

Currently, Ronaldo is getting ready to play in Real Madrid vs Spain. As of Friday, Jan 17th, Ronaldo is one of the highest paid football (soccer) players.

Jujutsu Kaisen! It Finally Got a Spot in the Big Three with Naruto, One Piece, and Dragon Ball

By Noel Torres



The Big 3 is the top three best anime of the year. The Big 3 refers to the three biggest titles of Shounen Jump manga in 00s. The phrase Big 3 comes after fans began to notice that some series were dominating over others in the Shounen Jump rankings. These three series are One Piece, Naruto and Bleach. JJK or Jujutsu Kaisen, is an anime chosen for the big three.



JJK is about an average teen boy with great athleticism and was in an occult club. His friends brought a cursed finger to school called Ryomen Sukuna. A Jujutsu sorcerer from Jujutsu High comes to figure out where the finger went. The sorcerers interact with Yuji who tells them that his friends have the finger at school. When the sorcerers arrive at Yuji's school, they realize that it's already swarming with cursed spirits. Yuji ends up eating the cursed finger because only a curse can beat a cursed spirit. Because of this, he is sentenced to death under Jujutsu regulations. But the sorcerers decided to keep him on their team. Yuji is tasked with finding all 20 cursed fingers. The anime follows this adventure.

The new season is coming out and fans will finally get to watch the season finale of the series. The entire story will be over. This will be a big hit because the finale has only been out in manga form. It will be a big battle between the sorcerers and Ryomen Sukuna. There is no set release date for the anime's finale but it is suspected to be released in mid to late 2025.



The Colorful Life of Red Jamaican Crabs

By Olivia Orth



In my opinion, fish and other sea creatures are cool. I specifically like the color of what is known as the Red Jamaican Crab. According to Underwater360.com, the Red Jamaican crab is one out of eleven of the most famous sea creatures.

The Red Jamaican Crab, scientifically known as *Gecarcinus lateralis*, inhabits the islands of the Caribbean. Visitsealife.com explains that Sebastian, from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, is in fact a Red Jamaican crab.

Red Jamaican crabs are known for their coloration from bright red to orange or even purple. Their appearance helps them to blend in with the colorful environments where they live. These might include mangrove forests and coastlines.

American Oceans, a campaign dedicated primarily to the restoration, protection, and preservation of coastal waters, says that the colorful crustacean is the most terrestrial of all the land crab species in the Caribbean. They can often be found in damp, shaded forest areas.

Red Jamaican Crabs have also been found in the Florida Keys!

Fellsmere Elementary



Tamales

By Adelyn Ramirez



A tamale is a traditional food from Guatemala and Mexico.

To make tamales, you need to find a large stockpot or big pan big enough to fit the corn husks. It is made with corn dough and usually has a tasty filling like meat, beans, or cheese. The dough and filling are wrapped in corn husks and steamed until they are cooked.

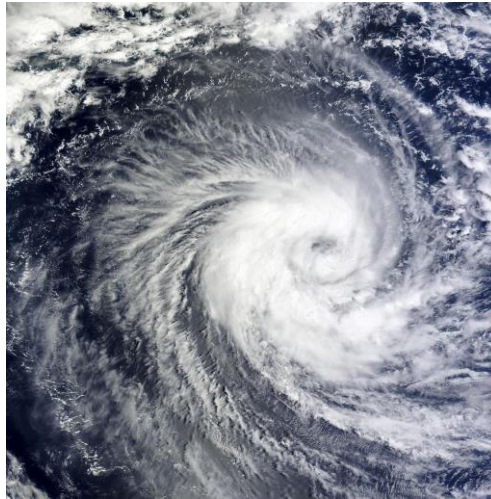
The first tamales were made from corn in Mesoamerica.

Evidence of tamale cooking dates back to ancient civilizations in Mexico as early as 8000 BC. Today, we make and eat tamales for lunch or dinner, especially during holidays, celebrations, or special family gatherings. But, back then, they said to have been made for the gods.

They are warm, delicious, and a big part of the culture! ❀

Hurricane Milton

By Alison Almanza-Green



Hurricane Milton was a Category 3 storm with maximum sustained winds of 120 mph. Some people think that the hurricane was man-made, but according to HAARP, Milton was not controlled. It made landfall near Siesta Key, about 5 miles west of Sarasota, and 8:30 PM EDT on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, and into the next day.

To prepare for the hurricane, people went to shelters go to other states, gathered emergency supplies like food, water, batteries, flashlights, medications, and cash, securing their homes by boarding up windows and bringing in loose outdoor items.

Hurricane Milton impacted Fellsmere, Florida, by causing flooding and knocking down power lines and trees. Many homes and businesses were damaged, and some roads were blocked by debris. People in Fellsmere worked together to clean up after the storm and help their neighbors.



Picture caption: Damage in St. Petersburg

Brownies

By Allison Rodriguez



How to make brownies: First, put two eggs & water then, powdered sugar next, put in unsweetened cocoa powder and oil, and add vanilla to it. Mix all these ingredients together. Once it's ready, pour the batter into a pan and bake it in the oven. Let it cool before cutting into squares, and enjoy your yummy homemade brownies!

Why do brownies taste so good? Because of the combination of ingredients that create their rich, moist and fudgy texture as well as their intense chocolate flavor.

Are brownies healthy? Brownies aren't typically considered healthy because they aren't very nutritious but they can be part of a healthy diet if eaten in moderation.

Are there different types of brownies? Yes! There are different types of brownies, like fudgy ones that are super moist and gooey, chewy ones, and cakey ones that are lighter and fluffier. Some people even add nuts, chocolate chips, or frosting to make them extra special!

Tornadoes

By Anthony Ramos



The United States gets more than 1,200 tornadoes every year, which is four times more than Europe. Violent tornadoes, rated EF4 or EF5 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, happen more in the U.S. than anywhere else. One of the fastest tornadoes ever recorded was the 1974 Guin tornado, which moved at 75 mph (121 km/h).

The deadliest tornado in history was the Daulatpur–Saturia tornado in Bangladesh on April 26, 1989. It killed about 1,300 people. The Enhanced Fujita Scale rates tornadoes from F0 (weak, with winds up to 72 mph) to F5 (very strong, with winds around 300 mph). Most tornadoes are rated between F0 and F3.

There have been tornadoes for a very long time. A tornado hit Freising, in what is now Germany, in the year 788. The earliest-known Irish tornado happened on April 30, 1054, in Rostella near Kilbeggan.

Five Best-Rated Disney World Foods

By Daniella Godinez

Disney World is not just about fun rides and magical experiences; it's also a paradise for food lovers! From refreshing drinks to sweet treats, Disney has some of the best snacks that everyone should try. Whether you're sipping on colorful Green Milk at Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, enjoying fluffy Mickey Waffles, or snacking on a Mickey's Premium Ice Cream Bar, there's something delicious for everyone. Even Disney's popcorn bucket makes snacking fun and affordable with refill discounts. And don't forget the warm and airy Mickey Beignets, a classic treat you can enjoy on the go. Let's explore these amazing foods!

1. Green Milk



Green milk is a frozen, plant-based drink sold at the milk stand in Star Wars: galaxy's Edge at Disney's Hollywood studios and Disney Land. Green milk has a variety of flavors like mandarin orange, passion fruit, grapefruit, and orange blossom.

2. Mickey Waffles



You can get Mickey waffles at Red Rose Taverne. A Mickey waffle tastes like a classic, slightly sweet waffle and is a fluffy and soft waffle.

3. Disney Popcorn Bucket



If you buy a serving of popcorn in a refillable plastic bucket, you will pay \$13.00, but each subsequent serving in the bucket will be half price: \$ 2.25.

4. Mickey Beignets



Mickey beignets are a Disney classic of light, airy goodness, and you can get Mickey beignets at Mint Julep Bar. Fresh, warm Mickey beignets are good prices; they are \$10.99 for four large beignets. And \$13.49 for six large beignets. You can take advantage of mobile order.

5. Mickey's Premium Ice Cream Bar



What is a Mickey Premium Ice Cream Bar? It is a plain vanilla ice cream dunked in a chocolate shell and served on a stick.

Gifford Youth Achievement Center



Roger Angell

By: A.B



In his Forward to *The Elements of Style* Roger Angell wrote that the first writer he watched at work was his stepfather E.B White. Each Tuesday morning White would close his study door and sit down to write the “notes and comments” for *The New Yorker*. He was required to file a few hundred words of editorial or personal commentary. Hours went by when the copy went off at last, in the afternoon RFD (Rural Federal Delivery) pouch. “It isn’t good enough,” was this recurring question, put to himself.

Angell was the son of Katharine Sergeant Angell White, *The New Yorker's* first fiction editor, and the stepson of renowned essayist E. B. White, but he was raised for the most part by his father, Ernest Angell, an attorney who became head of the American Civil Liberties Union and Joel White is his (half-brother).

Mr. White, his stepfather, was inspired to revive and add to a textbook he had first read in college by William Strunk, Jr., an English professor at Cornell University, and then get it published as what became *The Elements of Style*. White had known that a collection of specific tips- about singular and plural verbs.

Roger Angell (September 19, 1920 – May 20, 2022) was an American essayist known for his writing on sports, especially baseball.

He became *The New Yorker's* fiction editor in the 1950s, occupying the same office as his mother, and continued to write for the magazine until 2020.

"I've been accused once in a while of being a poet laureate, which has always sort of pissed me off," Angell told me (sportswriter Steve Kettmann) one afternoon in his office at *The New Yorker*.

Founded in 1925, *The New Yorker* is an American weekly magazine featuring journalism, commentary, criticism, essays, fiction, satire, cartoons and poetry.

How Harriet Tubman Fought Slavery

By Alicia Brown

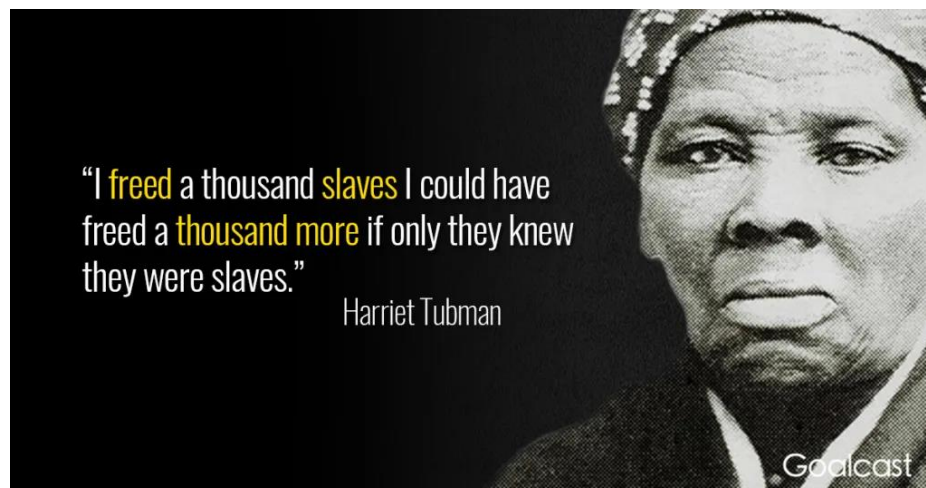
First, during the civil war, Harriet Tubman worked with the union army to gather intelligence and help slaves travel to the north. She dressed as a field hand identifying and mapping Confederate mines, supply areas, and troops.

THEN, In June 1863, Tubman led an armed raid along the Combahee River, becoming the first woman to do so in U.S. military history. The raid freed more than 750 people from slavery

FINALLY, during a ten-year span she made 19 trips into the South and escorted over 300 slaves to freedom And, as she once proudly pointed out to Frederick Douglass, in all her journeys she "never lost a single passenger."



After the Civil War, Harriet settled with family and friends on land she owned in Auburn, New York. She married former enslaved man and Civil War veteran Nelson Davis in 1869 (her husband John had died 1867) and they adopted a little girl named Gertie a few years later October 29, 2009.



HOW HARRIET TUBMAN SAVED SLAVES / PART TWO / HER FAMOUS QUOTES

1. "I grew up like a neglected weed — ignorant of liberty, having no experience of it. Then I was not happy or contented..."
2. "Every time I saw a white man I was afraid of being carried away." "If a person would send another into bondage, he would, it appears to me, be bad enough to send him into ~~hell~~ if he could."
3. "Then there was the constant threat of capture. So-called slave catchers and their dogs roamed both sides of the Mason-Dixon line, nabbing runaways—and sometimes free Black people like Solomon Northup—and transporting them back to the plantation, where they would be whipped, beaten, branded or killed."
4. "Despite the horrors of slavery, it was no easy decision to flee. Escaping often involved leaving behind family and heading into the complete unknown, where harsh weather and lack of food might await."
5. "All told, in the decades preceding the Civil War, up to 100,000 Black people escaped slavery. Some went to Mexico or Spanish-controlled Florida or hid out in the wilderness. Most, though, traveled to the Northern free states or Canada."

bury. Mrs. Harriet Tribbman a fugitive from Slavery, also spoke in a most thrilling manner of her experiences in Slavery; her escape, and her wonderful success in leading others out of the worse than Egyptian bondage. We were told that she had led more than a hundred and fifty into Canada; and that she was called 'Moses' in some places, from her remarkable deliverances of God's people out of the hands of Southern Pharoahs.

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AND THAT'S HOW HARRIET TUBMAN SAVED SLAVES!



The Story of Jalen Milroe

By Caleb Baker



Jalen Milroe was born in Katy, Texas on December 13, 2002 where he started his football career at the age of five. When he was young, they knew that he was going to be a star. He attended Tompkins high school in Katy, Texas. He didn't play football his freshman year, but he did play football his sophomore year where he would throw for 1,404 yards, 10 touchdowns, and three interceptions.

In his junior year he came into the season as a three-star recruit. He would show college scouts what he could really do by throwing for 3,000 yards, 29 touchdowns, and eight interceptions, and he would go on to win the state championship.

His Senior season he came into the season as a five star with over 30 Division One football offers. This season he would throw for 1,257 yards, two interceptions, and 13 offers and would go on to win another state championship. At the end of the season, he would have to commit to a college school, and he chose the university of Alabama. His freshman year season he would not get in at all but he would try to capitalize from his freshman year he would get in a bit but only had 297 passing yards and five touchdowns and three interceptions.

And his junior is where he would start to become the star, he was always meant to be he would have 2,834 passing yards, 23 passing touchdowns, 6 interceptions, and 531 rushing yards and 12 rushing touchdowns and would lead his team all the way to the rose bowl but would fall short to the national champions Michigan. His senior season 2,652 passing yards, 15 passing touchdowns, 10 interceptions and would rush for 719 yards, 20 rushing touchdowns. He now plays there practicing for the Reliabowl versus Michigan and would his team to a 9-3 record and he will declare for the NFL draft this year.

The Story of Jerimiah Smith

By Caleb Baker



Jerimiah was born in Miami Gardens Florida on November 29, 2005. He began his amazing football career at the age of seven years old when he tried out for the Miami Gardens Ravens youth football league. Unfortunately, he did not make it and cried. But his dad told him he would be better than everybody in Florida - so all he did was take that as motivation and the following year, Smith made the league and won its own version of the Heisman Trophy. By the time he was in middle school he was the best football player in Miami.

He easily made the team and became the #1 wide receiver. After going crazy in Pop Warner youth football, he started his high school career at Chaminade-Madonna. He did not play his freshman year but his sophomore year he had 31 receptions, 556 receiving yards, and 7 touchdowns. His junior year he had a breakout season with 1098 receiving yards, 20 touchdowns, and 63 receptions. He and his team would go on to win the 1M football state championship.

He had an even better season his senior year with 1,389 receiving yards, 19 touchdowns, and 90 receptions. His team was the first all American team and he would win player of the year and he and his team would go on to win another state championship.

But Jeremiah still had to decide what school he had to commit to for his collegiate career. After having over 40+ offers he would ultimately commit to Ohio State. His freshman year he had 1,227 receiving yards, 14 touchdowns, and 71 receptions and his team will be playing in the national championship game against the powerhouse Notre Dame.

He will probably stay at Ohio State for the rest of his college career.

The Story of Ryan Williams

By: Caleb Baker



Ryan Williams was born on February 9, 2007, in Mobile, AL. When Ryan was 5 years old, he started playing football. He wanted to play the running back position, but his coach made him play quarterback in his first game and his family knew he was going to be a true star.

The reason he started playing football was because of his dad his father he was a star cornerback in the 2000's.

Ryan played football in middle school and was a star wide receiver, then he started playing football in his play his freshman year, racking up 289 receiving yards and 4 touchdowns, and 117 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns,

He was a 2-star recruit at the end of the freshman season. In his sophomore year he racked up 1,641 receiving yards and 24 touchdowns. For rushing ,he had 700 rushing yards 15 touchdowns, and for passing 41 yards and 1 touchdown, His team would go on to win the state championship and that was the end of his sophomore season.

In his junior season he was reclassified as a senior, racking up 1,324 receiving yards and 19 touchdowns, and for the rushing stats he would have 241 rushing yards and 7 touchdowns, and for the passing he had 27 passing yards and 1 touchdown.

But he and his team did not win the state title. But Williams had over 25 schools interested in him and he chose the University of Alabama, where he now plays as the youngest player in college football. He has 857 receiving yards and 8 touchdowns and 43 receptions and he plans to stay for another year at Alabama. and

That is the story of Ryan Williams.

Is Ice a Food or Drink?

By Cameron Biggoms and Kyndall Duhart



Did you know you can drink ice?

According to AI Overview, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) considers ice to be a food, regardless of its shape or source. Ice can be made from tap, spring, or purified water.

Here are some things to know from the FDA about ice:

- Handling: Ice should be handled like other foods.
- Regulation: The FDA regulates packaged ice, including the accuracy of labels and the sanitation of manufacturing and storage conditions.
- Contamination: Ice can be contaminated after it's been delivered, even though the FDA doesn't monitor its purity or the cleanliness of those who handle it.
- Microbiological tests: Food businesses must perform microbiological tests on ice and ice-making equipment.
- Sanitization: Machines should be periodically disinfected with sodium hypochlorite.
- Sampling: Sterile containers and tools should be used for sampling.
- Eating ice: Chewing on ice can help relieve dry mouth, but it can also damage teeth.
- Cravings: Cravings for ice can be a sign of iron-deficiency anemia or stress.

The next reason ice is a food is because according to AI Overview “ice can be both eaten and drunk, but it's important to be aware of the potential risks and benefits of each: Eating or chewing on ice can help you cool down, relieve dry mouth, and provide hydration. However, eating ice too frequently can lead to dental damage, such as cracked or sensitive teeth, and may indicate an underlying health issue. This condition is known as pagophagia, and it's often associated with iron deficiency or stress.”



Fun Facts

Using ice to cool drinks dates to the ancient Egyptians, Athenians, and Mesopotamians who put ice or snow into their wine or water. The Roman emperor Nero placed ice around his wine glass to cool it, preferring not to taint his wine. During the Turkish Empire, people put ice into fruit drinks.

A person who loves ice is called Pagophagia (compulsive ice chewing). And that is why ice is either a food or drink. Ice can be both eaten and drunk, but it's important to be aware of the potential risks and benefits of each:

Eating ice

While chewing on ice can help you cool down, relieve dry mouth, and provide hydration, eating ice too frequently can lead to dental damage, such as cracked or sensitive teeth, and may indicate an underlying health issue. There are about 16 different types of ice, classified by their density. Ice 4 is the type of ice found in freezers. Ice floats because it's less dense than liquid water. This is due to the unique arrangement of water molecules in ice.

Ice hotels are made entirely of ice, including the walls, floors, beds, and restaurants. Guests stay warm with heavy winter clothes and bearskin blankets. Made up of snow and sculpted blocks of ice, an ice hotel is a temporary hotel.



Ice hotels

Ice sheets

The North and South Poles are covered by ice sheets, which are glaciers that cover more than 50,000 square kilometers of land. The Antarctic Ice Sheet is about the size of the United States and Mexico combined. Ice forms when water molecules slow down and stick and stick to gather ice forms when water freezes, which can happen in a few ways:

- Water vapor to frost or snowflakes
- When temperatures drop below 0°C (32°F), water vapor in the atmosphere turns into frost or snowflakes. Frost forms at ground level, while snowflakes form in clouds.

Liquid water to ice

When liquid water freezes, it forms a solid like river ice, sea ice, hail, or ice made in a refrigerator.

- Sea ice density: Ice is about 8.3% less dense than liquid water, which means it expands by 9% when it freezes.

New sea ice, a general term used for recently frozen sea water that does not yet make up solid ice, is very salty because it contains brine droplets trapped between ice crystals. As the ice ages, the brine drains out, and multiyear ice is usually fresh enough to drink.

Thermal conductivity

The metal of a flagpole conducts heat quickly, which is why a tongue freezes almost immediately when it touches the metal surface.

Dry ice

Dry ice is the solid form of carbon dioxide. It's colorless, odorless, and non-flammable. It originates in clouds when temperatures are below the freezing point (0 degrees Celsius, or 32 degrees Fahrenheit), when water vapor in the atmosphere condenses directly into ice without going through the liquid stage.



What Different Features Did the T-Rex Have?

By Cameron Biggoms and Kyndall Duhart



On <https://www.quora.com> we found that the Tyrannosaurus rex had many notable features such its large size. The T-Rex was one of the largest carnivorous dinosaurs, growing up to 42 feet long and weighing up to 8 tons and its powerful jaws. The T-rex's jaws were 1.2 meters long and could deliver up to six tons of pressure.

There are many different features about the T-Rex because it was so big and that is why its nickname was "King of the Tyrant Lizards" and from <https://www.quora.com> we learned that, as for its first name, being identified as its own genus of dinosaur, was the binomial name *Manospondylus gigas*, then *Dynamosaurus imperiosus* but from <https://en.wikipedia.org> we saw that Following the release of Jurassic World, fans began referring to the individual as "Rexy".

We also found on <https://www.amnh.org/> that people wonder if the Tyrannosaurus Rex was a villain or a hero. The ferocious Tyrannosaurus rex... Article Mass Extinction Around 65 million years ago, something unusual happened on our planet – and we can see it in the fossil record. Source: Missing Marine Life.

We also found on AI Overview that the T-Rexes were ferocious hunters with bodies designed for the task. They could move quickly, up to 12 miles per hour, and catch up to prey with a powerful bite that could rip off hundreds of pounds of meat. They primarily ate herbivorous dinosaurs, such as *Edmontosaurus* and *Triceratops*, through scavenging and hunting. ex-skull and Horner found that the optic nerve was very small, and the olfactory cavity was large and

comparable in proportion in size to that of a vulture. This led Horner to believe that T. rex had poor eyesight but with an amazing sense of smell, T-rex would have been able to smell carrion miles away.



Also, according <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/> the T-Rexes had brains that were about twice as large as other dinosaurs. They also had a great sense of smell, which helped them detect food and predators.

People asked does the T-Rex have feathers? <https://www.livescience.com/> gave them an answer: they said Other theropods — a group of bipedal, mostly meat-eating dinosaurs — have left fossil remains of feathers, as have some ornithopods and even the early tyrannosauroids Yutyrannus and Dilong. But fossils don't show any feathers on T. rex. Rather, well-preserved T-REX.

We searched on <https://discoverscifi.com> and found that with a quick whack of its clubbed tail, Ankylosaurus could likely shatter a T-Rex's bones, perhaps even killing the fearsome carnivore. Ankylosaurus was definitely a dinosaur that could kill a T-Rex.

Another fact is from <https://animals.howstuffworks.com> they is that the T. Rex has you beat in pure speed, but even if you were racing from a starting line, you'd have a healthy lead before the dinosaur even got its massive body into proper running position. If you were just wandering around in Dinosaur land, you'd likely see the T.

- of 10. Not the Biggest Meat-Eating Dinosaur. ...
- of 10. Arms Not as Tiny as Once Thought. ...

- of 10. Very Bad Breath. ...
- of 10. Females Bigger Than Males. ...
- of 10. Lived About 30 Years. ...
- of 10. Both Hunters and Scavengers. ...
- of 10. Hatchlings Possibly Covered in Feathers.

Thing the T-Rex Ate

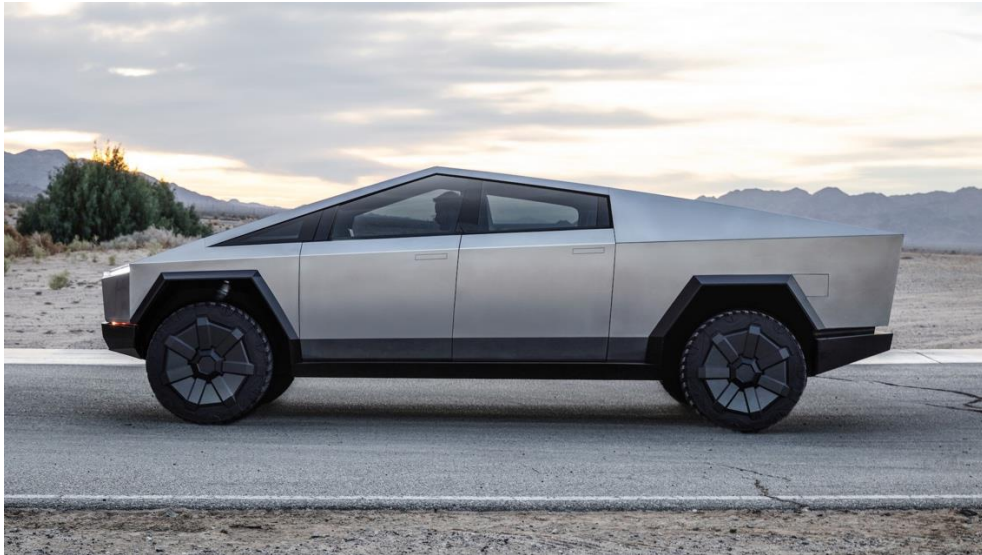
We also found on <https://www.livescience.com> that the T-Rex ate rex ate ornithischian, or bird-hipped, dinosaurs, like the duck-billed Edmontosaurus, a 1998 study in the journal Nature found. Researchers have also discovered T. rex bite marks in the bones of other duck-billed dinosaurs and Triceratops bones, according to a 1996 study in the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology.



Teenage T-Rex

About Tesla's Cybertruck

By: Cedrick Anderson



Tesla's Cybertruck is an electric pickup truck with a stainless-steel alloy exoskeleton and a design inspired by *Blade Runner* and "*Wet Nellie*", the *Lotus Esprit* driven by *James Bond* in *The Spy Who Loved Me*.

There are no door handles on the Cybertruck. The door locks and unlocks via an external button hidden on the pillars next to them. Additionally, all door open to 90 degrees for easy ingress and egress.

As of October 2024, industry experts estimate that at least 27,185 Cybertrucks have been sold. That's more than Ford's f-150 lightning, Rivian's R1T, and Chevy's Silverado EV.

The Tesla Cybertruck is an all-electric, stainless steel pickup truck with several unique features, such as spacious cabin, 18.5" and 9.4" touchscreens, 15 speakers, and a built-in HEPA filter. It also has:

- 20" wheels

- 16" ground clearance in extract mode

- A towing capacity of 14,000+ pounds

- A payload of 3,500 lbs.

- 100 cubic feet of exterior lockable storage

- Steer-by-wire and rear steering

In terms of performance, the Cybertruck can go from 0 to 60 mph in under 2.9 seconds. The "Cyberbeast" variant can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in 2.6 seconds. The top speed is governed to 131 mph.

Range: The base rear-wheel drive variant has an estimated range of 250 miles. The all-wheel drive and "Cyberbeast" variants have an estimated range of 340 miles and 320 miles, respectively.

Charging: The Cybertruck can add up to 128 miles of charge in 15 minutes.

Warranty: The basic vehicle warranty is 4 years or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first. The battery and drive unit warranty are eight years or 150,000 miles, whichever comes first.

According to *Car and Driver*, the 2025 Tesla Cybertruck completed the quarter mile in 11.0 seconds at 119 mph. Its top speed is governed to 131 mph.

The ultra-hard stainless-steel exoskeleton helps to reduce dents, damage and long-term corrosion. Repairs are simple and quick. Armor Glass can resist the impact of a baseball at 70 mph or class 4 hail. Acoustic glass helps make the cabin as quiet as outer space.

Sources:

Tesla.com

Car and Driver

Reuters



Tesla CEO Elon Musk has stated that the Cybertruck is waterproof enough to float and cross bodies of water.

Be A Boss Cheerleader

By Damiya Johnson

College cheerleaders may receive scholarships, but full ride cheerleading scholarships are rare. NFL cheerleaders are contract workers, meaning they do not work for teams full-time and do not receive a salary. They are, instead, paid on a per-game or hourly basis.



I love cheerleading. It is not just for girls; it's for boys too. Boys are capable of what girls can do and girls are capable of what boys can do. Don't let anyone tell you, you cannot do it or you can not join our team because you're too fat or too skinny or too ugly. You are beautiful and handsome. Do not let anyone say you are not capable because you are.

BE A BOSS



Boss Cheer is a sports comedy web series about a cheerleading team of the same name.

Up until November 2, 1898, the cheers and chants at sports events broke out from the crowd itself spontaneously. The cheers most likely weren't done in unison and competing groups tried their own chants.

It was on that day in 1898 that Johnny Campbell, a University of Minnesota student, got up from the seats and went on the field to lead the student body in a chant.

Rah, Rah, Rah!

Ski-u-Mah!

Hoo-Rah! Hoo-Rah!

Varsity! Varsity! Varsity,

Minn-e-So-Tah!

That was when cheerleading as we know it was born. The "birthday of cheerleading" is celebrated every year on November 2.



Johnny Campbell

Cheerleading grows

Other students soon joined Johnny on the field, and opposing fans saw the effectiveness of having a group fire up the crowd, “Yell Leaders” started sprouting up across college campuses. As it grew, cheerleaders started adding many of the elements we know today, such as megaphones to be louder, arm motions for crowds to keep time, signs, poms, and even basic jumps, tumbling, and stunts (more commonly called “lifts” back in the day!)

Britannica gives the following early history of cheerleading as a sport in the U.S.”:

“Although cheerleading is today predominantly associated with femininity, the original cheerleaders were men. Cheerleading was connected to the emergence of gridiron football at Ivy League colleges and universities in the United States in the mid-1800s, and the growth and formalization of cheerleading paralleled that of football. Over the latter half of the 19th century, as attendance at college games grew, large stadiums were constructed, and spectators were distanced from the playing field. Cheerleaders — or “yell leaders,” as they were then called — led cheers from the sidelines both to encourage the spectators and to serve as a form of crowd control. By the 1920s cheerleading had become a formal extracurricular activity for boys in high schools, colleges, and communities across the country, related to but distinct from other spirit programs such as marching bands, drum corps, and drill teams. As ambassadors for their schools and communities, cheerleaders were associated with such character-building traits as discipline, cooperation, leadership, and sportsmanship.”

Cheerleading Becomes Female

Yell leaders were primarily male up until World War II, even though women were permitted to be on cheerleading teams. When the men went off to war, women took over as cheerleaders. And when the war was over, cheerleading was primarily a female activity. According to usacheer.org, today females account for approximately 85% of participants.

When Thousands of People Died

By Janard Davis



Al-Qaeda hoped, that by attacking the World Trade Towers the pentagon and possibly the Capital (though unsuccessful), it would promote widespread fear throughout the United States' standing in the world community, ultimately supporting their principle to inspire and incite Islamic movements and the Muslim masses to attack those perceived to be the enemies of Islam.

According to 9/11 Memorial and Museum, "The 9/11 terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania."

World Trade Center (WTC) was a complex of seven buildings built primarily between 1966 and 1975. I was dedicated on April 4, 1973, and was destroyed during the September 11 attacks in 2001.

Osama bin Laden was the mastermind behind 911. He thought everything out. He was to blame for thousands of deaths.

On May 2, 2011, the United States conducted Operation Neptune Spear, in which Seal Team Six shot and killed bin Laden.



Fun Facts About Tigers

By: Lanie Cairns

Tigers are the true kings of the jungle.

According to the writers at Toucan Box, “Many people think tigers are cats and they’re not wrong. They are cats and half of the tigers are in India.”

Tiger’s stripes are pretty. A lot of people want them as pets, but only the richest people in the world have them as pets. Zoos have them too. Tigers are fast runners, and they only eat meat which means they are CARNIBORI. They are the largest wild cats in the world and are very good hunters and generally search for food alone at night.

Tigers love water. Would you believe they are good swimmers?

A tiger’s roar can be heard as far as ten kilometers away.

Tigers live about for 25 years. A punch of a tiger may kill you.

The Champabati tiger is the most killed tiger.

They can run 40 miles per hour and three feet long and weight and weigh about 450 pounds. They are the largest wild cats.

Tigers can make different sounds and can also climb trees

A tiger’s night vision is 5-6 times better than humans.

Tigers locate each other with a sense of smell.



According to <https://www.ifaw.org/> tigers are renowned for their strength, beauty, and ferocity. tigers (*Panthera Tigris*) are the largest members of the cat family in the world.

Tigers are found in the grasslands, swamps, forests, and taiga of Asia, as far north as Siberia and as far south as Sumatra. Different subspecies of the tiger live in different parts of the continent and are adapted to these different environments. And they need a lot of space to roam. In one night, they may prowl up to 32 kilometers (20 miles) in search of prey like antelope, buffalo, deer, and wild pigs..

This is one reason why keeping tigers in confined spaces is so detrimental to their health. They need very large areas to fulfill their physical and psychological needs. And like our fingerprints, tigers' stripes are unique to each individual tiger. No two tigers will ever look the same.

Conservationists can use these unique markings to identify individual tigers and keep track of population numbers. Having irregular vertical stripes helps tigers blend in with tall grasses so they can remain stealthy when stalking their prey. Deer and other hoofed animals tigers hunt are colorblind, so they see their orange coats as a similar color to grass and leaves.

I think that tigers are a very cool species, because they are important to my family. They are important to my family because I have a stuffed tiger that my grandma passed down to me. That is why I really care about and love tigers.

Things You Didn't Know About Miss Moody

By Lanie Cairns



It is often said that an interview is the “soul of journalism.”

This an interview I had with Miss Moody, but her real name is Abigail Michelle Moody. She oversees the elementary computer lab at GYAC.

Abigail Michelle Moody is currently 25 years old. Abigail’s parents’ names are Adie Moody Charlie Moody.

Also, if you don’t know her favorite color is blue.

Abigail owns 3 dogs, named Bear, Tebow and Gus.

Miss Moody was born on April 26, 1999. She likes to color and walk her 3 dogs.

Her favorite app is snapchatting. She also plays Roblox with friends and favorite video is Stardew Valley.

The otter animal is her favorite animal. She likes them because they are cute but on the other hand, they are vicious. Sea otters have a bite force like a black bear.

If you didn’t know her, Miss Moody’s favorite outfit is a sweater and jeans. Also, her hair is brown and blond. Her favorite movie is “Pitch Perfect.”

The First Black Girl to Go to a White School

By Laysia Brunson



The first black girl to go to white school was Ruby Bridges. She had a white teacher that was nice to her, and they had to go into a classroom by themselves. She continued to have classes with her teacher.

On November 14, 1960, at the age of six, Ruby Bridges changed history and became the first African American child to integrate an all-white elementary school in the South.

Ruby Nell Bridges was born in Tylertown, Mississippi, on September 8, 1954, the daughter of sharecroppers. Seeking a better life in a big city, her parents moved the family to New Orleans when Ruby was four years old.

In 1954, in a landmark case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that racial segregation of children in public schools was unconstitutional. The fact that Ruby was born the same year as the decision to desegregate schools is notable in her journey as a civil rights activist.

When Ruby was in kindergarten, her parents allowed her to test to see if she qualified to integrate into New Orleans public schools, even though her father was hesitant. Ruby was one of six Black children to pass the test. Two of the six students decided to remain in their current school. Three of them transferred to McDonogh No. 19 Elementary. And Ruby was sent to William Frantz Elementary School.

On the first day in her new school, Ruby and her mother arrived with four U.S. marshals for protection. Ruby saw a massive crowd of people shouting, throwing things, and carrying signs as she approached the school.



Civil rights leader Ruby Richards releases children's book. Two years ago. ABC News.

How was Halloween Created?

By Luis Orozco



Have you ever wondered How was Halloween invented. According to the Library of Congress Blogs, Halloween holiday has its roots in the ancient [Celtic festival of Samhain](#) (a Gaelic word pronounced “SAH-win”), a pagan religious celebration to welcome the harvest at the end of summer, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Halloween evolved from a few ancient and medieval holidays, including the Celtic festival of Samhain, Christian feasts of the dead, and All Saints' Day:

- **Samhain:** A pagan festival that marked the end of summer and the beginning of the new year in early medieval Ireland. The Celts believed that the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead was thin on Samhain, and that spirits roamed the earth. To ward off ghosts, people would wear costumes, darken their faces with ashes, and light bonfires.
- **All Saints' Day:** A Christian holiday celebrated on November 1 to honor all saints.
- **All Souls' Day:** A Christian feast of the dead celebrated on November 2. The name "Halloween" comes from the Christian All Souls' Day, which was also known as "All-

hallows". The evening before All Souls' Day became known as All Hallows' Eve, and eventually shortened to Halloween.

- American colonists brought Halloween to the United States, where it was influenced by a variety of cultures. In the New World, Halloween became a time for parties, where people would dress up, read fortunes, tell scary stories, and set out food for loved ones. The practice of trick-or-treating also originated in America.
- Other Halloween traditions include carving jack-o'-lanterns, which may be based on a legend about Stingy Jack, who is a legend. In fact, the name, jack-o'-lantern, comes from an Irish folktale about a man named Stingy Jack. Stingy Jack, whose clever yet mischievous interactions with the Devil birthed the treasured tradition of the Jack O'Lantern.

Fun Fact: Did you know that the world's largest Jack O'Lantern was carved from a pumpkin weighing over 2,000 pounds? It's fascinating how a simple tradition rooted in ancient Irish folklore has blossomed into a beloved global phenomenon. (The record was set in 2010, showcasing the evolving enthusiasm for this timeless tradition.)



Sources: *Saints and Scholar*
The History Channel

Wingardium Leviosa!

By: M. W.



Picture of J.K. Rowling from Google

J.K Rowling is a 59-year-old author who's written many books for people like you and me, and for me it's specifically the Harry Potter series, (you saw what I did with the title?) BUT we're not talking about him we're talking about the AUTHOR. (By the way, Wingardium Leviosa is a spell in *the Harry Potter* series that allows the caster to make objects levitate or fly). Source: AI Overview).



The Rowling Family



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Pictures of Bristol Sudeley factory and a random picture of Bristol.

EARLY MEMORIES

Joanne is two years older than her sister, Dianne, whose birth was Rowling's earliest memory. When she was four, Rowling's family moved to Winterbourne, Gloucestershire. She began at St Michael's Church of England Primary School in Winterbourne when she was five years of age. The Rowlings lived near a family, whose last name was "Potter". (Harry) – a name she's always liked.

Joanne's mother liked to read, and the family's homes were filled with books. Her father read *The Wind in the Willows* to his daughters, while her mother introduced them to the animals in Richard Scarry's books. Rowling's first attempt at writing, a story called "Rabbit" composed when she was six, was inspired by Scarry's creatures.

<https://tatilikestoread.home.blog/2018/10/24/whos-the-author/>

HER BOOKS

As I said in the INTRODUCTION, J.K Rowling has written LOADS of books, including my FAVORITE book.

She has written a total of 41 books (don't come after me if I'm wrong; I got my result from Google). Not all books were written only by her; other authors participated.



H.P. STORYLINE

Harry James Potter is a fictional character in J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series of novels. The plot of the seven-book chronicles equal to about seven years in the life of an orphan called Harry, who, on his eleventh birthday, learns he is a wizard.

He attends Hogwarts, a school of magic, where he receives guidance from the headmaster Albus Dumbledore and becomes friends with Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. Harry learns that during his infancy, the Dark wizard Lord Voldemort murdered his parents but was unable to kill him along with them. The plot of the series revolves around Harry's struggle to adapt to the wizarding world and defeat the no-nose wizard Voldemort.

He also has a foster family (A.K.A the Dursley's) who don't like wizards. Harry's mother and father, James and Lilly Potter and try to hide it from them (him being a wizard and all) by giving him something else to think of...their torment...(if you don't know what I'm talking about go

watch the movies or read the books) BUT eventually while they are isolated from the rest of society, a very...large...man who goes by “Hagrid,” the Hogwarts gamekeeper at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Hagrid is Rubeus Hagrid, a half-giant character who attends Hogwarts, a school of magic, where he receives guidance from the headmaster Albus Dumbledore and becomes friends with Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger.

NET WORTH AND CREDITS

As I did with all my other topics, it’s time for the NET WORTH! (of J.K Rowling) ...So...let’s get into it!



According to Forbes Rowling has a net worth of about 6 BILLION dollars.

Forbes named Rowling a billionaire in 2004, but she denied being a billionaire in a 2005 interview, and by 2012, Forbes concluded that she was no longer a billionaire due to her donations and high UK taxes. However, Forbes named her the world's highest paid author in 2008, 2017, and 2019. (When I was a wee first grader!)

🤪FACTS🤪

First book: Rowling's first book was Rabbit, which she wrote at age 6 in 1971.

Harry Potter: Rowling came up with the idea for Harry Potter on a train from London to Manchester in the year 1990. The first book in the series, Harry Potter, and the Philosopher's Stone, was published in the U.K in 1997.

Pseudonym: Rowling used a pseudonym to avoid hype and BIG EXPECTATIONS.

Lumos: Rowling founded Lumos, an international children's organization, to help children who have been unfairly INSTITUTIONALIZED. (it's also a spell in the book 😊)

Hermione Granger: Rowling based Hermione Granger on herself, and was inspired by Jo March from Little Women.

First adult book: The Casual Vacancy was Rowling's first adult book, published in 2012.

Robert Galbraith: Rowling wrote the Cormoran Strike detective novel series under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.

Harry Potter TV series: Warner Bros. Discovery announced that a Harry Potter scripted television series will be produced for Max, their streaming service.

Teaching: Rowling taught French in Scotland and English in Portugal.

Conclusion

J.K. Rowling is a beloved British Author that most love and cherish (like my classmate Jonathan!) – but sometimes too much. It's just a matter of time before there's a revolution on the Internet about WHICH books she wrote are better than others.

But recently I've found out that she's said that she doesn't like some things on Twitter that offend other people; people now think that since she doesn't like those things, her books are bad, but in reality, her books are some of the best books I've ever read.

I've grown out of them now but that doesn't mean that I can't enjoy her books now. As a matter of fact, I still think her books are better than other books and shows.

I actually have a question for you all, do you think that, because someone says something's better than something else, and someone else disagrees, do they have the right to say that, the book or show is trash?

Source: <https://www.biography.com/authors-writers/jk-rowling>

Who Invented Hair Products?

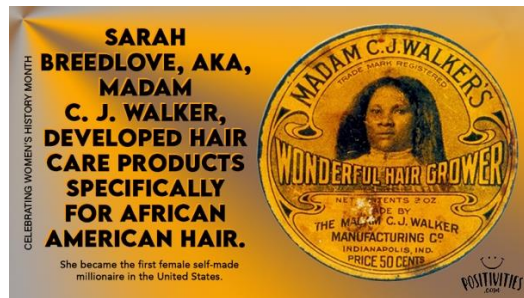
By Patry'nette



Madam C. J. Walker was influential to the Industrial Revolution because of her inventions, social contributions, and long-term impacts. She was not only an inventor who created hair care products, she was also a civil rights activist.

Madam C. J. Walker (December 23, 1867- May 25, 1919). She promoted her products by traveling around the country giving lecture- demonstrations and eventually established Madam C.J. walker laboratories to manufacture cosmetics and train sales beauticians. Her business abilities made her to be one of the first American women to become a self-made millionaire.

Madam C. J. Walker was an incredibly motivated woman. During the 1890s, she began to suffer from a scalp ailment that caused her to lose majority of her hair. Because of this, she decided to investigate developing and selling hair products "specifically for African American Hair." In 1905 she created her own hair growth product that also helped to heal diseases of the scalp. Her line of hair care products for Black women, including a shampoo and pomade, and a method for conditioning the scalp. Her "Walker system" was designed to promote hair growth and make hair soft and luxuriant.



She started making her own products by experimenting with ingredients. Madam C. J. Walker's first products were called "Madam Walker's Wonderful Hair Grower."

Madam C. J. Walker also had her own way of selling things called the "Walker Method." "The Walker Method" involved her going from door to door selling her products.

In 1927 she created her very own clean beauty school to train her employees.

She achieved all this while being the first free person in her family and she accomplished most of these accolades with no formal education.

After she died on May 25, 1919, she gave some of her money to charities and the rest to her daughter.

Walker became one of the wealthiest women in America. That remarkable wealth allowed her to construct of her own 34-room Italian villa, "Villa Leward Estate" in Irvington, New York. The stunning home is also notable because it was designed by New York's first African American licensed African American architect in New York State.



Who Was the First Black Disney Princess?

By Serenity M.



Anika Noni Rose

Tiana was the first black Disney princess to ever be on television. Her voice was actually Anika Noni Rose (born September 6, 1972), a black African American actress. Tiana was Disney's first African-American princess in the movie *The Princess and the Frog* (2009).

She was named a Disney legend in 2011. Tiana's story really taught a Black generation about courage and confidence and the importance of hard work and keeping your heart open.

Anika Noni Rose, who voiced Princess Tiana in the 2009 animated film "*The Princess and the Frog*," opened up about her role of voicing the first Black Disney princess ever. "It is an amazing legacy to have been the first. I feel like because of how much people still love Tiana, people's minds were opened towards other things."

Now let's get to know about prince Naveen a little bit. Bruno Campos played Prince Naveen, the the eldest prince of the kingdom Madonia, who was transformed into a frog by a voodoo witch doctor. Naveen is a 20-year-old musician and playboy who has been cut off from his family's riches until he learns the value of responsibility.

Now let's some more of Tiana, shall we. One of the quotes Anika Noni Rose shared with all the black girls and boys today is "When we don't include children of color in fantasy, we are saying that they don't exist in that kind of space of adventure and imagination."



On June 11, 2024 the Associated Press reported that a new attraction starring the first Black Disney princess ever opened at the company's U.S. theme parks, Disney followers see it as fitting for a former ride based on a movie that contained a lot of racist expressions.

The new theme park attraction updates Tiana's storyline from the 2009 animated film "The Princess and the Frog" opened in the space previously occupied by *Splash Mountain*. The *Splash Mountain* water ride had been themed to "*Song of the South*," a 1946 Disney movie filled with racist clichés about African Americans and plantation life.

"For little Black girls, Tiana has meant a lot. When a little child can see somebody who looks like them, that matters," said Neal Lester, an English professor at Arizona State University, who has written about Tiana.

Disney's announcement that it would transform its longstanding *Splash Mountain* ride into Tiana's Bayou Adventure was made in June 2020 following the social justice protests sparked by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody. At the time, Disney said the change had already been in the works. But it came as companies across the U.S. were reconsidering or renaming decades-old brands amid worldwide protests.

The "*Song of the South*" film is a mix of live action, cartoons and music featuring an older Black man who works at a plantation and tells fables about talking animals to a white city boy. The film has been criticized for its racist stereotypes hasn't been released in theaters in decades and isn't available on the company's streaming service.

Tiana, introduced in 2009, made history as **the first black Disney princess**. Her journey paved the way for more diverse princesses to shine and inspired other countless young viewers to dream big. Tiana really set a positive role model on some other black girls to be like her and life and its really great to know there are not just other princesses but black princesses.

Where Did the Name Tesla Come From?

By Venesha McKenzie



Nikola Tesla

You might think that the name Tesla was created by Elon Musk. In fact, the name Tesla was named after Nikola Tesla, who was born in 1856 in Austria-Hungary and immigrated to the U.S. in 1884 as a physicist. He pioneered the generation, transmission and use of alternating current (AC) electricity.

Nikola Tesla's inspiration for invention largely came from his mother, Georgina "Duka" Mandic (1822-1892), who was known to invent small household appliances during his childhood. This sparked his interest in creating and innovating new technologies, essentially inheriting her inventive spirit and applying it to larger scale inventions like alternating current (AC) electricity and the Tesla coil, an electrical transformer that uses high frequency alternating current (AC) to increase voltage.

Duka never received a formal education. Her father was an Eastern Orthodox Church priest, who had a talent for making home craft tools and mechanical appliances and the ability to memorize Serbian epic poems.

Tesla was founded in July 2003, by Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpenning as Tesla Motors. Its name is a tribute to the inventor and electrical engineer.

Indian River Academy



Cookie Run Kingdom

By Aiden Nelson



My second favorite video game is Cookie Run Kingdom and after reading this, you might love it too! According to the Cookie Run Wiki, “It is the second spin-off of the original game OvenBreak, as well as a spin-off of CookieRun: OverBreak.” It was released on 19-21 January 2021.

Here is how the game is played: You pick 5 different cookies to battle against the other side. You can click on the bottom of the screen where the abilities are and the cookies will do a special attack. The attacks the cookies do damage to the cake hounds, which are the monsters that you have to defeat.

There are many different characters that you can play. Wikipedia says, “As of October 12, 2024, there are a total of 140 playable Cookies in the game.” Each of the cookies can be categorized by how rare in the game they are. There are ten rarities: common, rare, special, epic, super epic, legendary, dragon, beast, ancient, awakened and guest. Cookie Run Kingdom is a super fun game and everyone should play it!

Fun in the Snow

By Jennifer Lopez



Have you ever heard about or tried skiing? Well, I have never tried it but, shall we take a look together?

According to Google, “The concept of ‘skiing’ was invented or introduced in about 8000-7000 B.C.E.” This is not exactly what I thought skiing seems to be an old classic for us all! Now, when was skiing introduced as a competitive sport? According to the Wikipedia page for skiing, it was introduced as a sport in the mid-1800s. Skiing sounds like fun, right?

Let’s talk about skiing equipment, or the things you might need to go skiing. You will need skis, poles bindings. If you do not own skis, you can probably rent them at a ski resort. You need ski boots and a ski helmet. It is not recommended to rent these. You will need a ski jacket, ski pants, gloves or mittens, ski socks, goggles and a backpack.

That’s a lot of equipment, huh?! Let’s talk about places where you might be able to begin your journey with skiing!

According to Google, Snowbasin Resort in Utah is the top place to practice your skiing. Utah is about 2,300 miles away from Florida! That’s amazing!

Practice to master skiing would take about 10 weeks. I definitely want to practice skiing sometime! Let's look at some snowy facts.

Did you know that snow isn't white?! It's truly translucent or transparent like ice or glass!

All snowflakes are thought to be completely different from each other.

Snow is edible! Just watch from where you take it!

Skiing is one of the fastest sports in the world!

Someone was once clocked at skiing at 255 kilometers per hour!

Liberty Magnet



Who is Deadpool?

By Heath Todd Bryant



Do you know this guy? He is not Spider-man, he's not Iron-man. He's Deadpool. Deadpool is a character appearing in American comic books published by Marvel Comics.

In his comic book appearances, Deadpool is initially shown as a supervillain of the New Mutants and X-Force, though later stories would portray him as an antihero, *who may lack some conventional heroic qualities*.

Based on the Marvel Comics character Deadpool, *Deadpool & Wolverine* is a 2024 American superhero comedy movie. It was released in North America on July 26, 2024. It is the sequel to *Deadpool* (2016) and *Deadpool 2* (2018) and the 34th movie of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU).

Wade Winston Wilson, also known as Deadpool, is a character portrayed by Ryan Reynolds in 20th Century Fox's X-Men film series and later the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) media franchise produced by Marvel Studios, in which he played the title character. His performance in the first earned him a nomination for a Golden Globe Award.

Deadpool is the alter ego (a person's secondary or alternative personality / Oxford Dictionaries) of Wade Wilson, a disfigured Canadian mercenary with superhuman regenerative healing abilities.

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About Michael Jackson

By Helayna Emilia Smith



Do you know the one and only Michael Jackson? Well, if you don't know about him you are in the right place. Michael Jackson is an Icon to many people and forever will be.

Starting off in his early life he was born August 29, 1958 in Gary Indiana. Michael Jackson did so many amazing things in his life. He was a singer, songwriter, dancer, and philanthropist. Michael Jackson started singing at the young age of five. Michael was in a band with his brothers called the Jackson Five for 20 years and then became a solo artist. After that he only performed with his brothers a couple of other times. Michael Jackson has over 150 songs. His bestselling album is Thriller.

In Michael's middle life he was a great singer. But then tragedy happened he was diagnosed with Vitiligo. According to AI overview, "Vitiligo is a chronic autoimmune disorder that causes white patches to appear on the skin, hair, or eyes when the body's immune system attacks and destroys melanocytes, the skin cells that produce melanin."

And Vitiligo also made Michael sensitive to sunlight, making him have to hold an umbrella over his head. But people said that Michael did not want to be who he was anymore and instead of being black he wanted to be white. But when people said this, it made Michael upset because that was not true. Michael said that he was a black American and that he was proud to be a black American.



After Michael knew how to treat his vitiligo things got a little better. Michael got married to Lisa Marie Presley on May 26, 1994. Then they got a divorce in 1996. Towards the end of Michael's life, he got married to Debbie Rowe and had three children: Prince, Paris, and Blanket. The mother to his children was Debbie Rowe Michael's nurse. Debbie and Michael got a divorce on October 8th, 1999.

The king of pop sadly died June 26, 2009, of multiple reasons. Today we still remember him and we will forever.

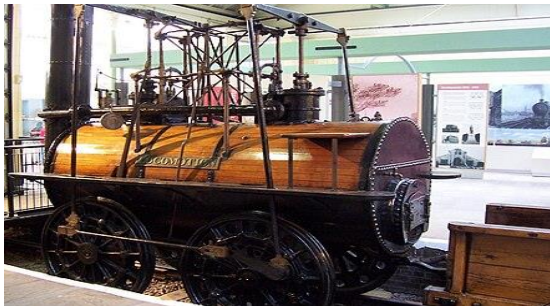
How Trains Were Invented

By Henry Matthews

Trains were invented In the 19th century. Richard Trevithick invented the first train. He was born on April 13th, 1771. Richard Trevithick was a British mechanical engineer.



Richard Trevithick thought of a train by working with steam engines in mines. The steam engines were used to pump water, which made him learn about steam power.

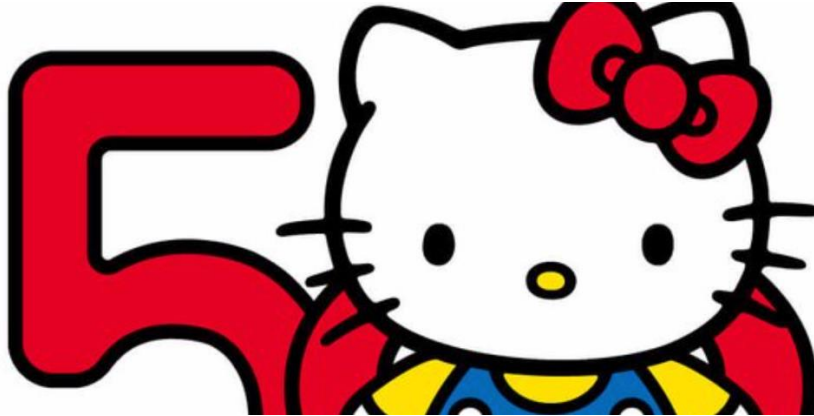


First train

Richard made the first ever train on February 21st, 1804 locomotives evolved a lot from then. today there are 4 types of trains passenger, freight, monorail, and high-speed trains.

Hello Kitty

By Malaysia Smith



Hello Kitty kicks off 50th anniversary with new logo.

Fifty years ago, in 1974, Hello Kitty, a fictional character, was created by Yuko Shimizu, and owned by the Japanese company Sanrio. Hello Kitty is a little girl with a red bow captured the hearts of people all around the world.

Today, Hello Kitty is one of Japan's most beloved cultural symbols, an emblem of creativity, community, and yes, cuteness, that has joined the the gods of global pop culture. She's appeared on everything from lunchboxes to airplanes, in theme parks and movies, and even collaborates with the United Nations to promote sustainable development.

According to Wikipedia, "UNICEF named Hello Kitty as children's ambassador to the United States in 1983, children's ambassador in Japan in 1994, and gave her the title of *UNICEF Special Friend of Children* in 2004, a title unique to her.

"Hello Kitty is a small, round-faced, cartoon catlike girl with black eyes, a yellow nose, no mouth, and a red bow perched on her left ear. Sanrio maintains that Hello Kitty is a girl and not a cat, although she displays feline characteristics such as pointed ears, whiskers, and a tail. According to the "biography" established by Sanrio, "Among the simple pleasures she enjoys are baking cookies, playing the piano, and, above all, making friends. " Sanrio, the Japanese company that owns the character, makes almost \$4bn (£3.1bn) in Hello Kitty sales annually, according to the Economist. It is estimated she has earned her creators \$80bn (about \$62bn) over her lifetime.

I **LOVE LOVE LOVE** Hello Kitty a lot. I have so many Hello Kitty items. Speaking of which, I have a Hello Kitty bag right next to me.

FACTS ABOUT HELLO KITTY

1. Her full name is Kitty White.
2. She is a little girl (and not a cat).
3. She was born in the suburbs of London, England, where she still lives with her parents.
4. She has a twin sister named Mimmy, who wears a yellow bow on her right ear.
5. Kitty's hobbies are traveling, reading and baking.
6. The Hello Kitty product range has expanded from dolls, stickers, greeting cards, board games, clothes, backpacks, lunch boxes, piggy banks, pencils, erasers, accessories, school supplies and stationery to purses, toasters, televisions, other home appliances, massagers, motor oil and computer equipment.
7. According to igdb.com there are 24 video games in the Hello Kitty Series

TRUTH ABOUT HELLO KITTY

The Truth about Hello Kitty is that she is 48 years old, in her real life not in her charter life. Hello Kitty is not just a character she is a Bob tail cat. Another fact is that Hello Kitty has many friends like Cinnamoroll Roll, Kurumi, and lots more.



Did You Know Nike's Slogan Came From a Convicted Killer?

By Maliyah J. Williams



Nike, Nike, Nike!!!! I just love Nike. Who doesn't like Nike?

Well guess what? Statista reports that Nike is the most popular sneaker brand among U.S. consumers. Adidas also enjoys a significant preference but lags behind Nike. Converse, New Balance, and Skechers follow some way behind.



Where did the Nike slogan come from?

Nike's "Just Do It" slogan was inspired by the last words of Gary Gilmore, a convicted murderer who was executed in 1977. Those were last words of Gary Gilmore, who said "Let's

do it!” to the firing squad before his execution. (Source: <https://www.creativereview.co.uk/just-do-it-slogan/>)

According to AI Overview, “Nike is extremely happy with their slogan ‘Just Do It,’ considering it’s considered one of the most successful and iconic taglines in advertising history.”

Also, from AI Overview, Nike's footwear revenue in 2023 was \$14,897 million. Nike's total revenue for 2023 was \$51,217 million. Nike's US market share in the sports footwear category in 2023 was 34.97%.

The Nike “Swoosh” logo was designed for \$35. by Carolyn Davidson, a graphic design student. However, according to Reuters, she received more than the \$35 company paid her in 1971, she said in a 2016 interview, contrary to claims online suggesting that was the only payment she received.

“That wasn't all Nike gave me,” Carolyn Davidson told sports journalist Darren Rovell in 2016. “First of all, they gave me my start. I learned the design world. I got referrals and I became known as the ‘Logo Lady’,” Davidson said, adding that in 1983, Nike president Bob Woodell and Nike co-founder Phil Knight also gave her “a gold ring in the shape of a swoosh with a diamond in it and some shares of stock.”

Nike Owns Converse and once owned Hurley International. According to Hurley, it is an American company that sells clothes and accessories marketed towards surfing and swimming. Established in 1979 as a distributor for Billabong clothing in the United States, Hurley was sold to Nike, Inc. in 2002 for an undisclosed price and then to *Bluestar Alliance LLC* in 2019 for an undisclosed price. Products sold include clothing, swimsuits, wetsuits, flip-flops (sandals), bags and backpacks.

Nike, Inc., is one of the largest and best-recognized global sports and athletic wear brands. Its extensive lineup includes its long-running Air Jordan, Air Force 1, and other “Air” models.

There are 1,045 retail stores around world, 380 Nike stores in the United States and 26 in Florida.



The Truth of Santa

By Milana Williams



IN THIS ARTICLE WE ARE GOING TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH OF SANTA AND IF HE'S REAL. SOME KIDS THINK SANTA IS REAL AND OTHERS DON'T BUT YOUR LUCKLY I'M GOING TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH FOR ONCE AND FOR ALL.

Is Santa real?

According to historical records, Santa is real. He's real in the sense that he was an actual person. Otherwise known as Saint Nicholas, his story goes all the way back to the 3rd century. According to parade.com, he was a monk who was born in 280 A.D. in modern-day Turkey.

Who is Santa?

A legendary figure who brings gifts to children on Christmas.

Why is Santa named Santa?

Because the name originates from the Dutch nickname "Sinterklaas," which is a shortened version of "Sint Nikolaas," meaning "Saint Nicholas" in Dutch (AI overview).

When was Santa born?

According to: [History.com](https://www.history.com), Santa Claus is believed to have been born around 280 A.D. in Patara, so he is around 1,752 years old. Santa Claus, died on December 6, 343 in Myra, which is now in Turkey:

When was Santa created?

According to AI Overview, the modern depiction of Santa Claus originated from the 3rd century Christian bishop Saint Nicholas, who was known for his generosity and secret gift-giving:

What are Santa's other names?

In the UK, he's also known as Father Christmas – or even just Santa. But in other countries he goes by different names. In the USA, some people call him Kris Kringle. In France he is called *Père Noël* / *Papa Noël*. In Poland he goes by *Święty Mikołaj* (meaning St. Nicholas). And in Germany, Santa is known as Weihnachtsmann (which literally translates to English as 'Christmas Man, according to Fun Kids

What do you rate this article?



Weihnachtsmann in Berlin

What You May Not Know About Crumbl Cookies!

By Milana Williams



Were you thinking of a nice, delicious, tasty dessert like a bowl of ice cream, your favorite flavor of cake or maybe something a little different like a cookie but, there may be something different about Crumbl cookies. In this article I will tell you about Crumbl cookies.

5 Things to Know About Crumbl Cookies

1. Crumbl introduces six to eight new cookie flavors every week (except for the original chocolate chip cookies).
2. “Developing a new cookie can take anywhere from three months to a year,” says co-founder Jason McGowan.
3. Crumbl cookie is not only found in Vero beach (but can be found in other places, not just Florida). See my piece below on their franchises.
4. A yummy, sweet dessert
5. Open from 8 AM – 10 PM



This is the Crumbl cookie logo. That dude is quite the chef. Am I right? I mean I wonder if you you'll see him in a Crumbl cookie store. Well, I guess you'll have to find out

My 3 Steps:

First order up

Wait a little it; shouldn't take that long

When it's done wait for the most important part, which is to enjoy your yummy treat.

Is Crumbl Cookie is a franchise and what as a Franchise?



Yes, Crumbl cookie is a franchise, meaning, for example, if you want to open your own company of Crumbl cookies, you give them a lot of money to open the business of your own. This allows you to put up their sign and use their recipes. If you are Crumbl cookie expert, now it's your turn to open their franchise.

A December 14 – 15 *Wall Street Journal*, reported that “there are more than 1,000 franchise-owned Crumbl cookie shops in the U.S. and 18 in Canada. Together those franchisees are generating more than \$ 1 billion in annual sales.”



According to cozymeal.com, Crumble has an impressive offering of over 200 delicious Crumbl Cookie flavors. What makes the brand unique the fact that its rotating menu features only six flavors at a time.

On The Other Hand, ...

Again, according to *The Wall Street Journal* article, “Crumbl treats are nutritional kryptonite.” A Crumbl Milk Chocolate Chip cookie has 730 calories, where a Krispy Kreme Strawberry Iced Doughnut with Sprinkles has 260 Calories.



And a Crumbl Pink Velvet cake has 770 Calories.

Harvard Health Publications suggests *women get at least 1,200 calories and men get at least 1,500 calories a day. The Crumbl Pink Cake has more than half that amount.*



Pink Velvet Crumbl Cookie

Who Has More Daily Players, Roblox or Fortnite?

By Terrance Bass

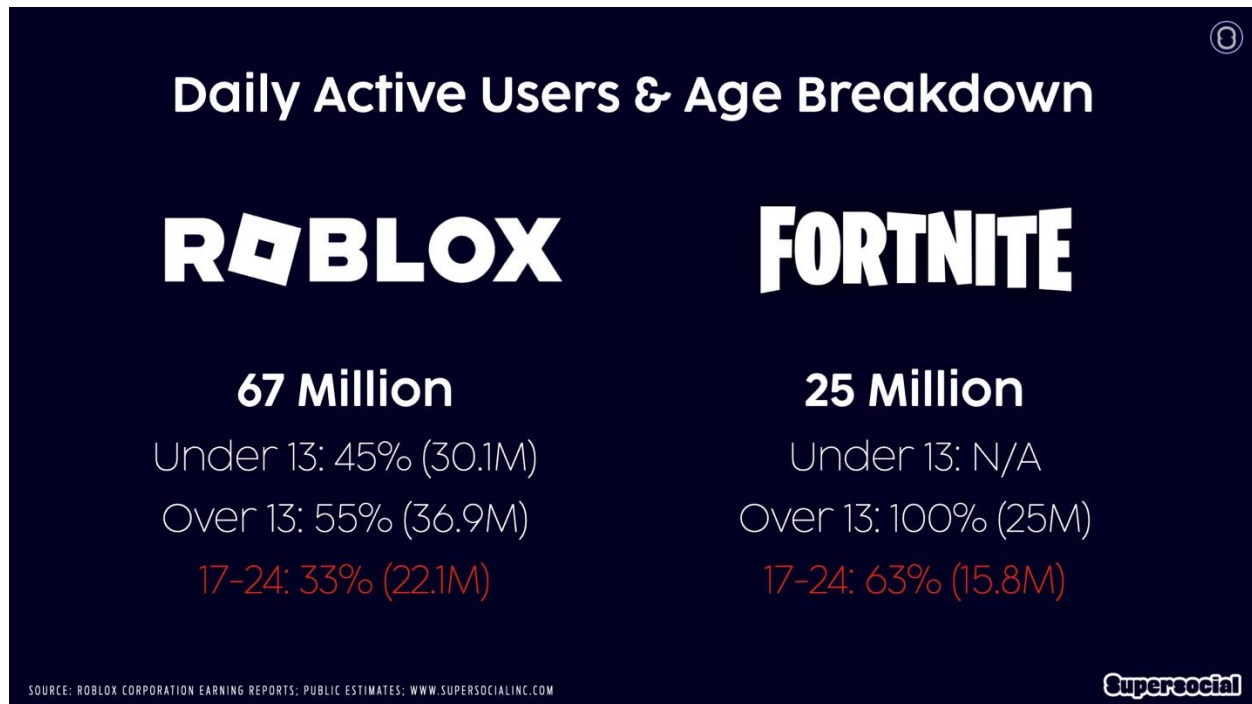
Well, we need to talk about these two games before we explain, what we are going to report. So, sit back and relax and get ready to read!

So Roblox is the most famous game right now along with Fortnite.

According to Wikipedia, Roblox is an online game platform and game creation system developed by Roblox Corporation that allows users to program and play games created by themselves or other users.

Fortnite is also an online video game. It is available in six distinct game mode versions that otherwise share the same general gameplay and game engine

So Roblox, the game we all know and love, has over 67 million players daily but Fortnite has 25million players. Here are some statistics:



Roblox Corporation Earnings Reports

So, if we tally up all the numbers Roblox would win by a landslide because of the memes, low quality videos, and battleground games. According to AIOverview, Roblox is generally

considered more popular than Fortnite due to its significantly larger user base, particularly among younger demographics, and its unique feature allowing players to create and play a vast variety of user-generated games

Since Roblox wins for a HUGE number of users. Here is some interesting data on Roblox:

As of Q2 2024, Roblox has 207.14 million monthly active users.

That's a 2.52% increase compared to 202.04 million monthly active users recorded in August 2023.

The number of Roblox users peaked in January 2024. 223.17 million people used Roblox in that month.

Sources: activeplayer.io

How many downloads does Roblox have?

Roblox has been downloaded over 110.71 million times in the first half of 2024. Out of these, 54.86 million downloads came in Q2 2024 alone.

Roblox is becoming popular among young adults and even older individuals who enjoy playing and developing games. Roblox has a diverse global audience, with users from various countries and cultures.

Let us look at Roblox's demographics in detail as of 2024:

20.2 million Roblox daily active users are from Asia-Pacific as of Q2 2024. Meanwhile, 17.1 million daily active users are from the US and Canada, while 20.6 million are from Europe. Further, the daily active users in the rest of the world are 21.6 million.

Roblox daily active users recorded over the years display that the number of Roblox users has been highest in Europe over the past quarters, while the Asia-Pacific region has the second highest number of users.

Who Won the MCU Civil War and What Was It?

By Terrance Bass

Here we have the first question: what IS the MCU?

According to Wikipedia, The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is an American media franchise and shared universe centered on a series of superhero films produced by Marvel Studios.

So, MCU has a series of films. I am writing about “Captain America: Civil War.

First, we need a recap. So how did this all start?

Well, according to AI Overview The start of the Avengers Civil War in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) was when Secretary of State Thaddeus Ross introduced the Sokovia Accords to the Avengers. This caused the civil war where they fight for two hours and 27 minutes.

At the end Team Iron Man wins. But in Civil War 2, Team Cap wins, and Captain America sends Tony Stark an apology to end the civil war MCU.

But many people are asking what happened after that? Is the war over? Yes, the war is over, but people want a civil war 3 so we can see who ends it all. Just like Deadpool, the people wanted another movie, so MCU gave them Deadpool 2 and Deadpool 3 (Deadpool and Wolverine.) The civil war is finally over.



Do You Like Reptiles?

By Zara Chavez

Reptiles are a class of vertebrates made up mostly of snakes, turtles, lizards, and crocodilians. These animals are most easily recognized by their dry, scaly skin. Almost all reptiles are cold-blooded, and most lay eggs—though some, like the boa constrictor, which give birth to live young after retaining the fertilized eggs inside their bodies.



Like the leopard geckos all reptiles have scales and cold blooded. People say “do you know what a constrictor is? And you say well it is your lucky day because I am going to tell you what it is. A constrictor is something like a snake that can rap around you and just eat you. If you like snakes, I agree they are so cute. And pretty

Did you know that Komodo dragons are one of the largest lizards in the world? Did you know that some snakes eat other snakes? The bearded dragons name is because the scales stick out and it looks like a beard. Some iguanas swim in the water.

Storm Grove Middle School



The New Yorker Influences Society

By Sophia Galbraith



Founded on February 21, 1925, the *New Yorker*, delivered weekly across America, is known for its varied literature and humor.

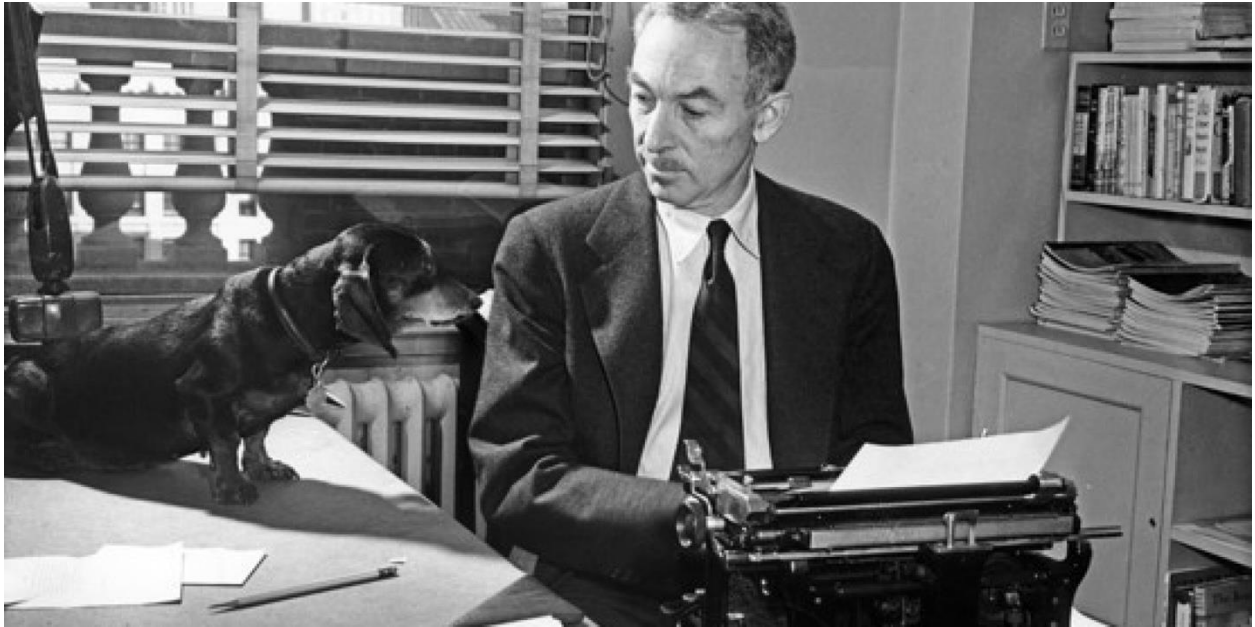
The *New Yorker* has had a great influence on society as well as shaping journalism standards, humor, and magazine biographies. It's influence through facts, and it's form of journalism has changed society.

Prominent writers have tackled complex cultural and political issues, shaping the public exchange of opinions and influencing the way people understand the world around them. There were many contributors to the *New Yorker*. Between 1946 and 1951, J.D. Salinger published seven stories and soon after in 1954 John Updike began to publish short stories and poems in the *New Yorker* until his death.

Noted for his joking short stories, S.J. Perelman was an American humorist and screen writer. Needing a book critic, Dorothy Parker was a big contributor as a *celebrated* author, reviewer, and poet.

E.B White was a contributing author and writer for the *New Yorker*. Katharine Sergeant Angell met E. B. White in 1926 at The *New Yorker* magazine. Katharine had joined the staff of the *New Yorker* as an editor in August of 1925. They married in 1929.

Roger Angell was Katharine's son, the stepson of E.B White.



E. B. White and his dachshund named Fred

White is celebrated for editing and updating The Elements of Style, a handbook of grammatical and stylistic guidance for writers of American English. In 2023 *Time* listed the *The Elements of Style* as *one of the 100 best and most influential non-fiction books* written in English.

Roger Angell, who wrote the forward to *The Elements of Style* was an American author and editor and became a fiction editor in the *New Yorker*. Roger Angell spent the duration of his life working for the magazine.

Harold Ross and his wife Jane Grant, the founders of the *New Yorker*, gave a great impact on today's society on writing and journalism. Ross died in 1951 and Jane Grant, was its editor-in-chief until her death in 1972.

Treasure Coast Elementary



The Tortured Poets Department (TTPD)

By Aaliyah Rivera



The Tortured Poets Department is the eleventh studio album by the American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift, released on April 19, 2024, through Republic Records. It was expanded into a double album two hours after its release, subtitled *The Anthology*, containing a second volume of songs. Swifties believe the *Midnights* singer referenced Matty Healy – whom she briefly dated after Joe Alwyn and was caught kissing at New York City’s Casa Cipriani in May 2023 – in the title track of her album.

“The tracks from TORTURED POETS DEPARTMENT are: ‘Fortnight (feat. Post Malone),’ ‘The Tortured Poets Department,’ ‘My Boy Only Breaks His Favorite Toys,’ ‘Down Bad,’ ‘So Long, London,’ ‘But Daddy I Love Him,’ ‘Fresh Out The Slammer,’ ‘Florida!!! (feat. Florence and the Machine)’.”

On *The Tortured Poets Department*, Taylor Swift sends fan a message about their obsession with her relationships. We’ve heard Taylor Swift sing about her romantic relationships and spin stories out of history. In her new album, *The Tortured Poets Department*, Swift explores another topic: fame.



Some critics have praised the album for its “unbridled emotion” and “moments of genuine humor.” Others say that Swift has reached a crossroads in her creative process, calling for a stricter edit.

Produced by Swift, Jack Antonoff, and Aaron Dessner, the album is a minimalist synth-pop, folk-pop, and chamber pop effort with rock and country stylings.

Five days after its release, *TTPD* became the first album in history to surpass one billion streams in a single week and is now the fastest album to hit the billion-stream milestone.

To no one’s surprise, Swift, 34, is credited on all 16 of the album’s tracks. She’s also the sole songwriter on two *TTPD* songs: “Who’s Afraid of Little Old Me?” and “My Boy Only Breaks His Favorite Toys.” Swift’s longtime collaborator, Jack Antonoff, is listed among the credits.

TTPD has much more power and comes closer to *Midnights* and *Reputation*. *Midnights* because of the synth style that grew more mature on *TTPD*, *Reputation* for the powerful vibes of her lyrics/message even though different genre. Synth pop is the right genre.



The longest song on the album is “But Daddy I Love Him,” which clocks in at 5 minutes and 40 seconds. “I Can Fix Him (No Really I Can)” is the shortest at 2 minutes and 36 seconds.

Between sales and streams, *The Tortured Poets Department* has a total of 4.66 million album equivalent units through the first half of the year.

Taylor Swift is “completely blown away” by *Tortured Poets* spending 12 weeks at no. 1 on the Billboard 200. “That’s never happened to an album of mine before, not even close!!” the pop superstar wrote.

Quoting Swift’s words, “One of which being fatalism – longing, pining away, lost dreams. It’s a very fatalistic album in that there are lots of very dramatic lines about life or death. ‘I love you, it’s ruining my life.’ These are very hyperbolic, dramatic things to say. It’s that kind of album.”

It is clear why *The Tortured Poets Department* has been Taylor Swift’s most successful album so far!

Source: oberlinreview.org, [Wikipedia.org](https://wikipedia.org)

Turtles

By Callie West

Different Types of Turtles

Hawksbill
Kemp's Ridley
Loggerhead
Olive Ridley
Leatherback

Sea turtles usually lay 100/125 eggs per nest multiple times about two weeks apart over several months.

As soon as the eggs hatch, roughly 2 months later, the hatchlings dig out of their nest. There are different types of turtles.

People litter the water and turtles died because they eat the plastic because they think that the plastic is jellyfish.

Fishers try not to catch turtles.



Source: fisheries.gov

Gimkit

By Eliot Baker

Gimkit is a game that helps your mind grow. Next, Gimkit was a middle school project. In 2017, Gimkit was actually called Gimlet. Updates are released yearly. Most games trigger emotions. The brain remembers fun things instead of boring things. If the game has school-related questions then most likely kids will like to play it more.



Source: wmsredhawknews.org

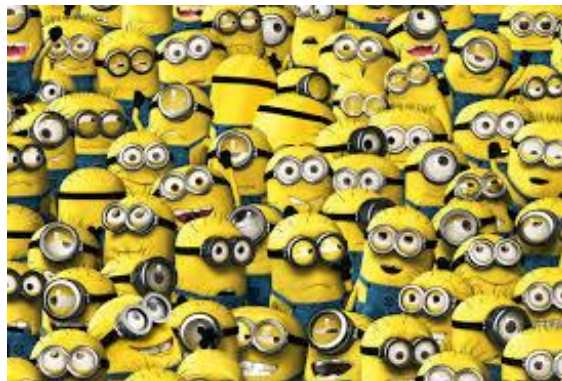
Minions

By Evelyn Rose Smith



A minion sitting in the sun.

Minions are famous for being the way they are. When minions were first being designed, the original idea for them was that they would be six feet tall. Minions are a species of tiny yellow henchmen. They're earnestly driven by the desire to serve an evil boss, though, they often mess up because they're selfish, easily distracted, and generally independent. They are 2 and 3 feet tall (though closer to 2 feet). They communicate using a gibberish language. Minions play so much! This is why they act like that.



This is the life of a minion.



Do you want to be a minion now?

Sources: vox.com, Cineworld.co.uk

All About Morgan Wallen

By Lylah Hume and Kendall Miller



Facts About Morgan Wallen

In 2014 Morgan Wallen boarded an airplane to LA to perform. He was doing a contest audition in the 6th season of The Voice.

Morgan Wallen's Full Name

Morgan Wallen's full name is Morgan Cole Wallen.

Morgan Wallen's Birth Date

His birth date is May 13, 1993. He is 31 years old.



Morgan Wallen's Birthplace

His birthplace is Sneedville, Tennessee.

Morgan Wallen's Kid

His kid's name is Indigo Wilder. Indigo had to go to the emergency room because their service dog bit him on the face. He got stitches and he was okay.



Morgan Wallen's Astrological Sign

His astrological sign is a Taurus.



Sources: biography.com, Wikipedia.org

Facts About Dogs

By Skye Garner

Dogs can be your friends.

Dogs can go outside.

They don't like baths.

They are fun to play with.

They love their owners.

They can be well-trained.

They can bark.

They love to go out with you.

They can go out.

They love treats.

Sometimes they can have anxiety.

They can do grooming.

Dogs can be well-trained by peeing in the toilet.



Source: akc.org

Vero Beach Elementary



Orcas

By Coral Wilson



Orcas' nickname is killer whale. Even though orcas are also known as killer whales, they are the largest member of the dolphin family (females are usually smaller than males.) Orcas have specific features you can use to identify them. Orcas even prey on other whale species more than twice their size.

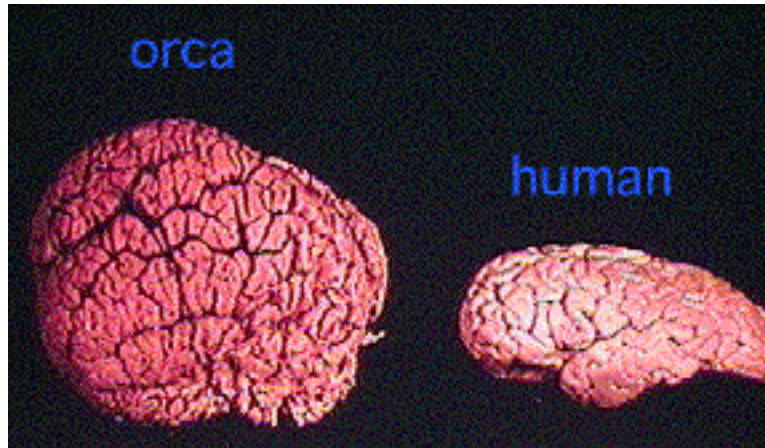
Killer Whales have large teeth on both their upper and lower jaw. The teeth are shaped like cones and interlock. They are 3 inches long and can be 4 inches long in adults. Unlike sharks, who go through 30,000 teeth in a lifetime, once a Killer Whale loses a tooth, they are not able to replace it.

The name "killer whale" comes from their original name "whale killers" given to them by sailors who saw them hunting other whales. The name orcas "aesina ballenas" or "whale killer" was eventually flipped around to "killer whale." The name "orca" comes from their Latin species name *Orcinus orca*, where *orcinus* translates to mean "kingdom of the dead."

Some orcas migrate long distances, for example, one was tracked travelling a non-stop roundtrip of almost 9,400 km! Orcas communicate through a range of clicks, whistles, pulsed calls, squeals, squeaks, and screams. Moving boats and underwater noise can disrupt orcas when they are feeding and affect their social interactions and echolocation. Fishing is a threat to orcas.

There are at least 10 different "ecotypes" around the world. Whilst they can and do eat prey such as finfish and marine mammals, New Zealand orcas have become specialized at hunting sharks and rays. The average life span of an orca is similar to a human, at 50-80 years for females and slightly less for males at 29-60 years.

Killer whales have no predators. Orcas, also known as killer whales, are among the most majestic and awe-inspiring creatures. Two predominant ecotypes of killer whales – Residents and Bigg's – show distinct preferences. Within orca pods, social dynamics are intriguingly structured around matrilineal lines. It means the women are in charge.



Sources: wwf.org, natgeokids.org, whalewatchingauckland.com, orcaspirt.com

Fun Facts About Red Foxes

By Elizabeth Brown

Basic Facts

Their common name is a red fox. Their scientific name is *vulpes vulpes*. It is a mammal and its diet is an omnivore. Its average lifespan in the wild is 2 to 4 years. Its average head and body size is 18 to 33.75 inches. Its average tail size is 12 to 21.75 inches. It weighs about 6.5 to 24 pounds.

Physical Facts

“Red foxes have long snouts and red fur across the face, back, sides, and tail.” Their belly, chin, and throat are a grayish white color. Red foxes have black-tipped ears that are pointy and large, and feet that are black. “One of the most noticeable characteristics of the red fox is the fluffy, white-tipped tail.” Red foxes are around 2 feet tall and 3 feet long.

“Red foxes are often confused with gray foxes, which share a similar habitat and range. This can make identification difficult, because some red foxes can have large patches of gray fur and gray foxes have patches of red fur.” Gray foxes are usually smaller and have a shorter muzzle and they also have a rounder face. The best way to tell the difference is if you look at the color at the tip of the tail. Red foxes have white-tipped tails and gray foxes have black-tipped tails.

“Although they are very similar in name and appearance, the gray fox and the red fox are only distant cousins, belonging to different genera in the family Canidae.”

Traits

“The red fox is abundant, widely distributed over the United States. Relatively speaking, foxes can often be seen in national parks where they live.”

“Color phases other than red occur, sometimes even in the same litters.” Even though the common color is red, red foxes can be silver, black, or a cross between silver and red called a “cross fox.” An outstanding white-tipped tail is a different feature of the phases of color.

Red foxes hunt by seeing, hearing, and smelling. They have amazing eyesight, a great sense of smell, and acute hearing. “Sometimes they wait patiently for the sound of a mouse moving along its path in grass or snow and then pounce; at other times, hearing movement underground, they dig quickly and locate the prey by its scent.”

Sources: nwf.org, nps.gov, kids.nationalgeographic.com

Different Foxes

By Josie Smithson

Arctic Foxes

Arctic foxes live on the land and sea ice within the Arctic Circle." Winter in the Arctic is unlike winter in most parts of the world. "From October to February, the sun never rises to shine warmth and light." Arctic foxes love the cold. They shed their fur and turn black. "Their thick fur coat keeps the fox's body at a toasty 104°F." They use their fur as a blanket to stay warm.



Red Foxes

Red foxes are the most common foxes. In my opinion they are cute. They have a red and white tail. Red foxes are commonly confused with gray foxes because they are similar. "Red foxes prefer rodents and rabbits, but they also eat birds, amphibians, and fruit." Red foxes sleep 8-9 hours.



Black Foxes

Black foxes are very rare. Black foxes are a form of red foxes. “Black Foxes UK was founded in 2015 by Hayley de Ronde and consists of a small group of animal keepers.”



Gray Foxes

The gray fox is found throughout Florida, though it is much more abundant in the northern part of the state. Normally found in wooded areas, it prefers to live in more dense, inaccessible cover.



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Coyote Facts

By Lillith Camunas

“Coyotes, (*Canis latrans*) are a New World member of the dog family (*Canidae*) that is smaller and more lightly built than the wolf (*Canis lupus*).” The coyote’s name is designated from the Aztec “coyote” which is found from Alaska southward going into America but mostly in the great plains. Truthfully, the eastern border is the range of the Appalachians.

From what I already know about coyotes, they are part of the wolf/dog family, but I heard that some people say they are also part of the fox or cat family. And so far, this information is correct.

Some people get confused with the difference between coyotes and wolves but, this may surprise you, there is a huge difference. One of the differences is the appearance. Coyotes have bushier tails with a black tip that usually hangs downward. Coyotes are a bit smaller than wolves and have narrower and pointier snouts, smaller paws, and occasionally larger, and more pointed ears than the ones of a wolf. Coyotes are medium in size. Their coat colors can be a mixture of tan, black, and gray, and can be mixed from black to strawberry blond. The usual Eastern adult coyote weighs around 30 to 35 pounds, with males being heavier than females.

Coyotes are very social animals; they don’t form packs but rather live in family groups. They will usually travel and hunt alone but might join in loose pairs to take down prey. Coyotes have been known to even hunt cooperatively with other species! Coyotes are extremely adaptable and live in a wide range of habitats including forests, grasslands, deserts, swamps, and a few other habitats. They are usually excluded from locations with wolves and don’t live in the same habitat as wolves. Coyotes, because of their tolerance for human actions, also occur in suburban, agricultural, and urban setting.



Check out these awesome sources for more information!

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Fun Facts About Dolphins and Orcas

By Tyler Sanders



Fun Facts About Dolphins

“There are nearly 36 species of marine dolphins living in nearly all aquatic environments.”
There are four unique kinds of dolphins living in the Amazon River.

When they are hunting, dolphins blow bubbles to herd their prey to the surface. Sometimes, they use their tail to hit fish and stun them. This is called fish-whacking.



Fun Facts About Orcas

Orcas are the biggest member of the dolphin family. “In January 2019, an experienced group of killer whale biologists launched an expedition from the southern tip of Chile into some of the roughest waters in the world, searching for what could be a new species of killer whale.”



Dolphins vs. Orcas

Who would win in a fight: dolphins or orcas???? It depends on the dolphin species, but most likely a killer whale. Bottlenose dolphins are not fighters, and usually outsmart their predators. However, killer whales are equally as smart. Along with their strength, they would probably defeat the pod.



More Facts About Dolphins

Bottlenose dolphins are often killed accidentally in gillnets, driftnets, purse seines, trawls, long-lines and on hook-and-line gear used in fisheries. In UK waters, bottlenose dolphins are one of the species most threatened by catch. WWF and its partners are working with fisheries across the world to test and encourage use of sustainable fishing gear. One solution is attaching

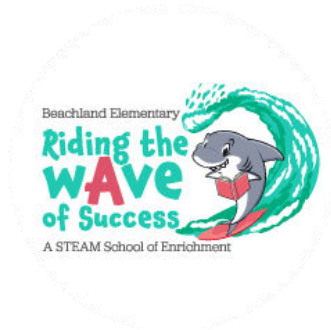
acoustic alarms, or 'pingers' to fishing nets alerts cetaceans to the presence of fishing gear helping them avoid it.

Bottlenose dolphins are one of the few species, along with apes and humans, that have the ability to recognize themselves in a mirror. This is considered 'reflective' of their intelligence. Dolphins are also among the few animals that have been documented using tools. In Shark Bay in Western Australia, dolphins fit marine sponges over their beaks to protect them from sharp, harmful rocks as they forage for fish.

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