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

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**We are young journalists.
While having fun, we learn, without knowing it.**

Here are some of our comments about the program from a survey we completed in April 2024.

"It was in the book I was learning about ellipsis [...] and I was the only one who knew what it was called."

"Journalism has helped me so much."

"I like that I can pronounce words."

"Helped me with public speaking and now I'm more comfortable with strangers."

"I am so glad I signed up for this program."

"I will miss it because I had so many good times and wrote good articles."

"I think journalism is a life changing experience."

"I like writing stories."

"I will use my skills learned wisely."

"I really enjoyed reading and writing about things I like."

"Journalism is fun and very enjoyable to me."

"I am interested in the Supreme Court and their new ruling."

And then here is what two of our parents had to say...

"Our son has observably made great strides in reading, writing and his personal life thanks to the young journalist program. He reads faster while still being able to comprehend and retain what he is reading. His teachers have complemented his reading comprehension, writing, diction, and his ability to grasp new subjects quickly. The program has a strong emphasis on helping children expand their minds, and step into different levels of comfort. We are very happy with the impact the program has had on our child."

"I would also like to add that I think this is a wonderful program for these kids to have to learn about things outside of school, mainstream subjects, and their local hometown. We've seen a massive improvement in our daughter's reading and writing skills this year, she's also taken more of an interest in books, different types of literature and even world events and paying attention to the news."



Sincerely,

The Young Journalists

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Steinfans

By Amelia McClellan



Hailee Steinfeld is an American actress and recording pop artist. Her fans call themselves Steinfans. Hailee was born on December 11, 1996, in Tarzana, California. She was raised in Thousand Oaks, California.

When Hailee was young, she acted in some short films. She played the role of Talia Alden in *She's a Fox* (2009), which received several awards. Her first feature film was *True Grit* (2010). In that film she had a major role. She got a lot of attention for her performance in that movie, and she was nominated for the 'Best Supporting Actress' Academy Award.

After a short break, she appeared in several more films. In 2016, she starred in *The Edge of Seventeen*, and she received a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actress in a Motion Picture - Comedy or Musical. Hailee says she is very interested to be on the other side of camera and at some point, would like to produce and direct.

She began a singing career in 2015 and received a recording contract after she acted and sang in the movie *Pitch Perfect*.

In conclusion, at a young age she has had a successful career. Watch her movies, listen to her songs, and you'll see that she deserves her success.

Source: www.imdb.com



Best Place to Eat, Mate!

By Azya Scott



What do you get when you cut an onion? Then bread it and deep-fry it to golden goodness? The best start to a steakhouse meal. What am I talking about? The Bloomin' Onion!

Where can you find a Bloomin' Onion? Outback Steakhouse! Outback is an American chain of Australian themed restaurants. They now have over 1,000 locations in 23 countries in North America, South America, Asia and Australia.

Outback Steakhouse was started in 1988 by Chris Sullivan, Robert Basham, Tim Gannon, and Trudy Cooper in Tampa, FL. They needed a theme and decided to make it Australian, even though they had never been there. The name Outback was chosen to reflect the idea of the backyard of a house.

The Bloomin' Onion is one of the most ordered items on the menu! It's a 1 pound onion cut to "bloom" open. It's breaded, deep-fried and served with a mayonnaise-horseradish sauce. Outback uses 14 million pounds of super-colossal onions every year! Outback is also known for their tasty grilled steaks! What are you waiting for? Go eat there, mate!



Sources: wikipedia.com, outback.com, encyclopedia.com



He Will Hammer You!

By Chloe Brook Baxter



The Scalloped Hammerhead is a species of Hammerhead Sharks. It is the most common Hammerhead Shark. Like all other Hammerheads, the Scalloped Hammerhead has a "hammer" shaped head. Its eyes are found on the end of the hammer, which gives them 360 degree vision! They use their head as a hammer to pin down their prey. They can grow up to 14 feet long and weigh 350 pounds.

During the day, they swim close to shore. At night, they hunt in deeper water. Adults swim alone or in pairs or small groups. The young ones swim in large groups. They have been seen in groups of 100 or more.

The Scalloped Hammerheads diet: stingrays, bony fishes, crabs, squid, lobsters, and other marine life.

They are found in warm and tropical coastal waters all around the world.



Scalloped Hammerheads will not harm humans. Their small mouths are better for eating fish.

Scalloped Hammerheads are listed as Critically Endangered. Commercial fishermen catch them for their oil, meat, skin and fins.

They can be seen near the Florida Gulf and Atlantic coasts, so be on the lookout for them!

Sources: montereybayaquarium.org, gifts.worldwildlife.org

Was She Really Crazy?

By Elli McClellan

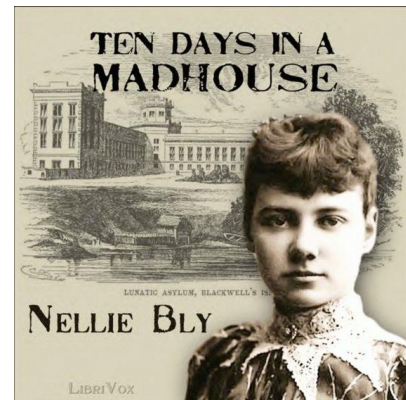


Nellie Bly also known as Elizabeth Coachren was a pioneer as an Investigative Journalist. She was a smart girl who enjoyed playing with her older brothers. She wore a lot of pink dresses, which gave her the nickname "Pinky." When she was six years old her father died, and that made them poor. She worked small jobs to try and help the family. She wanted to teach but had to drop out of school because she ran out of money.

When Elizabeth Coachren was 16, she read an article in the Pittsburgh newspaper that showed women as weak and worthless. It made her so angry that she wrote a mean letter to the editor of the paper. The editor was so impressed with her writing that he offered her a job! She took the job and began writing articles for the paper but used the name "Nellie Bly."

In 1887, she moved to New York City and got a job with the *New York World*. She went undercover at a women's insane asylum to report on the conditions. Once she was inside, she was on her own for 10 days.

To be a patient in the asylum, she had to pretend to be insane. She checked into a boardinghouse and began acting crazy. When doctors examined her, she claimed to have amnesia and they decided she was insane, so they sent her to the asylum, and that was exactly where she wanted to be.



Once she was released from the asylum she wrote about her experiences. She became famous for her bravery and reporting. She also helped to show the true conditions of the bad treatment of the asylum patients. She went on to write more investigative articles about the unfair treatment of women.

She married Robert Seaman in 1895. When Robert died she took over his business. Later, she went back to reporting. She was the first woman to cover the Eastern Front during World War I.

Did you know?

- The name "Nellie Bly" comes from a song called "Nelly Bly" by Stephen Foster.
- Before entering the insane asylum, Nellie spent six months in Mexico writing about the Mexican people. She upset the government with one of her articles and had to leave the country.
- She received patents for several inventions including a stacking garbage can and an innovative milk can.

Nellie Bly died from pneumonia on January 22, 1922 in New York City. She continued to fight for the rights of women throughout her life. She was an example of a great activist.

Sources: newyorker.com, biography.com, womenshistory.org

Coffee and Green Aprons!

By Makayla Corbett



Vanilla Frappuccino, Pumpkin Spice Latte, Caffé Mocha, Caramel Brulée Latte, Caramel Macchiato and Blonde Roast...what do they all have in common? They are the top drinks for coffee lovers at Starbucks!

Starbucks was invented in 1971 in Seattle. They sold whole bean coffee, tea and spices.

Ten years later Howard Schultz came in and had his first cup of coffee and he loved it. He joined Starbucks and was the one that made it into a coffeehouse. On a trip to Italy, Howard went to a lot of coffeehouses. When he returned to Seattle he made Starbucks like the Italian coffee houses he visited.

It was a success! Starbucks grew to Chicago and Vancouver, Canada and then on to California, Washington, D.C. and New York. In 1987 Schultz changed the apron color from brown to green.

By 1996, Starbucks opened their first store in Japan. Then they opened stores in Europe and China.

Over the next twenty years, millions of customers came to their coffee shops each week. Starbucks says that they are not in the coffee business, but in the business of serving people.



As of 2023, there are 38,038 stores all over the world. Most of these stores are in the United States. Starbucks sells many kinds of drinks. There are 5 sizes: short, tall, grande, venti and trenta. There are many ways to customize each drink.

Fun Facts:

- There are over 87,000 possible drink combinations.
- The coffee chain has a secret menu.
- Starbucks recently released a drink inspired by TikTok.
- Starbucks owns a record label.
- Starbucks Pumpkin Spiced Latte was invented by a Stanford graduate.
- Starbucks got its name from *Moby Dick*.
- Coffee masters wear black aprons.
- The average customer goes to Starbucks 6 times a month.
- Starbucks has over 32,000 stores in 80 countries.

You should go to Starbucks because they have friendly staff, good Wi-Fi, large windows with natural light, open spaces, comfortable seating, and the best tasty drinks in the world!

Sources: [starbucks.com](https://www.starbucks.com), kids.kiddle.co



SUGAR RUSH!

By Olive Miller-Maling

Do you like lollipops? Do you like Skittles? Do you like Starbursts or Laffey Taffy? Do you like cookies? Do you like soda? Do you like ice cream? Do you like brownies? Do you like cake? Do you like donuts? What do all of these have in common? SUGAR!



They are all horrible for you; I suggest only having little bits at a time. Large amounts of sugar is not good for you! Sugar has many effects on our bodies like, type two diabetes, putting you at risk for high blood pressure, mood swings, a temporary decrease in our immune system, or even elevated cholesterol levels. You should be worried about the effects of sugar on your body. Too much sugar can lead to people being severely overweight, hyperactivity in children, hypertension in adults, poor heart health, and tooth decay.

Sugar was first introduced in the West as a spice not a sweetener! Sugar can be made by either sugarcane or sugarbeet. Cane sugar is better for you than beet sugar. Sugar has been around for over 10,000 years. Sugar is also a preservative. Sugar is one of the top five foods that people buy and consume. In ancient Greece and Rome sugar was regarded as a medicine.



Sugar comes in multiple varieties! A few of them are granulated sugar, confectioners' sugar, cane sugar, sanding sugar, and pearl sugar. Our bodies need glucose. Glucose is a type of sugar that our bodies make. Our bodies convert carbohydrates into glucose. Glucose is fuel for the brain and the body. Too much sugar makes too much glucose, which is harmful to our bodies.

In conclusion, sugar has many effects. I cannot come up with one reason why to have lots of sugar. So, would you want to go out there and eat sugar even more or even less? Sugar does nothing good to your body so why have lots of sugar when you can have little bits at a time? Do you want to have health issues? If not, why don't you just eat less sugar, it is better for you. So go out there and help your body be its best self by eating less sugar! Show how you can be healthy!

Sources: henryford.com, agiboo.com, kids.brittanica.com, thekitchen.com

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Donald Trump

By Anthony Ramos



Donald John Trump was the 45th president of America. He was born on June 14, 1946, and lives in Palm Beach, Florida.

Donald Trump has five children.



His wife's name is Melania Trump. Donald Trump is in court because he abused a girl named E. Jean Carroll and must give her \$400 million because he lost the case. He did not want to pay that, so they added a higher and higher price.

He's also a media personality and businessperson. Trump owns 250 businesses. According to Wikipedia, he is worth at least 5.1 billion dollars.

The Rising Mexican Artist, Peso Pluma

By Anthony Ramos



Peso Pluma is a famous singer.

Peso Pluma's real name is Hassan Emillio Kabanda Laija. He was born on June 15, 1999, in Zapopan, Mexico and is 24 years old. He is worth about 10 million dollars.

He made the song AMG. Peso Pluma's famous song is Ella Baila Sola. Peso Pluma is a fan of Drake, a Canadian rapper, singer and actor. Peso Pluma was the first regional Mexican artist to perform at a late-night American show.

Peso Plumas' favorite color is purple, and his favorite soccer club is called the Atlas. He wanted to be a soccer player, but he became a singer.

Peso Pluma is on tour, so he is not living in his house. He has eight musical trophies.

All About the Anime, One Piece

By Braiyan Escobedo



One Piece is a Japanese anime show made in 1999, and it is still ongoing. The creator who made it is named Eiichiro Oda. The main character in One Piece is Monkey D Luffy, and his dream is to find the “one piece.” The “one piece” is a treasure that Luffy needs so that he can achieve his goal of becoming Pirate King.

Luffy is made of rubber because he ate Gum-Gum Fruit. The Gum-Gum Fruit is a devil fruit, and there are 207. Devil Fruit gives people superhuman powers.

There are so many episodes. There are 1089 episodes and 20 seasons in One Piece. The show was inspired by another Japanese anime called Dragon Ball Z.

I like One Piece because it is so interesting and funny. My favorite character is Tony Chopper because he is funny, and he is a doctor.

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How Many Devil Fruits Are There in 'One Piece'? We Got This Covered<https://wegotthiscovered.com/anime/how-many-devil...>

Gorilla Tag

By Braiyan Escobedo



Gorilla Tag is a virtual reality game that is competitive and a skill game. There are cosmetics.

There are several types of maps. The most played map is Forest because it was the first map that came out. The other maps are Cave, Canyons, Mountains, and Clouds. People might be kind and teach you how to play. The creator who made Gorilla Tag is named Lemming. Lemming used to be a champion for the VR game, Echo. Gorilla Tag can be available only on Quest 2, Quest 3, and on Steam.

According to a Reddit discussion, if you haven't played or seen it, it's free on both the Oculus Quest store and on Steam.

You're a gorilla who moves by hitting the ground to propel yourself in the opposite direction. If you're a "lava monkey," you need to tag the opponent. If you're not, run from the lava monkeys! Once all 10 gorillas are tagged, everyone turns back to normal except one lava monkey and the round begins again.

I've been playing the game for about two weeks and it's an absolute blast. Games to me are most fun when the movement within them is fun. This is historically difficult to pull off in VR, but Gorilla Tag takes VR and makes it some of the best-feeling movement in any game I've played. It's easy to learn but difficult to master due to its simplicity.



There are types of game modes. The first is Infection. The others are Paint Ball, Hunt, and Casual. If you are a beginner, the common skills are pinch climbing, wall bouncing, and others.



The first free cosmetic was in a Halloween update in 2020. The free cosmetic was the paper bag.

There are games in Gorilla Tag called minigames. The types of minigames are Monkey on the Shelf, Sharks and Menos, Ghost and the Graveyard, Color Rush, Mall Rush, Hide and Seek Cops and Robbers, and Crates.

There is a new plushie that was made by Gorilla Tag, and You can buy it. It comes with cosmetics like a top hat and a party hat, and a moderator stick.



Facts about Hamsters

By Daniela Godinez



You people probably want to know why I wanted to write about hamsters.

It is because I adore them. They eat apples, bananas, strawberries, and carrots. Guinea pigs and hamsters are like cousins. There are around 20 types of Hamsters. Their teeth never stop growing.

Hamsters usually care for their teeth by chewing on hard items, like paper towel tubes or wooden treats. Dog biscuits are also a great treat. They are nocturnal, which means they are awake at night and sleep during the day. Some hamsters hibernate, which means they sleep for a very long time. They like to hoard and store away food. They can get viruses very easily. Lastly, Hamsters are banned in Hawaii.

Source: <https://www.treehugger.com/surprising-facts-about-hamsters-4864087>

The Kelce Brothers

By Danika Robles



Did you know that Travis and Jason play for different teams?

Travis plays for the Kansas City Chiefs and Jason plays for the Philadelphia eagles. Travis is 34 years old, and Jason is 36 years old. They went head to head in 2013. The super bowl is the annual championship for football. They also live in Ohio and Travis plays soccer and basketball.

Travis Kelce was injured for 18 weeks (about 4 months) and Travis Kelce and Patrick Mahomes are opening a steakhouse in Kansas City. Travis Kelce is 6'5" and born on October 5 in 1989.

He was born in Ohio U.S. He makes \$11,250,000 dollars. The Kansas City team is worth 40 million dollars. Travis' middle name is Michael and Jason's middle name is Daniel. Their parents were divorced over 10 years ago and Jason has three kids and Travis Kelce is dating Taylor swift.

Stanley Cups

By Esperanza Vargas



Stanley's are reusable water bottles. They were made in 1913 by William Stanley Jr. made popular in 2014. You can put hot and cold and even iced beverages. They are made in Canada. The 40-ounce Stanley Cup can sell for \$45.

Stanley's popularity turned into an enormous fortune, going from a reported \$73 million in revenue in 2019 to \$750 million in 2023.

When Americans refer to a Stanley, what they mean is a fancy, reusable water bottle from the Stanley brand. The 111-year-old company provided sturdy, insulated beverage containers for WWII pilots and blue-collar American men. Back in 1913, Stanley was on a mission to keep his coffee hot all day while he was working. The Yeti cup would lose heat more quickly than the Stanley.

Stanley cups can be very expensive, from \$35 to \$70. They are durable and last a long time. The hype around these tumblers has been fueled by social media like TikTok and popular stores like Target.

The Picnic that didn't Go Wrong!

STANLEY SUPER VAC

At the week-end picnic, when little Jane bumped the fine new Vacuum Bottle off the table, it hit a rock—bang! But it didn't worry Mother; she knew it was a STANLEY Super Vac—the all-steel, unbreakable vacuum bottle. That's why Daddy bought it; he insisted on the only bottle—

That Cannot Break!

A recently developed process has made possible an improved, efficient, all-steel bottle which permits an absolute triple guarantee: that it will maintain temperature, that it will not break, that it will not leak. The first cost is the last cost and the expense and annoyance of buying new parts are eliminated.

["Out-of-Door-Cookery" containing valuable recipes for camp-cooking and picnic lunches sent FREE upon request. Write Dept. D 1.]

Stanley Insulating Company Great Barrington, Mass.

It cannot break !

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What is Laneige?

By Jocelyn Martinez



Laneige is a Korean cosmetics brand that has skincare and make-up, founded by Amorepacific Corporation in 1994.

Laneige became viral because of its viral lip mask. The lip mask works very well in my opinion because it makes your lips get soft and many other influencers agree with me.

Laneige also has skincare, and a viral product is the water bank moisturizer. Vogue has reported about their lip mask, and they say it is a must have and more than one person has stated how amazing it is.

Laneige is exceedingly popular among the "preppy" teenagers and Sephora kids. Sephora kids are kids who use expensive and excessive makeup and skincare. These Sephora kids go in and destroy and make a mess with testers. They also use stuff like retinol which is for more mature

adults. This type of behavior by kids is also done at another makeup and skincare store called Ulta beauty.

If you do not want to run into these kids, I recommend ordering products online or on Amazon.

Laneige also has a cushion foundation that has been immensely popular. But not as popular as the Laneige lip glow balm at the price of \$18 US dollars. Laneige will continue to grow as a luxury brand in the future.



Essentially, Cushion foundation is a liquid formula housed in a sponge-like cushion in a compact.

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K-Beauty Blossom

Golden Freddy

By Julius Gomez

I am going to write about the story of Golden Freddy from the video game series, Five Nights at Freddy's.



Evan Afton was the son of William Afton and Melissa Afton, brother of Michael Afton and Elizabeth Afton. He was the victim of the Bite of 83 incident. During Evan's birthday, Michael, his older brother, and he and his friends decided to stuff his head into the animatronics mouth causing the Bite of 1983.

After that William Afton, Evan's father, started to murder children in a Spring Bonnie suit and then stuffed them in the animatronics, making the children possess the animatronics. Then the missing children came back for revenge making William Afton go in the Spring Bonnie suit again. He activated the spring lock failure system, which killed William Afton.

When Evan, also known as the Crying Child, was in the hospital, he was in a purgatory-like state where he was trapped in a cycle of "nightmares". The Crying Child was forced to try and beat

the Nightmares. If not, he had to repeat or relive the night. After beating all 7 nights and surviving all the Nightmares, his soul winded up back in the suit where he died. He was now trapped in Golden Freddy.

Golden Freddy is also possessed by a female spirit, Cassidy. But Golden Freddy is also Fredbear, a male animatronic. Kind of like how Springtrap is William Afton, but the Spring Bonnie animatronic could possibly be female because of FNAF world.

Cassidy, one of William Afton's victims, hates Afton and seeks to torment him as revenge for all eternity.

In Five Nights at Freddy's 1, Golden Freddy is in a slouched position. He doesn't seem to have an endoskeleton making him unable to move. He also has a black top hat, button, and microphone.

My favorite thing about golden Freddy is that he can teleport and manipulate people's minds.

Bonnie the Bunny

By Raul Perez



Five Nights at Freddy's, also known as, FNAF is a game where there are killer animatronics named Bonnie, Freddy, Foxy, and Chica. The goal of the game is to survive from 12 AM to 6 AM.

Bonnie the Bunny from the indie video game Five Nights at Freddy's is a blue rabbit animatronic who is possessed by the ghost of a murdered child named Jeremy, who is also one of The Missing Children.

Five Nights at Freddy's creator Scott Cawthon "ends fan debate about Bonnie's color, confirming that the character is blue, not purple." The confusion about Bonnie's color came from merchandise that showed Bonnie to be purple. So, Bonnie the Bunny is blue, not purple. People also think he is purple because he looks purple in the dark but in the light, he is blue.

Since the reveal of the final screen of the Lore Keeper ending in Freddy Faz Bear's Pizza Simulator, the child possessing Bonnie is named Jeremy. This is based on the position of Bonnie's head in the Good Ending of FNaF 3.

His older form known as Withered Bonnie, has a damaged appearance, which is due to an attempted reconstruction of the older animatronics that took place before they got scrapped for the newer models, such as Toy Bonnie. Withered Bonnie is a dirty blue, with a lighter blue on his ears and torso. His face is missing, leaving a dark gap with wires dangling all over. His endoskeleton face and red/white pupils are scarcely visible. He has round, thin teeth on his bottom jaw.

The reason Bonnie's eyes turn white and red is because if it detects a threat, its eyes turn red as a warning to the day workers and children. Some evidence of this is that in the hallway, where he sees you, his eyes turn red but, in the cameras, where he can't see you, his eyes turn white.

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Red Foxes

By Raul Perez



The red fox can be found in northern North America. They live in Alaska and eat plants and animals.

Red foxes “hunt and eat small rodents, squirrels, woodchucks, rabbits, birds and eggs, amphibians, and reptiles.” They use their sharp teeth to tear through meat. Foxes also eat vegetables, fruits, nuts, and insects. They also eat garbage; that's gross.

Red foxes have really good hearing and can hear rodents digging miles underground. They also have a great sense of eyesight and smell. Their fur allows them to blend in or camouflage really well.

They have more than 20 different calls and for some reason make weird noises at night. They also walk around at night and sleep during the day.

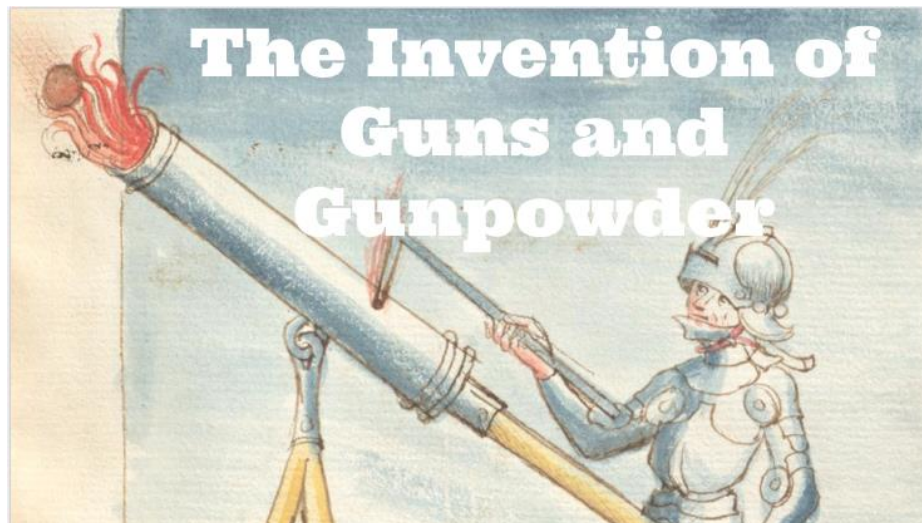
A group of foxes is called a skulk or a leash. Baby red foxes are called kits and stay with their parents for about seven months.

Gifford Youth Achievement Center



Why Do Guns Exist?

By Kyndall Duhart



Guns exist for a variety of reasons. According to a PEW poll, 67 percent of gun owners said protection is a major reason they own a gun; 38% cited hunting, 30% listed sport shooting, 13% listed gun collecting and seven percent for their job as major reasons. Nearly half of U.S. adults who do not currently own a gun say they could see themselves owning one in the future.

This data was from a Pew Research Center survey, conducted June 5-11 among 5,115 members of the Center's nationally representative American Trends Panel. The ATP is Pew Research Center's nationally representative online survey panel. The panel is composed of more than 10,000 adults selected at random from across the entire U.S.

The Firearm debate has become just as much a part of American culture as apple pie and baseball. These reasons are complex and multifaceted, reflecting a combination of constitutional and historical significance.

Reasons why firearms are important to the American Family:

Protection. As indicated above, this will mostly rank near the top, if not the top of every gun owner list as to why they own a gun.

Peace of mind closely related to number 1, but different.

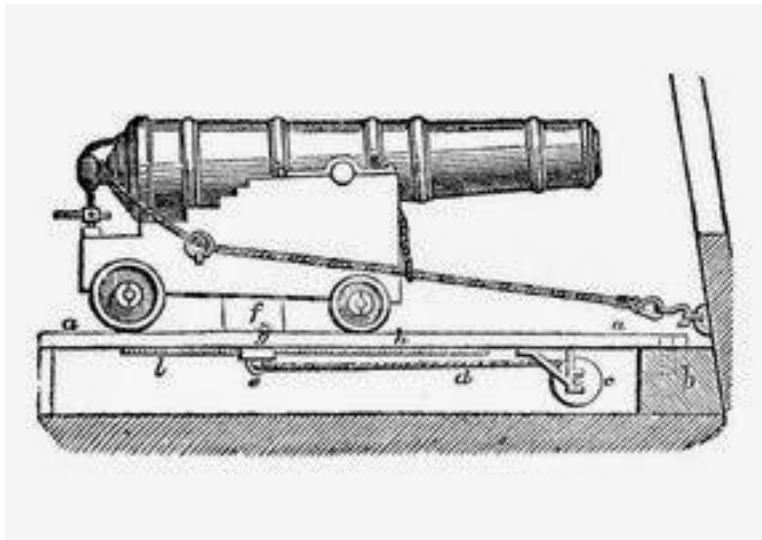
Hobby. Not everything related to guns deals with shooting bad guys or robbing a bank.

Invention Of Gunpowder



Flintlock, the first gun

Firearms were invented with the invention of gunpowder, which was most likely invented in China more than 1,000 years ago. The first gun and gunpowder are widely thought to come from China during the 10th and 9th century, respectively. Firearms appeared in the middle east between the late thirteenth century and early fourteenth century.



The first cannon in history

Ahmad Y. al-Hassan claims that the battle of Ain Jalut in 1260 saw the Mameluks use against the Mongolos “the first cannon in history” with gunpowder formula which are almost identical with the ideal composition for explosive gunpowder.

According to Wikipedia, The Battle of Ain Jalut was fought between the Bahri Mamluks of Egypt and the Mongol Empire on 3 September 1260.

Ahmad Yousef. al-Hassan (June 25, 1925 – April 28, 2012) was a Palestinian/Syrian/Canadian historian of Arabic and Islamic science and technology, educated in Jerusalem, Cairo, and London with a PhD in Mechanical engineering from University College London was its first director.

Mamluk or Mamaluk translated as "one who is owned," meaning "slave") were non-Arab, ethnically diverse (mostly Turkic, Caucasian, Eastern and Southeastern European) enslaved mercenaries, slave-soldiers, and freed slaves who were assigned high-ranking military and administrative duties, serving the ruling Arab and Ottoman dynasties in the Muslim world.



Mongolos versus Namelukes / The battle of Ain Jalut 1260

Source: Wikipedia.com

Alexander Hamilton

By Mahalia W.



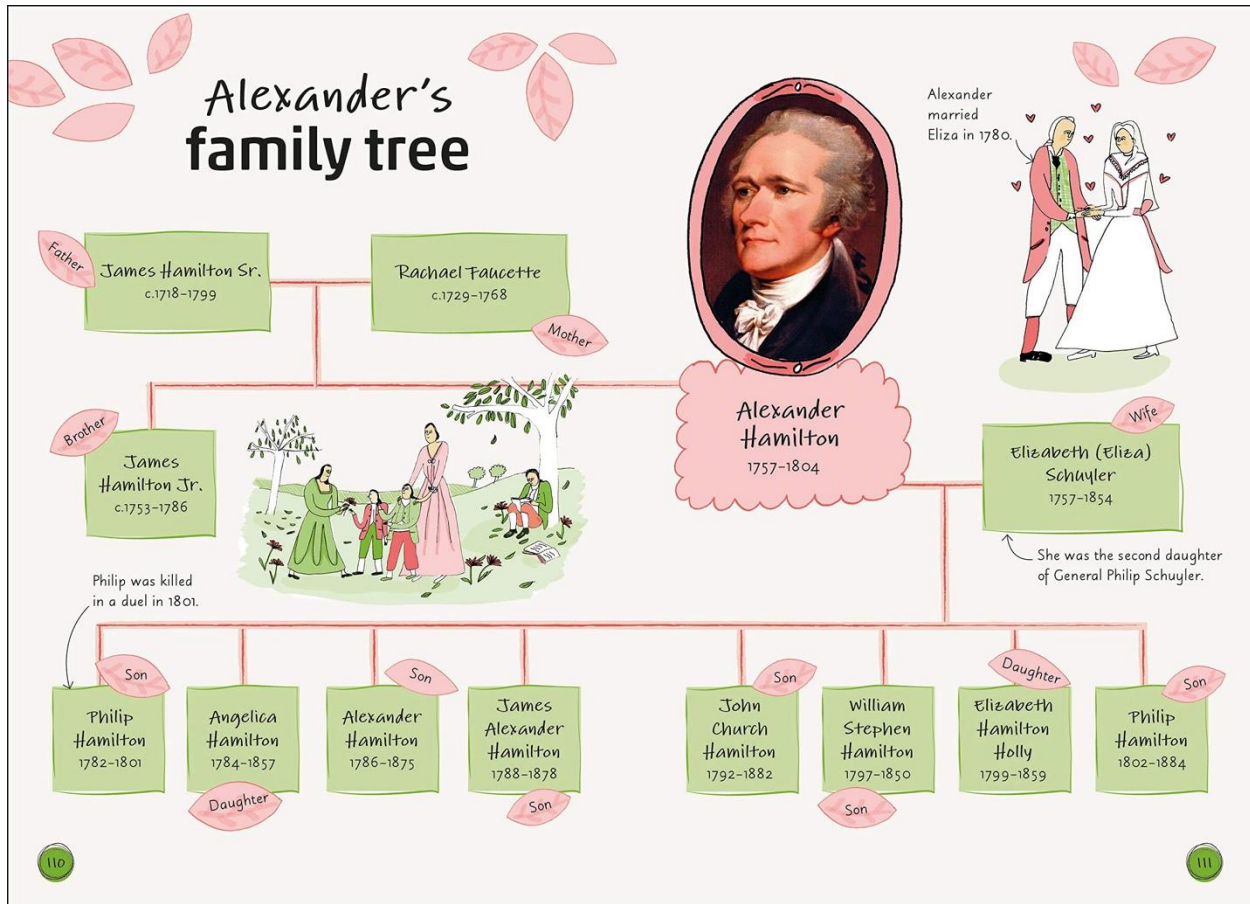
ALEX'S BIRTHDAY (YAY)

Alexander Hamilton was born on JULY 17, 175. He was born in a “forgotten” place of the Charlestown, Colony of Nevis, British Leeward Islands.



Alexander Hamilton House, Charlestown.

ALEX'S FAMILY



What I did find out is that his parents DIED. Their names were, James Hamilton and his mother Rachel Fawcett Lavine. (Since his parents had died, he and his brother James, Jr. were briefly taken in by their cousin Peter Lytton. However, Lytton took his own life in July 1769.

While Alexander Hamilton, was born into obscurity in the West Indies, he made his reputation during the Revolutionary War and became one of America's most influential Founding Fathers. He was an impassioned champion of a strong federal government, and played a key role in ratifying the U.S. Constitution. As the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Hamilton built a financial foundation for the new nation against fierce opposition from archrival Thomas Jefferson. The differences between the two men would help shape the nation's first political parties.

From: [Alexander Hamilton: Facts, Birth, Children & Death | HISTORY](#)
Biography from: History.com

Alexander's school

Later, in 1773 friends sent him to a preparatory school in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and in the autumn of 1773 he entered King's College (later Columbia) in New York. Intensely ambitious, he became a serious and successful student, but his studies were interrupted by the brewing revolt against Great Britain. He publicly defended the Boston Tea Party, (in which Boston colonists destroyed several tea cargoes in defiance of the tea tax).

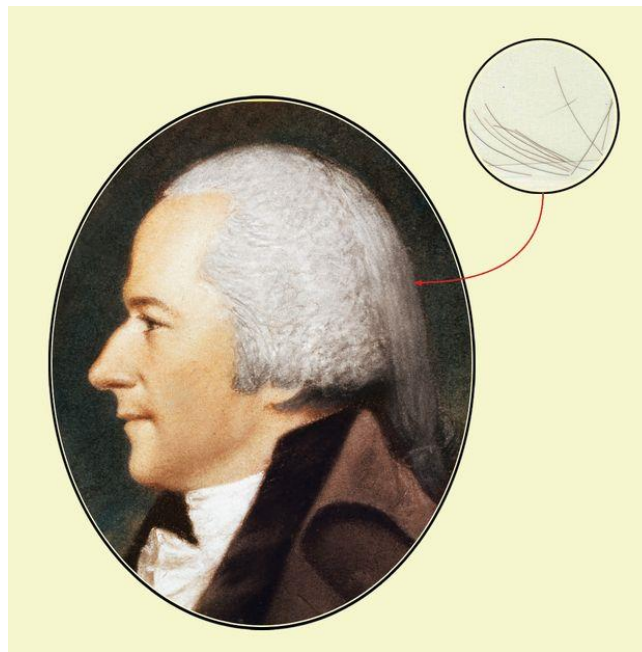
Alex's family (part 2)

(1780) Eventually, Alexander married one of the three Schuyler sisters, Eliza (or Elizabeth). They had MANY children (8 children to be exact, yet he somehow found time to raise them) some of them left their home to pursue their dreams, and the rest...eventually died.

SECRET FACT (SHHH.....)

Hamilton's son (Philip) was killed on November 23, 1801, in a gun duel by George Eaker, a New York Lawyer, attempting to defend his father's honor. Many people believe that this was why Alexander Hamilton avoided shooting directly at Aaron Burr in their gun duel three years later.

Another secret fact is that most people in this time wore wigs to cover baldness. George Washington and Alexander Hamilton, however, did not wear a wig but powdered their hair giving it a white color like we see in the portraits people painted. On the other hand, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe did indeed wear wigs.



Why Hamilton never became a president.

Even though you may have thought so, Hamilton was NOT a president, and he never would have been anyways, because of where he was born. (just in case you forgot, Hamilton was born in the West Indies) you see, since Hamilton is technically a West Indian, he could not have been a president, because back then it would have been illegal for him to be a president.

How old would he be today?

This may be surprising (it was for me) but this year Hamilton would've been 264 years old (older than my great grandpa, and he's OLD).

HOW MUCH WAS HE WORTH?

Alexander Hamilton was worth (this might be hard to hear) FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS IN U.S DOLLARS! Some of you guys might say: "THAT'S MORE THEN RICK RIORDAN!" and some of you might say: "no, Rick Riordan is worth WAY more than that" but if you guys REALLY want to know, you should check my article on him (Rick Riordan) BUT, back to the point!

ACHIVEMENTS:

- #1 HE LED NEW YORK PROVINCIAL ARTILLERY COMPANY DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
- #2 HE WAS A PRINCIPAL FIGURE IN THE BATTLE OF YORKTOWN
- #3 HE SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT THE RUTGERS V. WADDINGTON CASE
- #4 HE WAS THE LEADING CONTRIBUTOR TO THE FEDERALIST PAPERS
- #5 HE SERVED AS THE FIRST AMERICAN SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
- #6 HE HELPED ESTALISH THE U.S. COAST GUARD
- #7 HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL BANK
- #8 HAMILTON FOUNDED THE FIRST POLITICAL PARTY IN THE U.S.
- #9 HE ENSURED FRIENDLY TRADE RELATIONS WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Accomplishments

- Hamilton is remembered as one of the greatest philosophers of the United States. He laid the foundation for the nation's economy.
- He played a crucial role in the formation of the Revenue Marine, today known as the US NAVY.
- He was an active member of the continental congress for 11 years, and a member of the Philadelphia Constitutional Congress.
- He was a co-author of the Federalist Papers.
- He was among the politicians who supported the ratification of the United States Constitution.
- He was The First Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America.

And last but not least...THE MUSICAL (THAT I LOVED SO MUCH TO BE INSPIRED TO WRITE THIS):
HAMILTON THE MUSICAL!!!



CONCLUSION:

I was going to write more about this...but alas I cannot, however I can write the conclusion, so here I go:

In conclusion to all of this, Hamilton's polarizing style of politics limited his later career prospects, and in 1804 he was killed by Aaron Burr, another longtime political foe, in a duel. Hamilton's business skills, combined with his knowledge of trade and finance, helped him to build a successful business and become one of the wealthiest men in America at the time but he was so broke when he died in a duel that his friends had to take up a collection for his funeral.

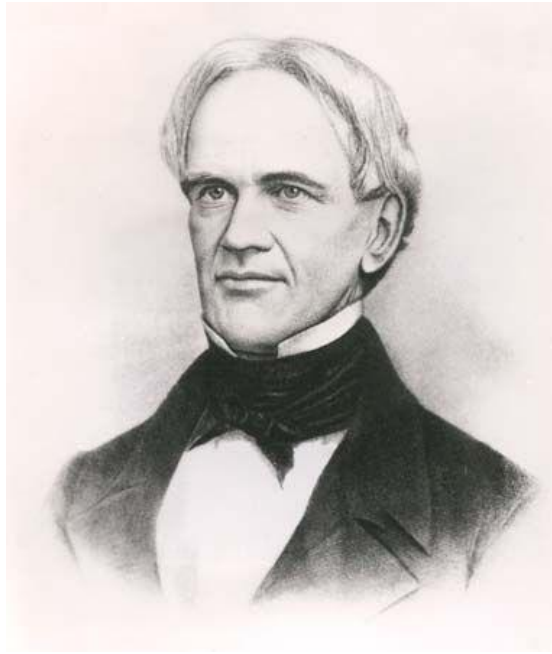
Was Hamilton a great man or was he such a bad person that his history should be taken off the face of a magical thing we like to call the internet? Well I believe he was not a bad person (he wasn't a very good person either, but we won't pay attention to that, for now) but rather, a very misunderstood person. Many people say that Philip Hamilton was Hamilton's only child but that is not true. Hamilton had eight biological children. See this is a common misunderstanding. He may have cheated on his wife, but on the inside, he was truly a good man, and I'm sticking to my belief. So, for now, goodbye!

Sources: Wikipedia, google, YouTube, Hamilton: the musical, Britannica, history.com, Quora

Who Invented School?

By Patrynette Green

The person who is considered to have invented the concept of school is Horace Mann. Born in 1796, Mann was a pioneer of educational reforms in the US State of Massachusetts. He was taught briefly by poor teachers, but he managed to educate himself with tutoring in Latin and Greek.



After he became the first Massachusetts Secretary of Education in 1837, he undertook one of the biggest education reforms in American history influencing the first normal, or teacher-training, school in the United States, established in 1839.

According to Reader's Digest, in 1900 at the turn of the century, only 51 percent of children aged five to 19 even went to school.

If you're honest with yourself, though, you know that school a great place. You have fun, learn all sorts of interesting things, and get to spend quality time with your friends. Sure, tests can be stressful, but think of how boring life would be if you didn't get to learn new things and see other people so often!

In fact, education dates to the very first humans ever to inhabit the Earth. Why? To survive. Every generation has found it necessary to pass on its accumulated skills, values, and traditions to the next generation. How can they do this? Education. Every subsequent generation must be taught these things.

In the United States, the first schools began in the 13 original colonies in the 17th century. For example, Boston Latin School, founded in 1635, was the first public school and is oldest existing school in the country.

According to Wonderopolis.com, the earliest schools focused on reading, writing, and mathematics. The New England colonies led the way in requiring towns to set up schools.

Schools are not a new invention. You may have seen some old one-room schoolhouses that have been around for a couple hundred years or more. The earliest schools, though, date back thousands of years!



Horace Mann: The man behind public education.

What we found about school lunches: The vast majority (94%) of school lunch entrées offered in California feature animal protein and 16% of entrées contain processed meat, while just 4% of entrées are plant-based. So, meat was not real meat. It was kind of made of plants and nutrition, so it's healthy for kids.

Why do American schools provide lunch?

The text of the National School Lunch Act, which established the program, called it a "measure of national security, to safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children and to encourage domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities." Is school lunch free in the US?

Students from households with incomes: At or below 130 percent of the Federal poverty line can receive a free lunch.



When did Horace Mann's father die?

His father died when he was 13. After his father died, he entered Brown University and in 1819 graduated at the head of his class. He studied law at Litchfield, Connecticut, was admitted to the bar in 1823, and practiced for 14 years.

Are Retail Stores Struggling?

By Serenity



You may think that retail stores are struggling.

No one had predicted the original level of success retail stores experienced. When Steve Jobs opened the first Apple store in a mall in Virginia in 2001 that raised eyebrows. They had faced several negative headlines, and many predicted they would fail.

Let's look back at the history of retail stores.

Retail stores used the store within a store concept, which became the mall. This is when you dedicate sections to other stores.

In the end this did not work for Apple. Malls did not provide many incentives to promote their products.

With the store in a store was not working, when Steve Jobs returned to Apple, they needed to change something. This came in the form of the Apple online store. This started successfully, quickly achieving over a million dollars in revenue in a day.



Apple stores in 2019. The top new architecture and design.

These are examples of retail stores.

1. Furniture Stores
2. Home Furnishings Stores
3. Automotive Dealers
4. Electronics & Appliance Stores
5. Building Material & Supplies Dealers
6. Lawn & Garden Equipment and Supplies Stores
7. Grocery Stores
8. Specialty Food Stores
9. Beer, Wine & Liquor Stores
10. Health & Personal Care Stores
11. Gasoline Stations
12. Clothing Stores
13. Shoe Stores
14. Jewelry, Luggage & Leather Goods Stores
15. Sporting Goods, Hobby & Musical Instrument Stores
16. Book Stores & News Dealers
17. Department Stores
18. General Merchandise Stores
19. Florists
20. Office Supplies, Stationery & Gift Stores
21. Used Merchandise Stores
22. Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers

These types of retail stores include other sub-types. For example, under grocery stores come supermarkets and convenience stores; under health & personal care stores, come pharmacies and beauty stores, ..etc.

Before the pandemic more than 15,000 U.S. retail locations closed in just the past two years. It's no wonder some are hearing about the death of retail stores. According to Axios there were 52 retail bankruptcies in 2020 and 21 in 2021.

But According to The Hill, "It might surprise you to hear that total retail sales in the U.S. were up more than 10 percent in 2021 to well over \$5 trillion. Globally retail sales are projected to top \$30 trillion by 2025. Data that puts the lie in the 'retail is dying' narrative."

Last year's annual retail sales grew 7% over 2021 and totaled \$4.9 trillion. This growth rate is above the pre-pandemic, average annual retail sales growth of 3.6%.

Once again, according to *The Hill*, "Retail is always in a state of disruption and store closures are a sign of shifting consumer demands and that retailers are on the right path. The role of the store is changing, but global retail square footage has grown dramatically for decades — and no industry can sustain that kind of overcapacity in the face of shifting consumer behavior. Today, in the U.S. alone, there is more than 23 square feet of retail space for every single person. The fact that the industry leaders are finally waking up to this reality is healthy."

But there is still one problem: An annual National Retail Federation survey that asks retailers to assess "shrink," or theft. Overall, the latest survey attributes about 36% of shrink to shoplifting and organized theft, 29% to theft by employees and 27% to mistakes in tracking, accounting or other errors.

According to capitaloneshopping.com, Stores lost **\$121.6 billion** to retail theft in 2023; projections indicate shoplifting could cost retailers *over \$150 billion* in 2026.

Retailers lost **\$112.1 billion** in gross revenue and *\$84.9 billion* in fraudulent sales returns in 2022.

In 2022, shoplifting losses grew **19.4%** year-over-year; as a share of retail sales dollars, losses to theft increased *10.5%*.

58% of organized retail crime is cargo theft.

The average shoplifting incident cost retailers **\$461.86** in 2020.

Stores catch shoplifters roughly **2.0%** of the time; the average shoplifter is arrested *once out of every 100* incidents.

Sources: National Retail Federation
Retaildogma.com

Glendale Elementary



"I'll Be Back," A Brief Bio of Arnold Schwarzenegger

By Jared Gomez

Arnold Schwarzenegger is an Austrian-born American actor known for movies such as *The Terminator* and *The Predator*, but he originally started off as a body builder. He is a seven-time Mr. Universe winner and has won several other body-building awards as well. Much of his body-building career can be seen in the documentary *Pumping Iron*.



According to Wikipedia, Schwarzenegger has acknowledged using performance-enhancing anabolic steroids while they were legal, writing in 1977 that "steroids were helpful to me in maintaining muscle size while on a strict diet in preparation for a contest. I did not use them for muscle growth, but rather for muscle maintenance when cutting up."

Arnold lives in California, and would you believe he is a former politician as well? He previously served two terms as the governor of the state of California. He has appeared in over 40 movies and currently has a TV show on Netflix. He has done so many things and has had an amazing life and career!

Black History

By Jared Gomez

There are many people who have contributed to Black History and the Civil Rights moment. I have decided to discuss a few famous African-Americans from history.



Harriet Tubman was a former slave who escaped to freedom and helped other slaves escape as well. She traveled on the Underground Railroad, a network of routes that slaves would use to get to the states in the north from their plantations in the south. According to Wikipedia, Tubman made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including her family and friends. She served as a medic in the Civil War and she died in New York in 1913 at the age of 91.

Jackie Robinson was an American professional baseball player who became the first African American to play in Major League Baseball (MLB) in the modern era. He went from Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro Leagues to the Brooklyn Dodgers in the Majors. According to Wikipedia, Robinson won the inaugural Rookie of the Year Award in 1947, was an All-Star for six consecutive seasons from 1949 through 1954, and won the National League (NL) Most Valuable Player Award in 1949—the first black player so honored. Robinson played in six World Series and contributed to the Dodgers' 1955 World Series championship. He died in 1972 at the age of 53. His life story is told in the movie *42* and the Ken Burns documentary *Jackie Robinson*.

George Foreman is an African-American retired boxer and still alive today at the age of 75. He is also an author and businessman (largely known for the Foreman Grill). Foreman won his first professional heavyweight boxing title against the then-champion Joe Frazier. In the 90s,

Foreman again won the heavyweight title, becoming the oldest heavyweight champion in history at 45 years old.



Some Assorted Anime Characters

By Lily Fry

My Hero Academia is an anime show that started in 2016. According to Wikipedia, *My Hero Academia* is set in a world where about 80% of the human population has gained the ability to develop superpowers called "Quirks." I am going to discuss some of the characters of the show.



My favorite character from *My Hero Academia* is Todoroki. He is so hot and cute and I love him so much. He has fire and ice powers. He is also quite the lady's man as he gets all the girls, including me.

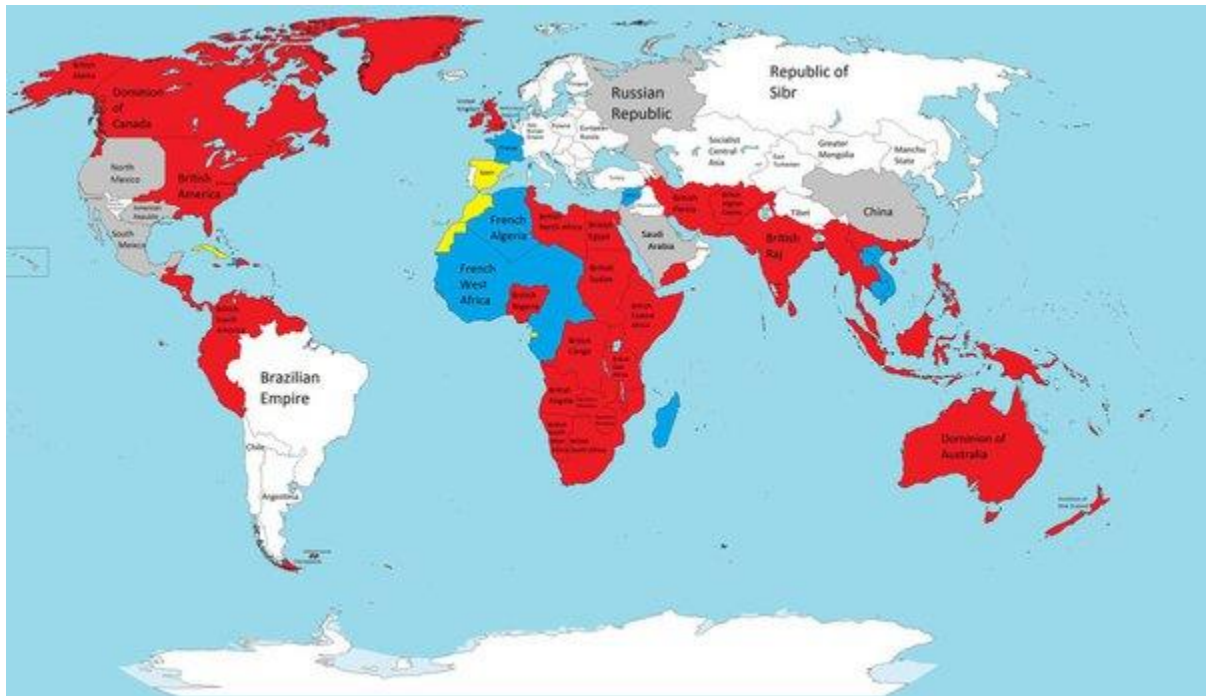
Killua is from *Hunter X Hunter*, and he is an assassin. He also has transmutation powers. He may look sweet and innocent but he can be very deadly.

I also love Doma, Rui and Muichiro from the anime *Demon Slayer*. They are all cool characters and have great looks as well.

More Empires

By Logan Martin

Let's discuss some more empires from history, beginning with the British Empire. Britain began expanding its borders in the 16th century in order to increase its power and wealth. This is commonly known as "colonialism" or "imperialism." This brought huge changes to society, industry and culture. According to Wikipedia, at its height, the British Empire covered some 35.5 million km² (13.7 million sq mi) of land, including Florida, where we live today. This mass of land gave rise to the saying, "The sun never sets on Her Majesty's Empire."



The Russian Empire covered about 9 million square miles at its greatest extent, according to Wikipedia. The empire spanned most of northern Eurasia from its proclamation in November 1721 until its dissolution in March 1917 when the last emperor, or Czar, was overthrown during the Bolshevik Revolution. The Russian Empire stood for over 300 years and was integral in halting Napoleon's advances.

Finally, we will discuss the Roman Empire, which is perhaps the most well-known empire in history. By 117 CE, the empire included what is now France, Spain, Greece, North Africa, England and more. From its beginnings in 625 BCE to the fall of the western Roman Empire in 476 CE, the Roman Empire conquered and integrated dozens of cultures.

All About Morgan Wallen

By Madison Darley

Morgan Wallen is an American singer and songwriter. He is currently 31 years old. He is the proud father of one son, Indigo. Morgan's favorite number is 7!



Morgan is mainly a country music singer and songwriter. According to Wikipedia, Morgan competed in the sixth season of *The Voice*, originally as a member of Usher's team, but later as a member of Adam Levine's team. After being eliminated from the show, he signed to Panacea Records, releasing his debut EP, *Stand Alone*, in 2015. He released his debut studio album, *If I Know Me*, in 2018.

Imagine Schools at South Vero



Is Boxed Cake Less Healthy Than a Homemade Recipe?

By Ashley Riley



Most people I know love boxed cake mixes, exclaiming how “they’re so good!” But are boxed cakes really good? For our bodies and health? Some may be genuinely healthy, but don't be deceived by those that aren't. Based off my research, I'm determined that boxed cakes are much, much worse.

My first claim is from <https://recipes.howstuffworks.com/slice-cake-pictured-box-762-calories-not-247.htm#:~:text=The%20researchers%20also%20found%20out,packages%20but%20also%20in%20paintings>. which states how “researchers also found out, after looking at 51 different cake mix boxes, that on average the calories for the slice of cake and frosting depicted on the box exceeded the calories on the nutritional label by 134 percent. Some brands were much more. For instance, the Duncan Hines nutrition label said a slice of its cake was around 247 calories. However, the actual number of calories for the slice of cake depicted on the box, including the frosting, was more like 762 calories.” And for carrot cake lovers, it's worse.

According to: <https://www.eatingwell.com/article/276125/5-tips-to-make-carrot-cake-healthy-and-even-more-delicious/#:~:text=Carrot%20cake%20is%20one%20of,frosting%20has%20around%20650%20calories.> “ One generous slice of traditional carrot cake with cream cheese frosting has around 650 calories.” Which when is boxed, plus with icing is a whopping 1,412 calories!” My second claim is from <https://www.ewg.org/foodscores/products/016000440302-BettyCrockerAngelFoodCakeMix/>, and it is *packed* with the cons of cake mix. The website has multiple claims which are shown below:



This product is not certified organic [read more]



Contains food additives of moderate concern.



EWG calculates that this product is 61% sugar by weight and contains 6 teaspoons of added sugar per serving [read more]



Contains the non-specific ingredient "flavor" [read more]



Contains 21% of the Institute of Medicine's daily sodium (salt) recommendations based on adequate intake [read more]



Product has been classified as having moderate processing concerns.



This product contains the following ingredient(s) that may be genetically engineered or derived from GE crops: Corn Starch, Sugars, Citric Acid, and Soy Protein [read more]



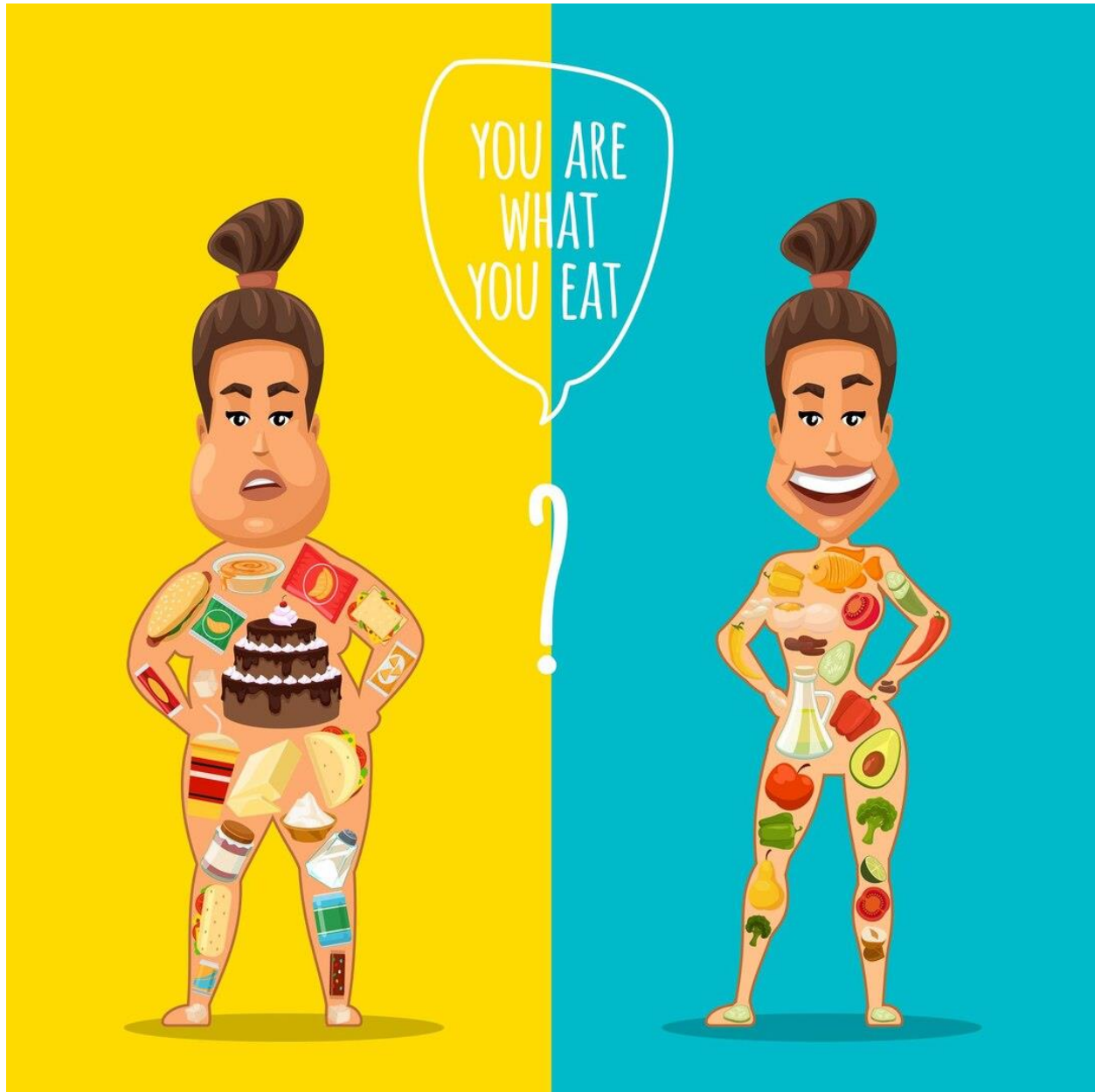
Contains ingredients derived from wheat and soybean - these are considered major food allergens according to the FDA [read more]

My last claim is also from <https://www.ewg.org/foodscores/products/016000440302-BettyCrockerAngelFoodCakeMix/>, claiming how the nutritional value of the cake (for a cake) is quite concerning. And with the mysterious ingredients put in the cake mix, it certainly makes it no better than the processing concern, whether your body can handle it or not. Starting off with the nutritional value, one slice of Angel Food cake mix is 206 calories. Depending on how you see that slice, it can be a lot, a little, or the average amount of calories you'd consume eating a slice of cake. It all depends on how you see it.

And now with the concerning ingredients put into the cake, such as food additives, pesticides, hormones, antibiotics and contaminants like mercury and BPA, which can affect human health and the environment. Mentioning such unusual, mysterious, and strange ingredients seems quite unnecessary for just a report on cake, yet here we are. And I'm not quite close to the end either.

To top off this part of my presentation, the processing concern is quite concerning. In the cake mix there are no eggs, milk, or butter, but just because there's no such ingredients, it doesn't mean there are no fats in the mix; I'm sure you can conclude just what I'm thinking, and that is that there is artificial fats in Duncan Hines cake mixes. And that can be *very* bad for your body, and practically puts your life in danger. Artificial fats increase the risk of heart attacks, strokes and type 2 diabetes. So, watch out!

So yes, even though this is technically an opinion essay, I'd rather suggest it as an informative essay because I'd like to inform you all on this topic; boxed cakes are *horrible* for our bodies, health, and practically our future. Which is why homemade cakes are immensely better. You can be absolutely, positively, *exactly* sure what goes in your food, or what is *in* your food.



In conclusion,

Some boxed mixes are genuinely good, some are bad, but the most important thing is to watch out, because the biggest cakes can be the biggest scandals. And that's just how the cookie crumbles!

Awesome Dogs

By Arianna Ilyadis

My favorite type of dog is a Belgian Malinois.

Did you know that there are more than 400 types of dogs? There are many different types of dogs, and you are about more than you thought you knew. Dogs are descendants from wolves.

They look the same too. Dogs can help you; they can also give you exercise.



Here are some facts about dogs.

Dogs are the most popular pet on the planet! Dogs can breathe out through their mouth and nose at the same time. Many dogs can learn over 100 words and gestures. Your dog will dream just like you do.

Did you spot your dog twitching or moving while they were sleeping? This is because they are dreaming just like you do.

Wow those fun facts were so cool. Weren't they? Dogs can do so many things. One of them is to help keep people exercise without even knowing. (Cats can't do that.) It's true when you take your dog on a walk outside you get exercise and so does your dog.

Dogs can also help you when you feel sad or if you are sick. Yes, they can make you feel better not all the time but most of the time. They sometimes make you feel safe too.

I hope you liked and learned a lot about dogs today. Bye.

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Daily paws picture

The Food Guide Project

By Aurora White and Hannah Laughlin

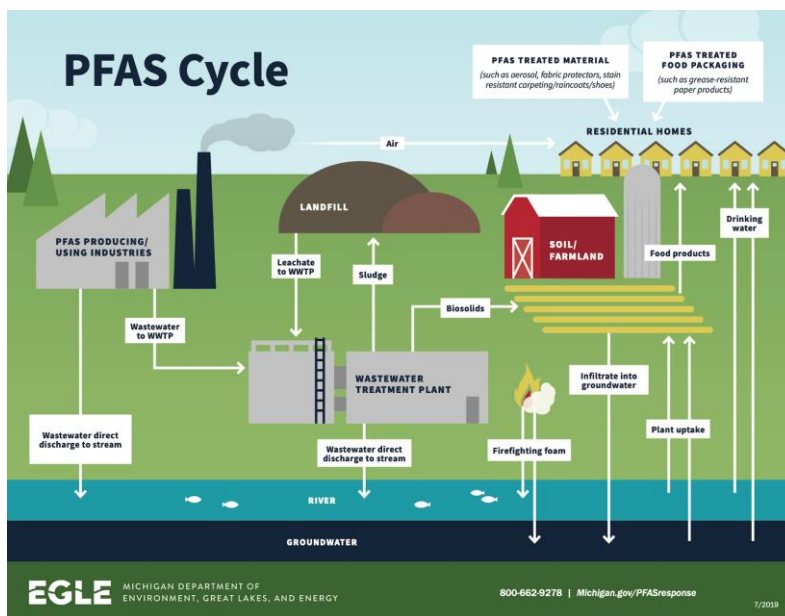


Many people eat lots of unhealthy foods, unaware of health risks and unaware of what they are really eating. We all know we can eat better, but do we really know what's in our food?

Numbers of cancer are rising by the second, along with diabetes, heart diseases, and strange functions to the body. In many cases it can be traced back to the food that we eat. There are many reasons for this. Food dye, chemicals, sugar, corn syrup, process foods, and even sugary and energy drinks. Because of this and how unaware people are of what is in their food and drinks, they can easily damage their bodies, and hurt themselves just by eating bad things that will affect them in the future.

Chemicals can be found anywhere and everywhere in food and drinks. For example, Prime, the famous drink by Logan Paul, a boxer and wrestler, and made by KSI contains PFAS. There are enough forever chemicals in one prime bottle to have in your entire lifetime. From 'Cleaning up

UK drinking water,’ it proclaims, “PFAS are often referred to as ‘forever chemicals’ because they are near indestructible in the natural environment or in our bodies.” PFAS can cause thyroid disease, cancer, damage to livers (and change the function of your livers), effects on your immune system, and PFAS exposure.



PFAS ‘forever chemicals’ are widespread and threaten human health.

Processed foods are another harmful type of food. They consist of cereal, candy, BBQ sauces, bread, chips, cakes, packaged snacks, instant soup, and processed meats. Now some of these are okay, for say, if you baked them yourself and started from scratch.

Processed foods have serious side effects. Most people are undereducated on the health risk of processed foods. “Convincing evidence showed that higher ultra-processed food intake was associated with around a 50% increased risk of cardiovascular disease related death, a 48-53% higher risk of anxiety and common mental disorders, and a 12% greater risk of type 2 diabetes.” By BMJ.com, Improving health outcomes, worldwide. Processed foods are dangerous too. As shown by research processed foods have effects both physically and mentally. So, try to eat fresher foods to avoid this.

It is not only Artificial flavors that are unhealthy for you. According to ‘Natural and Artificial Flavors’, “Artificial flavors are then those not extracted from nature but rather re-produced in the lab.” Artificial flavors are fake flavors in drinks and food, a false replication of the real version. While buying food and drink products at the store, you may find foods and drinks with artificial flavors. Natural flavor is without a doubt healthier than artificial flavors.

Artificial flavors come from inedible substances and petroleum. Chemicals are added to make artificial flavors. Artificial flavors are not needed. It is a fake copy of the real deal and may cause

cancer. From, 'Are Artificial Flavors Bad for You?' it explains that "Several studies have linked specific artificial flavor ingredients with cancer." This proves that it can cause problems, and it is risky to choose fake and untrusted flavor over real flavor.

Corn Syrup is a replacement sugar in drinks. To make sugary drinks 'healthy.' There is no research showing this is true. It is almost the same as sugar; yet worse. *USA Today* tells us The U.S. Food and Drug Administration or FDA States that "Each variety has been linked to heart disease and type two diabetes," and studies show that corn syrup increases appetite, thus promoting obesity,"



Obesity is associated with high blood pressure, high LDL cholesterol levels, heart attack, strokes, and higher risk of early death." Frank Young was one of the people in charge of watching what is in our food from the FDA. Young was an American physician who served as Commissioner of Food and Drugs from 1984 to 1989.

We must be more careful when checking the backs of drinks. Many drinks, most that are protein shakes or drinks that have caffeine will say they don't have sugar in them yet in the ingredients it says Corn syrup on the ingredients list. This is legal because Corn Syrup is an artificial sweetener. They can say it is not sugar but this is not true. You might think you are drinking a healthy drink or something without sugar when you are not. Now numbers of the usage of Corn Syrup are rising and can now be found almost everywhere such as canned foods, cereals, baked goods, desserts, flavored dairy products, candies, and many fast food items. Corn Syrup would not be the worst in moderation, but it is addicting don't have too much. Well, let's just say that is a very hard thing to do. Always be careful of Corn Syrup!

Added sugars creates and packs up more sugar than you need. Added sugars can make you gain weight, obesity, and it can also give you heart disease, and type two diabetes. Since many people are having too much added sugar to their drinks and food, health problems are

adding up, and the added sugar amount should be decreased at least by a half of the amount of added sugar they have.

The website, 'How much sugar is too much?' states, "The average American consumes more than 17 teaspoons of added sugar each day, according to the American Heart Association. (AHA). That's nearly double of what most of us should eat." But what about children? 'How much sugar is too much?' AHA also says, "American kids consume 66 grams per day, equaling over 53 pounds of added sugar per year." It seems kids and adults cannot stay away from it. Food and drink habits are one of the worst things to have - it seems as if it is impossible to stop eating things with it. But these habits are very unhealthy and terrible for you and your body. Whenever having food, you need to think of what's best for you. And sometimes, that can mean saying goodbye to sugar for a bit.

Skittles are a classic candy that all of us know and for the most part love. Skittles are most popular among children ages 6-11. They have no chocolate which makes them very popular. Skittles are small which makes them easy to eat in handfuls. People can often eat a lot more than they thought.



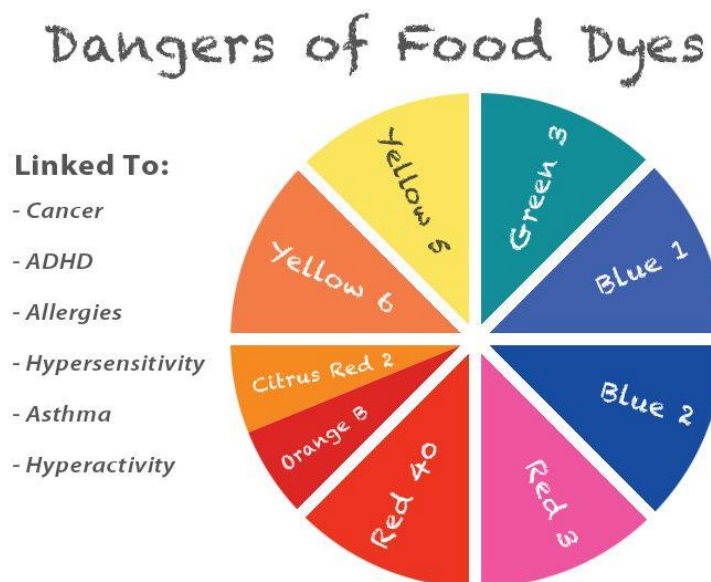
But did you know that skittles have toxins? There are many toxins in skittles, such as the one titanium dioxide (TiO_2), a type of inorganic compound. In 2022 there was a lawsuit. TiO_2 has been banned in other countries. Mars is the company that owns skittles. From When the Rainbow Bites Back: Class Action Lawsuit Filed Over Dangerous Toxin in Skittles.

"We are pleased to see that MARS has taken a positive step toward eliminating toxic, unnecessary nanomaterials from its line of food products," Jaydee Hanson, a senior policy analyst for the Center for Food Safety, said in 2016. "We urge the company to speed up the removal of these additives, especially given the grave health concerns associated with titanium dioxide and other nanoparticles."

MARS said that they would get it out and they didn't. So how trustworthy are they? This TiO_2 has been shown to be able to pass through things in your body infecting them, even cells. Cells are the basic building blocks of life. That could cause diseases such as colorectal cancer, and bowel and intestinal inflammation. Skittles are very harmful and dangerous.

Food dye is also an unhealthy thing added to foods. There are many, many, many foods with food dye you'll find in stores. Skittles, M&Ms, Cheetos, Doritos, Sour Patch Kids, and lots more candy and chips. You can also find it in cereal and even in ketchup. You could find it anywhere, and with almost all colored food.

The food dyes we eat are banned in many other countries. The most common one is Red 40. The others are Annatto (E160b), a reddish-orange dye made from the seed of Caramel coloring (E150a-d) made from caramelized sugar, Carmine (E120), a red dye derived from the cochineal insect *Dactylopius coccus*. As well as Elderberry juice (E163) Lycopene (E160d) Paprika (E160c) Turmeric/curcumin (E100). This is another deception. So, does this mean we should never have food dye? It depends. We should never have it. But it can be consumed but only a little bit if it's not too often. Some of them have the same stuff used in gas for cars are even more harmful. This is a huge problem.



In the end all food should be carefully looked at. Make sure you know what's in it. While it may be okay to have unhealthy foods every now and then, you should always avoid bad foods and the things that have been put in it. As proven, they can have very harmful effects. These types of foods are becoming more and more popular. And just in case you're thinking No, all these chemicals and bad types of food are all bad because they are not natural. Nothing. Eating is something we do in everyday life. This is shaping our world and eating healthy and natural will help us come out of this. Let's make natural foods normal and food and drinks with all of that in uncommon.

Sharks, Sharks, and More Sharks!

By Cooper Applebee

Great White Sharks:

Size: about 15 feet (4.6 meters), but can reach up to 22 feet (6.7 meters)

Weight: over 4,000 pounds (1,814 kg) when fully grown.

What they eat: fish, invertebrates, and marine mammals.

Where they live: worldwide in temperate oceans, and sometimes tropical seas.

What they look like:



Big Eye Thresher Sharks

Size: up to 16 feet (4.9 meters)

Weight: 350 pounds (160 kg)

What they eat: benthic and pelagic fish such as tuna, lancet fishes, hake, and herring as well as young billfish.

Where they live: worldwide in tropical and temperate seas.

What they look like:



My personal favorite shark:

Whale Sharks

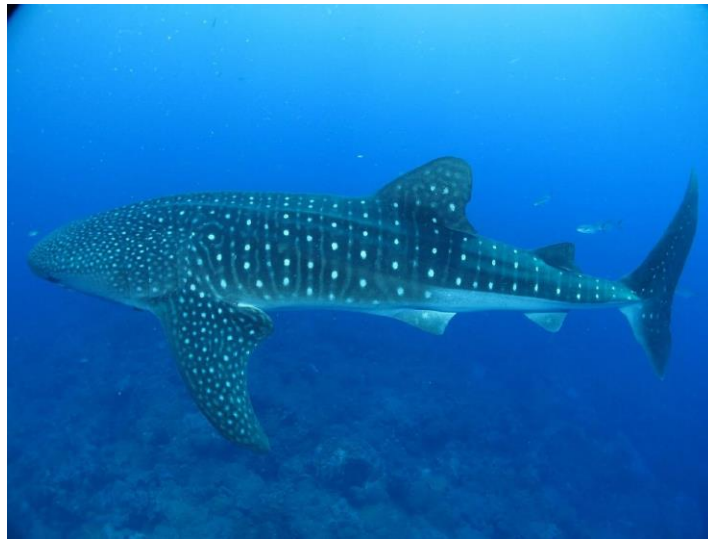
Size: up to 40 feet (12.2 meters)

Weight: about 41,000 pounds (18,597.287 kg)

What they eat: krill, jellyfish, and crab larvae.

Where they live: around the world, mostly in warm water.

What they look like:



Greenland Sharks

Size: about 8-14 feet (2.4-4.2 meters) but can be up to 24 feet (7.3 meters)

Weight: between 880 and 3,090 pounds (400 and 1,400 kg)

What they eat: a variety of fishes, invertebrates, and other prey.

Where they live: the North Atlantic and Russian high Arctic.

What they look like:



Tiger Sharks

Size: up to 20 feet (6.1 meters)

Weight: 850 to 1,400 pounds (385 to 635 kg)

What they eat: crabs, shellfish, lobsters, squid, bony fish, small sharks, skates, rays, porpoises, turtles, marine birds, and mammals.

Where they live: worldwide in warm, coastal waters.

What they look like:



Sand Tiger Sharks

Size: up to 11 feet (3.4 meters)

Weight: 190 pounds (86.183 kg)

What they eat: large and small bony fishes, small sharks, rays, crabs, lobsters, and squid

Where they live: most temperate and tropical coastal waters

What they look like:



Goblin Sharks

Size: up to 12 feet (3.7 meters)

Weight: up to 460 pounds (208.652 kg)

What they eat: teleost fishes such as rat tails and dragonfishes. It also consumes cephalopods and crustaceans, including decapods and isopods

Where they live: in patches around California, Australia, Europe, Africa, and South America

What they look like:



Oceanic Whitetip Sharks

Size: up to 13 feet (0.9 meters)

Weight: 200 pounds (90.718 kg)

What they eat: bony fish and cephalopods, such as squid and pelagic sportfish (e.g., tuna, marlin), sea birds, other sharks and rays, marine mammals, and even garbage

Where they live: tropical and subtropical oceans, in open seas near the surface

What they look like:



Black Tip Reef Sharks

Size: 8 feet (2.4 meters)

Weight: 55 pounds (25 kg)

What they eat: fish, but also feeds on crustaceans, cephalopods and other mollusks

Where they live: tropical and subtropical waters, near continents and islands

What they look like:



Great Hammerhead Sharks

Size: usually about 12 feet (3.7 meters), but some giants of this species have grown to 20 feet (6.1 meters)

Weight: 500 pounds (230 kg)

What they eat: stingrays, other rays, and skates. May also consume other sharks, including other hammerhead sharks, bony fish, including groupers and sea catfish, squid and bottom dwelling crustaceans.

Where they live: worldwide in tropical, coastal waters.

What they look like:



Bull Sharks

Size: 11 feet (3.4 meters)

Weight: 290 pounds (131.542 kg)

What they eat: almost anything, but their diet consists mainly of fish. They also sometimes eat dolphins and sea turtles. Bull sharks even eat other sharks.

Where they live: worldwide in tropical and temperate waters, close to shore and into freshwater lakes and rivers.

What they look like:



Blue Sharks

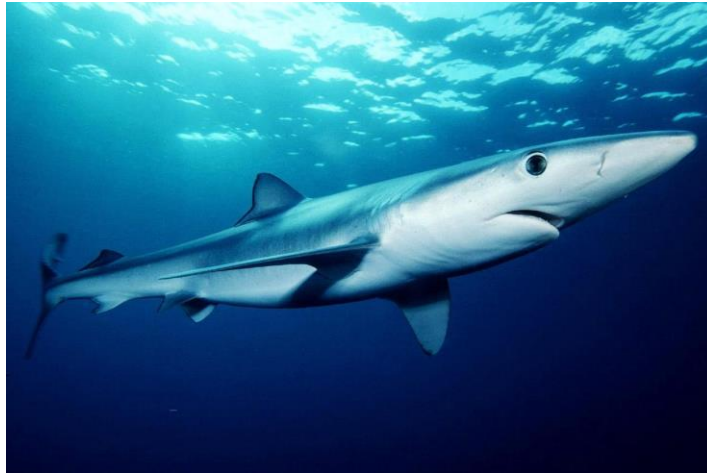
Size: 12 feet (3.6 meters)

Weight: 250 pounds (113.398)

What they eat: many types of fish and squid, and may sometimes eat seals

Where they live: all but in the coldest oceans of the world, in open seas near the surface

What they look like:

**Shortfin Mako Sharks**

Size: 13 feet (4 meters)

Weight: 300 pounds (136.078)

What they eat: squid and bony fishes including mackerels, tunas, bonitos, and swordfish, but may also eat other sharks, porpoises, and sea turtles

Where they live: worldwide, except in very cold waters.

What they look like:

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Invading Animals

By Isabel Picaro-Dowd

There are so many unique animals and plants that have found their way of living to be authoritative and comfortable, but oh no, the invasive species are taking over their land!

But why? There are many reasons why these certain special animals are invading these domains. For one, they could have been brought to that area to help, but then became invasive, or they might have been a pet that has escaped out of their home.



The Rhesus Macaques, for example, was supposed to be for an amusement park and was themed for Tarzan, but they escaped and now the monkeys are an invader in Silver Springs State Park in Florida. The many problems caused by invasive species are the damage they do to the environment, the treacherous risk for human and pet health as well as safety and they destroy the beauty of biodiversity.

To begin, the horrible effects that an invasive species, the Rhesus Macaques, has had on our ecosystem is the harm these monkeys cause on our ecology. While it might be exciting for tourists to spot a monkey in Florida, the monkeys are harmful to the environment. They can

destroy trees and kill birds. They can compete with other animals for food. That means that they eat the food that other animals might have eaten, leaving less for native animals to eat. This means that the native animals aren't getting the food and nutrients they need to survive. The lack of these nutrients can lead to death for these native Florida animals. This is important for the safety of our biota and can lead to the extinction of rare animals that are important to our environment.

Secondly, the safety of people and pets are at risk from the green iguanas that cause diseases and injuries. My source indicates that "The iguanas are more than just a nuisance. Veterinarians in South Florida treat dozens of dogs and cats with iguana bites. Pets are also injured by getting slashed with the iguana's powerful tail. The main risk to humans is that the large lizards often carry salmonella, a bacteria that can make humans sick." This is a problem because when these iguanas bite pets, they can leave a bacterial infection that can hurt the animal even more. The more humans avoid them, the more they can keep their pets and themselves safe and sound.

Last of all, the dangerous Kudzu plant is a threat to biodiversity and the essence of distinctive characteristics. Paragraph 16-17 says "Kudzu overtakes any other plants that grow in its path, suffocating them, stealing their nutrients from the soil, and blocking their sunlight. In three years, it can overtake an entire forest. It limits the biodiversity of areas. In places where there are a lot of Kudzu, there is a small variety of plants. Where there are less plants, herbivores have less food sources. The herbivores move to a different location which leaves carnivores less to eat. Ultimately, the entire food web is impacted." This shows that the tiniest thing like a plant can have huge effects from the outcomes. This means that little things have big consequences.



Kudzu plant

In summary, these menacing creatures are hazardous because of the harm they do to the environment, the shameful injuries they cause the people and pets around them, and the impact they have on the food chain and diversity of life. Next time you visit the Everglades, bring a net, and get ready to catch some pythons with me!

Toys: Are They Just for Fun, or is There a Deeper Meaning Behind Them?

By Lauryn Riley



First, we have the wildly popular Furby, a robotic toy resembling a hamster-owl hybrid, which sparked national security concerns in 1999. Its ability to learn languages and rumored recording capabilities led the US government to ban them from secure facilities. Despite lacking concrete evidence, anxieties swirled around built-in cameras and motion sensors. While manufacturer Hasbro vehemently denied any spying functionality, the Furby's seemingly advanced features fueled public suspicion, even inspiring humorous hacking claims of eavesdropping and world domination schemes.



Next, we have The Cayla Doll, My Friend Cayla. It took a lot of time, but I was finally able to get some info on the mysterious doll. The Cayla doll had info on its Bluetooth database, about your favorite color, to where you live and go to school! There were also cameras in the doll's eyes, and they saw what YOU looked like, so they could get an idea for the design for one of their new dolls, as well as voice recordings that would be downloaded into a new doll, as it's pre-programmed voice. Now, once people found out about this, the government just recommended throwing them out and destroying them.



My friend, Aurora White, had this doll for a day at most but threw it out once she found out about this shocking secret. Yes, the company that made the Cayla Dolls had discontinued, but it is still even more shocking how it was used as a money maker.

Well, in conclusion, it's not REALLY our technology that has the bad stuff, the REAL dark things could be the toy that is sitting on your dresser, and we should just be careful when they might be for taking your voice, or a photo of you as just a selfish way, to invade your privacy for greedily making some money...

How Are U.S Bills Made?

By Louis Giang



The U.S bill in your wallet looks simple to make but it takes a complex process to make one. U.S bills go through many printing processes before looking like a dollar we know in our wallet.

U.S banknotes are not made of regular paper. It contains a blend of 75% cotton and 25% linen. This makes counterfeiting bills harder to do because a bill has a unique feel compared to regular paper.

The first stage of 5-100 notes is offset printing. Offset printing is where colors with designs (other than black and green) on bills are added through a high-speed press. Offset printing machines can print up to 10,000 sheets per hour.

Before intaglio printing, U.S. currency plates must be engraved by hand. This plate will be replicated many times then hardened before being printed onto currency.

The second stage is intaglio printing. Intaglio printing is where designs with black and green are added to the bills. An intaglio press uses plates with designs engraved. Ink is applied on the plate. Then the plate is pressed onto the paper with up to 20 tons of pressure. This is why bills have raised ink when you rub the portrait of the person on the bill.

After currency sheets go through the intaglio printing press they go through letterpress printing. Letterpress printing prints the 8-digit serial number, Federal Reserve seal, and the Treasury seal.

Before currency sheets enter circulation, they must pass inspection for any defects. If a sheet has a defect they are rejected and destroyed. They are replaced by a star note.

After all notes pass inspection, they are cut into bundles of 100 and strapped. 10 straps are put into a bundle and 4 bundles are wrapped together, as a brick. Four bricks are wrapped together and are placed in a vault until the Federal Reserve orders them.

U.S. currency production is a complex process that requires artistic skills and attention to detail. U.S. bills go through offset, intaglio, and letterpress printing. Their plates are hand engraved and require special paper to feel like the dollar in our wallet.



Money printing machine printing 100-dollar banknotes.

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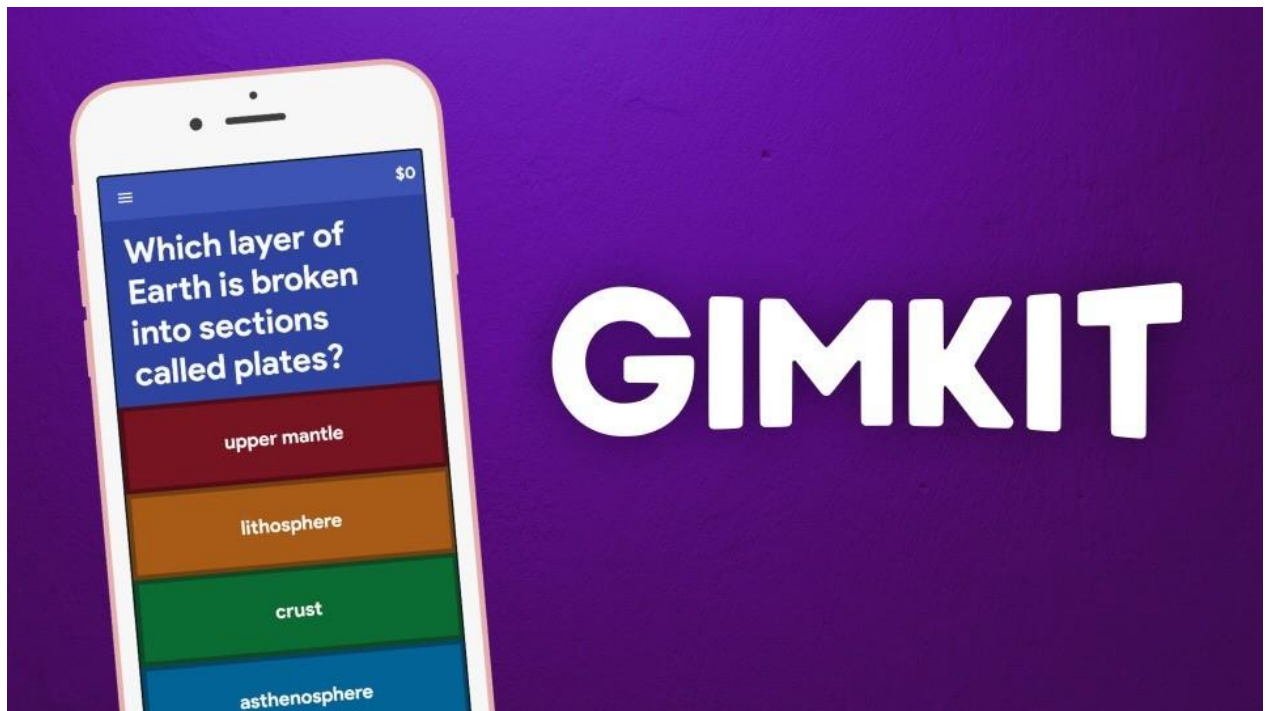
Indian River Academy



“Don’t Look Down” in Gimkit!

By Jennifer Lopez

If you know about Gimkit, you know that there are many different game modes and today we are talking about “Don’t Look Down!” There are other types of games on the Gimkit website such as “One Way Up” and “Dig It Up” but we are not talking about those.



Don’t Look Down is a platform game with lots of jumping. Basically, you continue jumping on things and you try to reach summit six. If you reach summit six you will win the game, however it is difficult and may take a lot of practice and playing every day before you reach this goal.

I have made it to summit six in Don’t Look Down and it is a lot of fun. However, I do not recommend playing “Dig It Up.” It looks like a lot of fun but I disagree.

According to Gimkit’s website, The Gimkit Company was created in October 2017, but didn't become an official company until June of 2018. Gimkit is a lot of fun and students can answer questions to help them learn more information. It’s a lot of fun and you should check it out!

How to Write an Article

By Rebecca McGriff

If you are going to write an article, you need to know the writing process which tells you how to write it.



The first stage of the writing process is prewriting. You need to brainstorm ideas and start organizing your thoughts. Some tips for prewriting are:

1. Think about what you want to say
2. Talk about your ideas with a friend to find a main idea for your article
3. Use a list or web to organize the ideas

For the second stage of the process, you can start writing your first draft to create a rough copy of your writing. Here are some tips for drafting:

1. Write your ideas in order
2. Read your work aloud and note places where you stumble
3. Ask a friend for their feedback

For the third stage the writing process, you will begin revising your work in order to improve it for your audience. Here are some tips for the drafting stage:

1. Try out different beginnings and endings
2. Use quotes or add imperatives
3. Include descriptive important parts
4. Add details to develop important parts

Next, you will edit and proofread your work. Here are some tips for this stage:

1. Make sure you have complete sentences, correct spelling and necessary capitalization and punctuation.
2. Reread to see if each sentence makes sense.
3. Ask a friend to help proofread your work.

For the final stage of the writing process, you will create a clean final copy before publishing.

1. Type your writing or copy it neatly into new paper.
2. Think of an interesting title.
3. Share your writing.

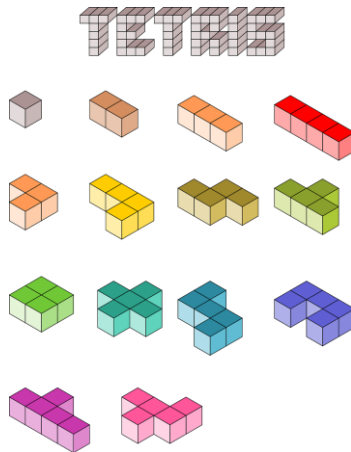
A final thought: DO NOT PLAGIARIZE. Plagiarism is stealing someone else's work and passing it off on your own. Make sure you give credit to the original source for any quotes you use!

Liberty Magnet



Has Anyone Ever Beaten Tetris?

By Cameron Cruz



If you do not know what Tetris is about, Tetris is a puzzle video game created in 1985 by Alexey Pajitnov, a Soviet software engineer where players complete lines by moving differently shaped pieces (Tetrominoes), which descend onto the playing field. The completed lines disappear and grant the player points, and the player can proceed to fill the vacated spaces.

But back to the point.

“Yes, a 13-year-old in Oklahoma is believed to be the first person ever to beat Tetris since the game's release 39 years ago by Nintendo Entertainment System engineers. The game is not crash able at all," said Pajitnov who founded The Tetris Company alongside Dutch video game designer Henk Rogers.

Still, Willis Gibson, a 13-year-old in Oklahoma, made headlines in January 2024 by becoming the first person to beat Testris, 39 years after it was first released.



dedicated the incredible achievement to his father Adam Gibson, who passed a Willis posted a video to his YouTube page that showed him appearing to defeat Tetris after about 38 minutes of playing.

Gibson dedicated his Tetris defeat to his father, Adam Gibson, 39, who died of a heart attack just a week before his son's world-recognized accomplishment. He was supportive of his son's love of gaming.

Now, less than three weeks later, two more players have managed to follow suit.

Why is Tetris so hard to beat? While many of the retro games which are revered and respected but not really played that much these days, there are some that are still being innovated and attracting a player base. One of those is Tetris, that took the world by storm. No gaming experience back in the late 80's to most of the 90's was complete without having played Tetris at some length.

As a game, you may also select a higher level of difficulty and speed if you wish to be challenged. While it is a game that you can get good at, and some gamers have, it is not exactly a game that you can beat outright.

Through my research I cannot find the other two people. But that does not matter because I found someone else. His name is Aleksandr A. Serebrov. He became the first person to play a video game in space when he packed a Game Boy and his personal copy of Tetris (Nintendo, 1989) for his trip to the MIR Space Station in 1993. (Mir was a space station that operated in low Earth orbit from 1986 to 2001, operated by the Soviet Union and later by Russia.)

The game left Earth on 1 July 1993 aboard the Soyuz TM-17 rocket and was played during Serebrov's off-time while orbiting the planet.

"Like all cosmonauts, I love sport. My favorites are football and swimming. During flight, in rare minutes of leisure, I enjoyed playing Game Boy," wrote Serebrov in an autographed note that accompanied the game, and the Game Boy, in a 2011 auction.

Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Serebrov was born on February 15 and died on November 12, 2013. He was a Soviet cosmonaut.

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Patrick Mahomes

By Heath Todd Bryant

Patrick Lavon Mahomes II is an American football quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs of the National Football League. Since becoming the Chiefs' starting quarterback in 2018, Mahomes has led the team to four Super Bowl appearances and is one of five quarterbacks to win three or more Super Bowls.

Patrick Mahomes II was born on September 17, 1995 (age 28 years)



Patrick Mahomes II loves to take his family to Disneyland.

“I’m always motivated to get back by trying to get back to Disneyland,” Mahomes said during an interview in front of Sleeping Beauty Castle. “When the game ends, I’m always looking for that camera and saying, I’m going to Disneyland.’ I got to do it with my family this time, which is always super special.”

Posing in front of Sleeping Beauty's castle, the family of four smiled as they held their two kids — daughter Sterling Skye, 3, and son Patrick "Bronze" Lavon III, 14.



Did you know Patrick Mahomes II has been in a lot of commercials for Subway, while he received his \$450 million contract extension in 2020. He's also been on other commercials for State Farm, Head & Shoulders, Hy-Vee, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Community America, Goodcents, Hunts, Oakley, DirecTV, Madden and Amazon,





Patrick Mahomes II in Hunt's ketchup commercial.

Patrick Mahomes II's parents are Pat Mahomes Sr. and Randi Martin. He was born in Tyler, Texas.

He is not only the youngest player to ever win both the league MVP and Super Bowl MVP titles, but he also made history as the first player in the 21st century to clinch both titles in the same season (2022-23)!

Source:

Wikipedia

www.kansascity.com

Is the Internet Good for Kids?

By Malaysia Smith

The evidence that smartphones damage children's mental health has continued to grow in recent years.

But the question is why are kids so into phones these days? You may think I'm crazy for writing this article about these questions because you know you're spending too much time on your phone too!

You are probably on your phone right now!



How children should use their mobile phones!

One thing that is cool is that there are apps on phones so you can find cool friends like you from all over the world! You can play games, listen to music, send text messages and there are lots of uses.

But there is a problem with phones for kids who sometimes don't follow rules. Every time you send a message to a friend it's like delivering the message in person. Everything you write online is the same as a face-to-face conversation. Virtual is real.

Children eight through 12 spend up to five hours and more on their mobile devices., A 2019 report from nonprofit Common Sense Media found that teenagers rack up nearly eight hours of screen time per day. That screen time is seldom used for creative activities like coding or making digital art.

How does screen time effects kids' mental health?

So, you ask how does screen time affects children's health? Well due to the screen time it affects sleep deprivation, stress, and mental distress.

Why should a kid get a phone in 2024? Well, they should get a phone because many kids are ready for a phone by age 13, but this decision really boils down to your child's maturity and the phone's necessity.

SCREEN TIME:

Recommended limits for kids

UNDER 2 YEARS OLD

Zero screen time, except
for video chatting with
family or friends

2-5 YEARS OLD

No more than one hour per day co-viewing with a parent or sibling

5-17 YEARS OLD

Generally no more than two hours per day, except for homework



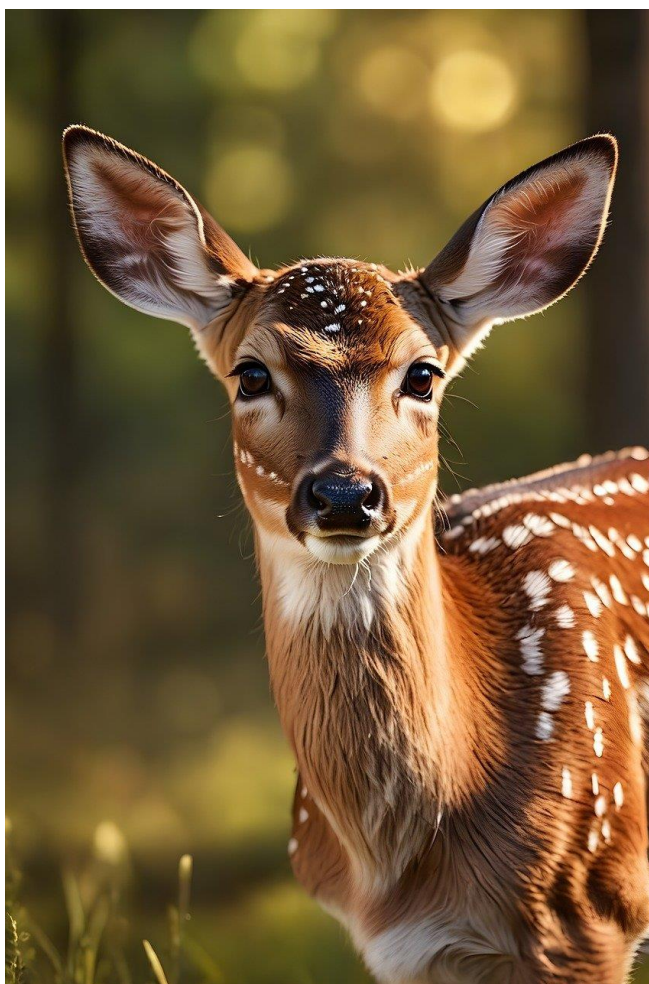
Screen Time: How much is too much? OSF Healthcare.

All About Deer

By Maliyah Williams

In my opinion deer are fun, cool, and interesting animals to learn about. I thought they would eat a lot of meat, but I was wrong. They don't hunt or seek them out meat, but may snack on small animals or meat if it's convenient. But in my article, I am going to tell you more about these cute and cool animals.

Where do deer live?



Deer lives mainly in forests but may be found in deserts, tundra, and swamps and on high mountainsides. They are native to Europe, Asia, North America, South America, and northern Africa and have been introduced widely elsewhere. Females are usually called does, and males bucks.

Source: Britannica

But what do deer eat?

Deer diet: A deer's diet consists of a variety of crops, grasses, vegetation, acorns and nuts. A healthy deer will have a diverse diet with a variety of foods. Every day, a deer needs to eat about 6 to 8 percent of its body weight in green foliage and browse to stay healthy.

Source: University of Minnesota Extension

Are deer endangered?

There are seven most endangered deer species. Many species of deer are endangered due to human activities such as hunting and habitat destruction. Some of the most endangered deer include Key deer, South Andean deer, Giant muntjac, Visayan spotted deer, Eld's deer, Père David's deer, Chinese water deer, etc.

Source: Conserve Energy Future

What disease can deer get?

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a prion disease that affects deer, elk, reindeer, sika deer and moose.

Meaning Of Prion:

The term “prions” refers to abnormal, pathogenic agents that are transmissible and can induce abnormal folding of specific normal cellular proteins called prion proteins that are found most abundantly in the brain. The functions of these normal prion proteins are still not completely understood.

Source: Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) | Prion Diseases | CDC

What are the most common deer?

Whitetails are the most widely distributed large animal in North America. They are found throughout most of the continental United States, southern Canada, Mexico, Central America and northern portions of South America as far south as Peru. White-tailed deer are common throughout Pennsylvania

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Source: pa.gov

I hope you learned something you did not know.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

By: Milana Williams

Did you know that Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite color was navy blue, his favorite meal was fried chicken, stewed greens and his favorite dessert was pecan pie? If you didn't know then you are at the right place to find out more about Martin Luther King Jr.

His birthday is January 15 and so is Martin Luther King Day. Isn't that amazing!

Martin Luther King Jr. died April 4, 1968. He gave speech and said: "I have a dream." Cool, right? MLK stands for Martin Luther King. WOW!



Martin Luther King was an amazing man. He is changed the world. Yay, Martin Luther King to the rescue.

Martin Luther King or MLK was:

1. Reflective
2. Caring
3. Risk taker
4. Communicator
5. Balance
6. Open Minded
7. Inquirer
8. Independence
9. Principle

That a lot, don't you think?

I hope this is something that you did not know and helps you understand him better.

Hold up I'm not done yet. Please and thank you

Did you know Martin Luther King was an influential person?

Let's Go Martin Luther King, Jr.! can I get a round of applause thank you thank you thank you but it wasn't all me it was Martin Luther King.

Let's get back to what we were saying. It's time to do so, so let's continue:

My point is that Martin Luther King is a great person.

One word to describe Martin Luther King is "communicator."

Thanks to Martin Luther King, he changed the world. According to civilrightsmovement.org, "Dr. King's leadership contributed to the overall success of the civil rights movement in the mid-1900s and continues to impact civil rights movements in the present."



MLK's favorite meal, followed by pecan pie.

Why Are You On Your Phone So Much?!

By: Milana Williams



Are you on
your phone?

Why are teens and adults always on their phones, you ask?

Well, that's because they are addicted, and so addicted it is like the phone is stuck in their ear.

Hello, are you on your phone? Who and what are you talking about?

Yes, I am talking to you if you are on your phone. You better get off before you get too addicted. Go outside and just have fun, only if it's not on your phone.

STEERING WHEEL

You are probably on your steering wheel right now. If you are driving and, on your phone, you should get off right now; this is not the right time, so pay attention. If you are using the GPS then be careful with the wheel because it is going to be a long ride. And then, your phone runs out of batteries. You were probably on it too much. Well, think again and make wise decisions. You should probably stay on it 5-10 minutes. Don't forget to time yourself on the phone. Well, there the timer goes; you better off and not get addicted.

If you are on the phone now, your probability not going to even read this article. You are probably addicted to the phone. When it's morning time and you are still on it, and through the

afternoon you are on it and the end of the day on it too, so take a break, get off the phone and take a good nap; relax.

MAGNET

Adults can be a magnet when it comes to phones when is it time to repel. Never you would probably answer, me on the other end now should be the time, so get off it now before it too late. Oh no, it's happening.

WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

Are you there, are you there? Okay, I thought you got addicted too. Good, I hope you are still here reading, or are you? Are you talking to your mom, dad, grandma, or grandpa? Well, we don't know. Like you're going to tell us but is it important? Have you learned anything yet? Okay get off now!

WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

According to lowreyhighschool.com, "Teens and many adults all seem to revolve their lives around their phones. Phones make it easier for people to hide and gossip or tell people the things that they are too afraid to say in person. Many times, people neglect to pay attention to things that matter in their lives but give full attention to their phones instead.

So, who are you talking to for so long?

The President?

Casper the ghost?

Spiderman?

SpongeBob square pants?

Sonic the hedgehog?

Ha Ha!

TELL SOMEONE!

Go ahead, tell your family or even your friends about this article and they will learn, and so will you. Look around to see if anyone is on their phone. Tell them you are you tired from seeing them on the phone so much, even on their tablet or their computer as well. Maybe if you're talking on your phone so much you're going to be late for work. You are wondering why I am writing this article. It might help you.

Fortnite's New Season Facts

By Miranda Powers

Hi, I am Miranda, and I am going to tell you some facts about the newest season of Fortnite.

Fortnite Chapter 5 Season 3 will launch on May 24, 2024. The season is called “Myth and Mortals,” and it is about Greek Mythology. These are the skins in the battle pass, a way to get exclusive loot. If you achieve something or Level up, then you get a skin with the stuff with it.

Outfits, informally referred to as Skins, are cosmetic items first introduced to Fortnite in Season One.



Second, Fortnite has good guns such as gate keeper shotgun and pump shotgun, Hyper Submachine gun, and a lot more Look!!



The guardian of the Underworld uses the Gatekeeper Shotgun.

The *Hammer Pump Shotgun* is a Shotgun in *Fortnight: Battle Royale*. It was added in *Chapter Five; Season One*. It is a hitscan weapon but fires a spread of 10 pellets when both aiming down sights and hipfiring.



The legendary Pump Shotgun in Fortnight.

Lastly, there is a map for battle royale which is a battle area for players to fight other players which is the picture I showed which are the guns they used the map has a lot of places that players loot at to get guns to fight and get a victory royale which if you win a game then you get a crown for a victory royale also they have bosses and gods which you have to fight to get these things called mythic guns and the guns are so good it has better advancements.



Those are some facts about the new season of Fortnite!

Osceola Magnet



The Internet: An Invention Like None Other

By Alejandro Mateo-Olivia

From connecting people across the globe to providing endless knowledge at our fingertips, the internet has changed the way we live, work and interact with one another. The internet is a global network that is used every day as a means of communication, socialization and much, much more.



The internet was created in 1983. It was created by Bob Kahn, an inventor and electrical engineer, and Vint Cerf, a computer scientist, researcher and educator.

According to Dictionary.com, a website is a connected group of pages on the World Wide Web regarded as a single entity, usually maintained by a person or organization and devoted to a single topic or many closely related topics. The very first website was info.cern.net, a website that put the internet in the public domain.

According to Oxford Languages, memes are variations of an image, video, text, etc. that is typically humorous in nature and it is copied and spread rapidly by internet users. The first internet meme is considered to be Dancing Baby from the 1990s. Memes are a common sight on the internet today.

According to the Washington Post, if the internet were printed out in a book, it would be approximately 300 billion pages! That's even longer than War and Peace!

The internet is often used to send emails or text messages so that people can communicate with each other. The first text message said "Merry Christmas" and was sent by Neil Papworth on December 3rd, 1992.

Currently there are about 1.13 websites on the internet, according to Forbes Advisor. One extremely popular website is Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia. Wikipedia has over 6.7 million articles, all written and edited by users of the website. Wikipedia is the largest and most read reference source in history. It was founded by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger. The domain name was originally Wikipedia.com but was later changed to Wikipedia.org.

According to History News Network, a man named Marshall McLuhan, a philosopher from Canada, predicted the rise of the internet in 1962 when he published his novel "The Gutenberg Galaxy." In the novel, he suggests that human history could be divided into four chapters: the acoustic age, the literary age, the print age, and the new electronic age. McLuhan assumed that this new frontier would be the new home of what he called "the global village."

In conclusion, the internet is a valuable tool that we use every day for many different purposes.

The Trouble with Light Pollution

By Carter Hanson

Light pollution is a big problem in the United States today. Long ago, the night showed thousands of stars, whereas today the night sky has drastically changed. You may be wondering what exactly light pollution is and what can be done about it.



To begin, light pollution is the cause of too many artificial light sources in the night sky. When you combine all the sources of light, you have so much light that it illuminates the sky and makes it hard to view the stars. Light pollution is bad because it eliminates the natural light of the celestial stars.

Light pollution affects plants, animals and even us humans. Some studies of light pollution show environmental impact with changes in animal behavior and plant growth. For example, birds blinded by glowing lights in high-rise office buildings can become disoriented and sometimes they fly into buildings. Light pollution can kill animals and cause plants to not grow and develop correctly. It is a huge problem that can affect all living things.

Scientists say that pointing light downward can help reduce light pollution. The International Dark Sky Association is an organization that works to reduce light pollution. According to their website, “Many cities and towns have passed laws limiting lights at night.” By limiting the use of light, we can help fight light pollution.

Thomas and Fans

By Daniel Tibbs



There are many different fan-created versions of Thomas and Friends. The series Edward's Day Out is a series created by fans of Thomas and one of the characters is 98462, also known as Alfred.

Alfred is a nasty blue engine that works on the Bluebell Railway. He is the main antagonist of the mini-series Sodor: The Dark Years. He is a vengeful, anthropomorphic steam engine who wanted revenge on Sir Topham Hatt and his engines for banishing him from the North Western Railway for his nasty attitude.

Alfred blew himself up when he tried to kill Henry and Gordon because Gordon hated apple-green paint and became part of the North Western Railway. Alfred's "mental breakdown" was inspired by the Hellfire song in the Disney movie The Hunchback of Notre Dame and the character Forte the Pipe Organ from Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas. Alfred concludes that Henry and Gordon are the reason for all his woes, and must be destroyed.

A Brief History of Early Jamaica

By Jaiden Brown

The history of Jamaica over the past 500 years has seen the courage of its people in their struggle for freedom and by their unrelenting resistance and determination. Modern Jamaica is built on the history of genocide perpetrated against Jamaica's native peoples.



The first Jamaicans were the Taino Indians who settled in Jamaica around 600 CE. They were stone-age peoples who had migrated to Jamaica from the northern coast of present-day South America. After living continuously in Jamaica for almost 900 years, the Taino were wiped out within 50 years of the Spanish conquest that began in 1492. The Arawak language spoken by the Taino peoples survives today in many words such as hammock, hurricane, tobacco, and barbeque. The word "Jamaica" come from the Arawak word for "land of wood and water."

Jamaica was settled by the Spaniards in 1510 and the indigenous Taino were forced into slavery and eventually exterminated. In the early years of the 16th century, the practice of importing slaves from West Africa began in Jamaica. Spain remained in control of the island for over 150 years and the legacy can still be seen in many historic buildings today.

In 1655, the British navy captured Jamaica from Spain. The British Empire would retain control of the island for over 300 years, taking advantage of its strategic location un the center of the Caribbean Sea. According to Wikipedia, "The Colony of Jamaica gained independence from the United Kingdom on 6 August 1962. In Jamaica, this date is celebrated as Independence Day, a national holiday."

Severe Weather

By Natasha Laramie

Flash floods, tornadoes, snowstorms, and many other forms of severe weather are coming. If you see a small cloud in the sky, you had better be prepared for what comes next. If you have ever heard of tornadoes or other storms, you should know what damage they can do and how they are formed.



Tornadoes can do lots of damage. Some tornadoes destroy houses and even entire towns, like Joplin, Missouri in 2012. The tornado that did the most damage was the St. Louis tornado of 1896. A tornado is formed by wind variations when hot air rises fast and cold air rushes in to replace it. About 1,200 tornadoes happen in the U.S. each year according to NOAA. If you see a tornado, you need to get underground or some place without windows as soon as you can.

Snowstorms are another type of severe weather that you may find yourself in, and you may even get blown away by the wind! Snowstorms can do lots of damage to cities and towns. All winter storms are accompanied by low temperatures and blowing snow which can severely reduce visibility, so you need to stay indoors during a snowstorm. A winter storm can range from moderate snow over a few hours to blizzard conditions with blinding wind-driven snow that lasts several days.

Finally, let's have a look at tsunamis. Tsunamis are dangerous and can be incredibly destructive. A tsunami is a huge wave, usually created by an earthquake on the ocean floor. A tsunami can cover 300 square meters, which is about the height of the Empire State Building in New York City. About 80% of tsunamis happen within the Pacific Ocean's "Ring of Fire."

Flower Power

By Amilya Sangbush

Spring flowers are very pretty. Spring flowers begin blooming in March every year. Flowers can be many different colors and have different appearances. There are over 300,000 different species of flowering plants in the world!



Spring flowers can be dark or light and can have different details which makes them all unique. Flowers need soil, water, and sunlight to grow, and through the process of photosynthesis, they create food for themselves and oxygen for the planet!

Wildflowers can bloom in all seasons and can be found all over the state of Florida. You can visit some of Florida's state parks, such as Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park. However, you should ask a park ranger if you can pick any flowers.

Pelican Island Elementary



Would You Like to Draw?

By Jordan Floom

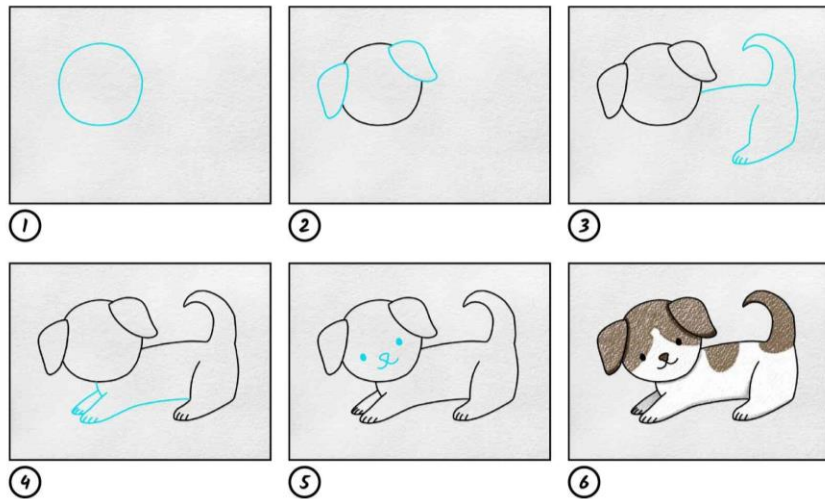
Hey, you over there, yes you! Do you ever get frustrated or feel like you are not good enough at drawing? Well, I am going to teach you some easy simple ways to draw people and animals, which most people find hard to draw.

So, get prepared! Grab some paper, a pencil and something to color with. Now let's get started. Oh but, first let me tell you some fun facts about pencils and paper.

- 1) The first pencil was invented in England in 1565.
- 2) Pencils can also write underwater.
- 3) Some people say that the average pencil can draw a line 35 miles long, but it has never been tested.
- 4) The Chinese were the first people in the entire world who started producing paper by hand.
- 5) Each ton of paper can save 17 trees.

Okay now I have told you some facts about drawing I will now teach you how to draw a dog.

Step 1: Draw a circle



Step 2: Draw ears

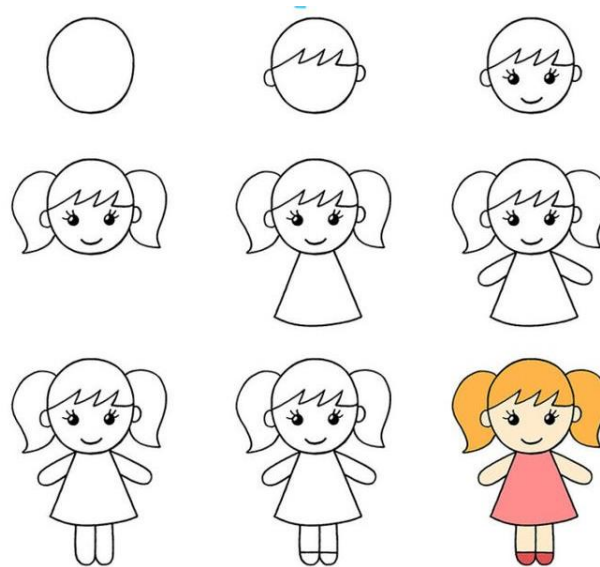
Step 3: Draw the back, the tail and the back legs

Step 4: Draw the front leg and belly

Step 5: Draw the eyes, nose and mouth

Step 6: Color in the fur and any spots on the fur you would like to add

Another easy thing I will teach you how to draw is a little girl.



Step 1: Draw an oval

Step 2: Draw hair bangs and ears

Step 3: Draw eyes, eyelashes and a mouth

Step 4: Draw ponytails

Step 5: Draw the dress

Step 6: Draw arms

Step 7: Draw legs

Step 8: Draw shoes

Step 9: Color the little girl

Now keep practicing these steps every day and you will get better at drawing people and dogs.

Did you know that there are health benefits to drawing? Drawing often will help keep your brain healthy and help it keep growing. It will also help you become more creative.

I hope you found these steps easy to follow. Keep drawing and you will get better.

Sources: helloartsy.com, howtodraweasy.net

The Girl Who Played with Dragons

By Nina Hernandez



Joan Beauchamp Procter was a British herpetologist. She was a scientist who studied reptiles and amphibians. She was a scientist in the early 1900s; during a time when women didn't really become scientists. She was so important that two reptiles were named after her: *Buroma procterae* (snake) and *Testudo procterae* (tortoise).

She was born on August 5, 1897, in London, England. She became interested in reptiles when she was a little girl. She kept snakes and lizards as pets and even had a pet crocodile! Joan was an excellent student, but her bad health kept her from going to a university. However, her love for zoology led her to continue to study on her own.

Joan began to exchange letters with George Boulenger, the keeper of reptiles and fishes at the Natural History Museum in London. Boulenger was so impressed with her that he hired her as an assistant in 1916 and became her mentor. When she was 19 years old, she presented her first scientific paper to the Zoological Society of London. She also created models and drawings for the reptile exhibits at the British Museum.

After working in the British Museum, Procter worked at the London Zoo. In 1923 she became curator of reptiles at the zoo and helped design the Reptile House. In 1923 she discovered and described a new species of reptile: the peninsula dragon lizard. Procter was an expert in handling large pythons and crocodiles and became the first person to describe the behavior of Komodo dragons in captivity. She often walked around the zoo with Sumbawa, a Komodo dragon that she had tamed.



She found a new way to treat the reptiles when they were sick. She used tools she designed herself. She's known worldwide for her work with reptiles. She's a reptile rebel because as a woman she did things other women wouldn't do.

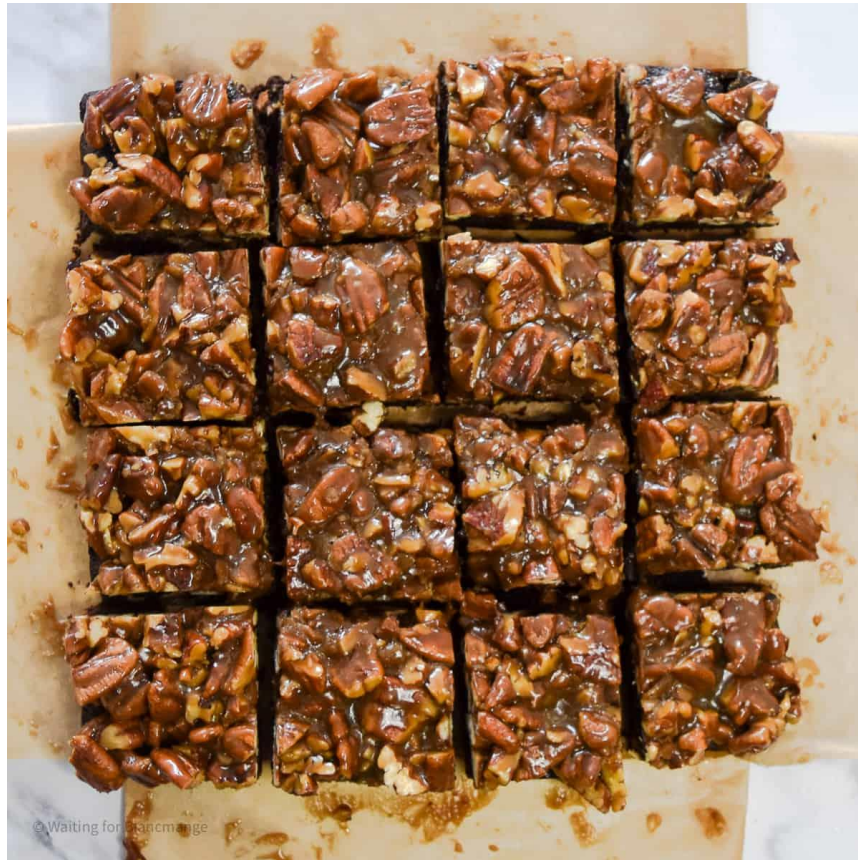
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Rosewood Magnet



How to Make Salted Caramel Turtle Cookies

By Claire Jean Gilles and Kaiden Lester



Pots and pans needed to cook the cookies:

First you need a 9 x 9 x 2 pan for the brownies to make them thicker and softer, because if you use a smaller pan, they might turn out small and hard.

Ingredients to make the brownies.

The ingredients you need are:

- Flower
- Salt
- Baking powder
- Eggs
- Sugar (both brown and granulated)
- Oil - We use canola oil, but vegetable oil also works. Or other neutral tasting oils also work.

- Butter – We always use unsalted butter, so we can control the amount of salt and unsalted butter is fresher.
- Dutch process cocoa powder – Dutch cocoa powder versus natural unsweetened cocoa is less acidic and will give a richer chocolate taste.
- Chocolate – We recommend semi-sweet or bittersweet chocolate bars that you need to chop as opposed to chocolate chips, which have stabilizers and can prevent them from melting.
- Caramel – You can use store bought or make your own caramel sauce.

How long do you need to put the brownies in the oven?

Spread butter into the prepared pan and bake for 22 to 27 minutes until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out with a few moist crumbs clings to it. Transfer the pan to a wire rack to completely cool before cutting into the bars and serving.

Our conclusion:

We authored this article because it was the first thing that came to mind when we thought of easy desserts to make at home.

Source:

www.bostonbake.com



A Holocaust Short Story

By Khalid Banner



Dasen and his family were chilling in their home. Until a crashing sound was heard in the living room. Dansen's sister, Erica, says, "Brother, what was that?"

The children's dad went to investigate, but a gunshot was heard, and Dad fell down to the ground, dead. It was the Nazi tanks and soldiers.

Mother told the children to leave the house immediately for safety. Dansen saw his father's decaying body on the ground. He has tears in his eyes.

The soldiers found the mother and took her to a concentration camp. Dansen and Erica were the only ones left. They made a boat to sail to America.

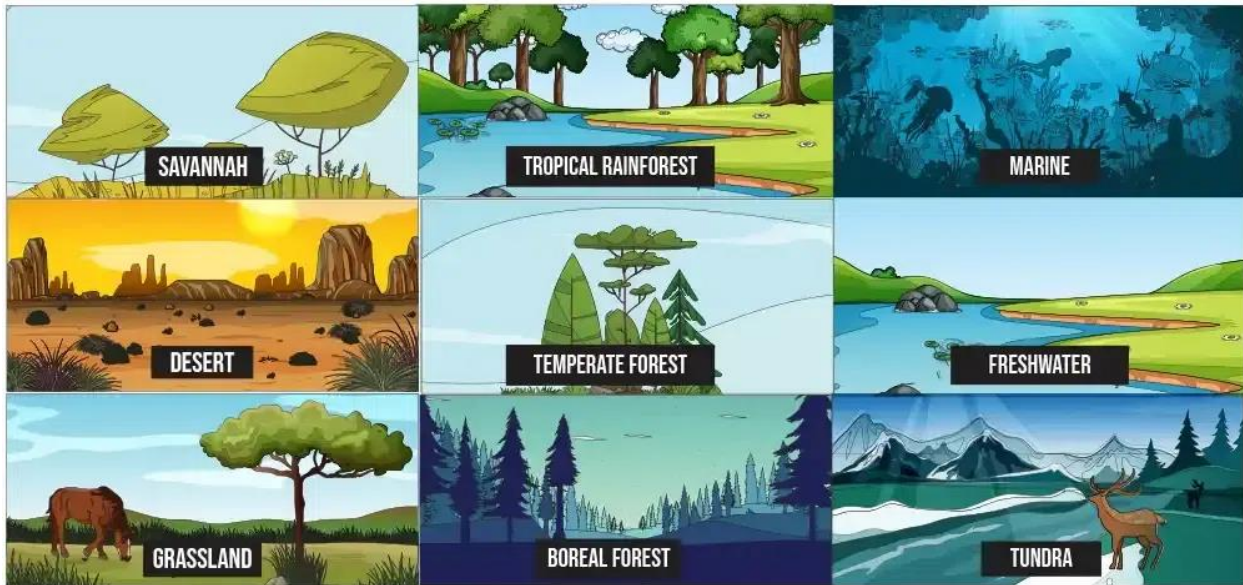
A soldier saw them and asked, "Are you kids Jewish?" Soon, the kids were sent to a concentration camp.

In 1945, Hitler killed himself, and the Holocaust ended.

Curiosity About Biomes

By Lyanna Dobson

TYPES OF BIOME



One of the biomes is the savannah, which is the African grassland, there are lions and zebras too. Another one is the Tropical Rainforest where there might be frogs, birds, and sloths. Next is the Marine where there are octopuses, sharks, and dolphins.

Then there is the Desert (. There are cactuses, camels, cats, and kangaroos. And then in the Temperate Forest, there are spiders, frogs, and salamanders. And the last one I am going to talk about is Freshwater, there are snails, turtles, and marsh birds.

We're also going to talk about the Grassland, Boreal Forest, and the Tundra. In the Grassland there are lions, giraffes, and zebras. And in the boreal forest there are wood bison, Moose, and caribou. The last one for the day is going to be the Tundra, there are lemmings, arctic hares, and squirrels too. In conclusion, Biomes are the major life zone that exhibits the largest community of plants and animals with the same characteristics and living in the same environmental conditions. It is important that we do what we can to help preserve these biomes and ecosystems for the better of the environment as a whole.

Witches

By Lyanna Dobson



Witches are scary and mean. They have a cauldron and frogs. They have a black dress and a witch's hat.

They have a weird laugh and like to make potions in their cauldron and then put fingernails, toenails, hair, and fingers in it.

They love to make potions in their cauldrons that might kill people.

Witches have cats, and they may be black cats that are always roaming around and doing what they want.

Well, that's the end for now, but I will see you later.

Bye!!!!

Wrexham AFC from Wales, England

By Rori Duggan



Wrexham is a small-town European football club from Wrexham, Wales, England.

Wrexham has been promoted twice since 2023 and 2024 from League 1 to League 2. Now, in 2024, they will be promoted to League 3.

It seems this team has been playing football forever. It is the third-oldest professional association football team in the world, but this is their first time being promoted since 2009, 15 years ago.

There are 33 players on the team, including their star player, Paul Mulien, and their other five goalies.

Wow, isn't that a lot of goalies? One of the goalies, Rob Foster, has stopped 13 goals in four games.

But I think we also must mention the proud owners of this amazing team. In November 2020, Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds and American actor Rob McElhenney, through their RR McReynolds Company LLC, bought the club. The deal received the backing of 98.6% of the

2,000 members of the Wrexham Supporters who trusted the buyout voted yes and it was completed in February 2021. Since their ownership they have won 14 games, tied 3, and lost 8. But that's not even their best season. Their best season was in 1978.

This team has been loved by its town forever. Minors used to mine at night so that they could watch the games during the day.

But what has been called the Gresford Disaster occurred on Saturday 22 September 1934, when 266 men died following an underground explosion. As there was a football match on the Saturday afternoon between Wrexham and Tranmere Rovers, on Friday, 21 September, many miners doubled up their shifts so they could attend the match.



Wrexham FC celebrates their 150th anniversary.

Sebastian Elementary



Let's Play!

By Emma Rose Giorgio



LEGO is the most popular toy in the world, and the most loved. The toy industry experts named LEGO the “greatest toy of all time.” LEGOS has been around for more than 90 years. The LEGO’S founder was Ole Kirk Kristiansen. He founded the company in 1932 in Denmark. The company was passed down from father to son. Now it is owned by his grandson, Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen. The name LEGO came from the Danish words “Leg Godt” which means play well.

Fun facts about LEGOS:

- LEGOS has made more than 4 billion LEGO mini figures!
- There are about 400 billion LEGO bricks in the world.
- The tallest LEGO tower used about 555,000 bricks to build.
- The LEGO brick was patented in 1958.
- You would have to build 40 billion LEGO bricks to reach the moon.



There are benefits of playing with LEGOS: builds creativity, increases fine motor skills, teaches problem solving skills and patience while building and players learn to take turns and share.

A little LEGO humor: What do you do if someone doesn't like your LEGO jokes? You block them!

With LEGOS you can build anything and the sky is the limit!

Sources: funkidslive.com, listcaboodle.com

Sea Turtles

By Libby Gornell



Grab your diving gear and let's explore the world of Sea Turtles. Sea Turtles are found in the world's oceans. They spend their lives in shallow waters. Once they are older, male sea turtles never leave the sea. Female sea turtles come ashore to lay eggs. They go back to the exact same seashore/beach that they were hatched on, and return to hatch their own eggs. They know the beach where they hatched by magnetic cues. They lay about 100 eggs at a time.

There are seven different types of Sea Turtles: Leatherback, Loggerhead, Green Turtle, Kemp's Ridley, Olive Ridley, Hawksbill and Flatback. The different Sea Turtles eat different types of food. The Green Sea Turtles eat sea grass, algae, and seaweed. The Leatherbacks eat jellies, sea squirts, tunicates, and any soft bodied invertebrates. Loggerheads eat crabs, conchs, whelks, and horseshoe crabs. Olive Ridley's eat crabs, shrimp, lobster, sea urchins, jellies, algae, and fish. Kemp's Ridley and Hawksbills eat crabs, fish, jellies, shrimp, and mollusks. Flatbacks eat sea cucumbers, jellies, corals, shrimp, crabs, mollusks, fish, and seaweed.

Sea Turtles are endangered because of us. We humans throw plastic or other stuff, like chip bags, fishing nets, and trash into the sea. We also kill them for food, oil, shells, and leather.

Climate change is also hurting the Sea Turtles. Global heating melts the ice and that means the beaches are slowly washing away giving the Sea Turtles less and less space to lay their eggs.

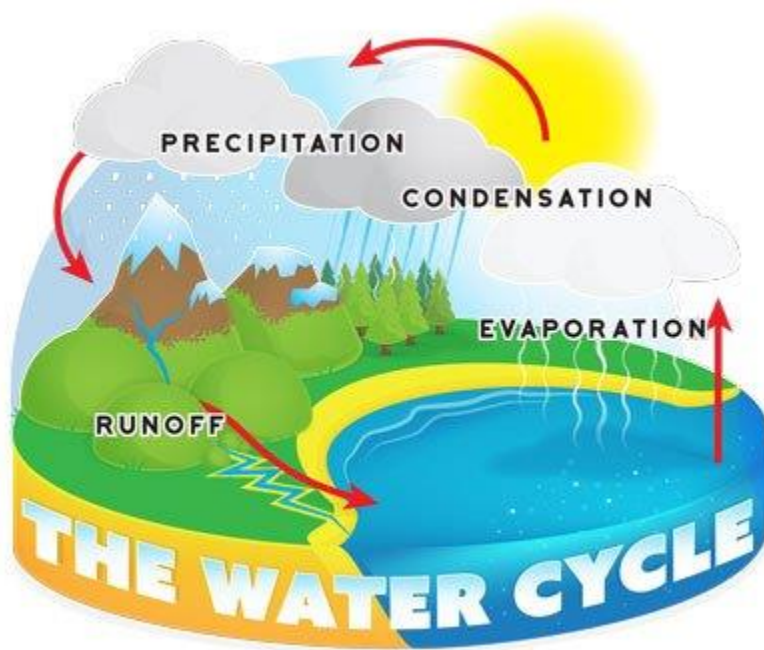
We can help save the Sea Turtles by not throwing trash in the water, helping with coastal cleanup, keeping nesting beaches dark and safe, not disturbing nesting Sea Turtles' nests or hatchlings, removing beach equipment, and filling in holes and knocking down sandcastles before leaving the beach. This way more Sea Turtles can repopulate and not be endangered any more.

Sources: seaturtlesstatus.org, myfwc.com.



The Cycle of Water

By Libby Gornell



The cycle of water is a never ending cycle. You could be drinking water that is thousands of years old!

As the water cycle is a huge and complex cycle, here are the basics. The Sun evaporates the water from lakes, oceans and rivers into a vapor. The vapor then rises until it collides with cold air, which then forms clouds, also known as condensation (tiny water droplets).

When the water droplets start to grow bigger, the clouds get heavy. (If you were holding a bucket of water it would get heavier and heavier as water fills the bucket up. It would get so heavy that you would drop it.) As the clouds get heavy they can no longer hold the precipitation (water), and it falls to the Earth. Depending on the temperature and weather this could be rain, snow, sleet, or even hail.

A heavy rainfall on land makes the water move slowly towards a body



of water. This is called runoff. Eventually this water will evaporate and start the whole cycle again.

Source: noaa.gov, ducksters.com

The World's Best Chef!

By Olivia Suárez



Famous chef, Gordon Ramsay, has many restaurants around the world, and has many cooking TV shows. Did he even want to cook? NO! He actually wanted to play soccer. He was born in Scotland, but moved to England at the age of 5. His dream was to be a famous soccer player, but that dream ended after getting a knee injury that ended his soccer career. When he was 15, he left home and moved into his own apartment.

Ramsay earned a degree in hotel management. He then worked with some of the top chefs in the world. He learned many new recipes in France. He went to work for a year as a private chef on a yacht. He traveled all over the world, and created more recipes.

Ramsay opened his first restaurant in 1998. It was called Restaurant Gordon Ramsay. After that first restaurant, he went on to open more all around the world. He has restaurants in England, Dubai, Tokyo and New York.



Even though he's famous for his food, Ramsay is more famous for his TV attitude. Because of his strong attitude TV producers kept giving him shows, such as, *Next Level Chef*, *Hell's Kitchen*, and *Hotel Hell*.

Fun Facts about Gordon Ramsay:

- Gordon Ramsay's last meal on earth would either be beef wellington or a full English breakfast.
- Gordon Ramsay has a video game out! It's called Chef Blast.
- While he is a fan of most food, he absolutely hates pineapple pizza.

- Ramsay's feet are so big that he has to get his shoes custom-made!
- He absolutely loves In-n-Out burgers and always orders animal style.

I think Chef Gordon Ramsay is the world's greatest chef! You can buy his meals in stores, such as Publix, Walmart, Walgreens, Winn Dixie and Target. Or you can make his recipes out of his cookbooks! As Gordon Ramsay would say, "Go, go, go, go!"

Sources: delish.com, dalstrong.com

Treasure Coast Elementary



Taylor Swift, Then and Now

By Aaliyah Rivera



Taylor Swift has released 10 original studio albums, four re-recorded studio albums, five extended plays, and four live albums.

Born on December 13th, 1989, her favorite color is purple. She is 5'11" and double jointed in her elbows. She is very sweet, so a lot of people like her. She is very pretty and is a very good singer, so she is very famous.

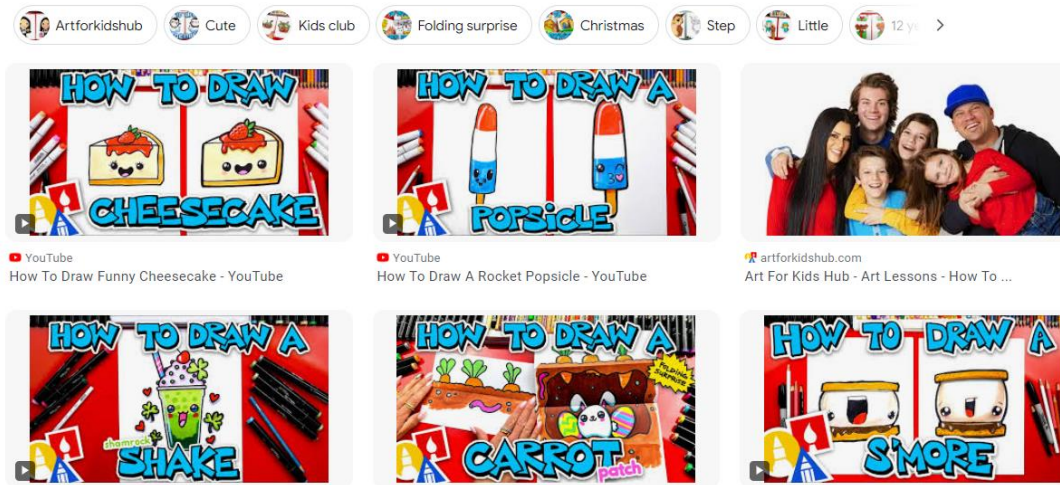
Taylor was born to Scott and Andrea Swift. She has a younger brother named Austin.

Taylor Swift was 11 years old when she began writing her own songs. She enjoys cooking and baking and is now a billionaire according to Rania Aftos for Billboard Magazine in April of 2024.



YouTube for Inspiring Pastimes

By Eliot Baker



I learned how to draw a dragon from YouTube!

There are many independent channels on YouTube, but one that often comes in handy for me is Art for Kids Hub. I'm so glad I found this helpful resource. I discovered this family's channel while searching art videos because I wanted to do new Origami.

It was Santa Claus who first introduced me to origami when he got me a smart art projector. It had a lot of art ideas on it.

Three of my favorite things to learn and practice on Art for Kids Hub are drawing with oil pastels, origami, and character drawings.

Oil pastels are my newfound preference because they are brighter than crayons. I'm starting to learn to draw better which is useful for having more fun at sleepovers, and creating something quick and fun with my parents. The channel was started February 4, 2012



Origami Bird

Dragons of Wings of Fire

By Jase Adams

Known as a dimwitted tribe, these types of dragons are strong and bulky. They can also breathe up to an hour underwater plus mud helps them heal. They have a special ability; if they are born from a blood red egg, they are immune to fire.



Known as a lazy tribe, these types of dragons eat only fruit and lie in the sun. Rainwing dragons have pet sloths, can change color and can shoot venom from their teeth.



Nightwings are known to be a smart type of dragon. They ate dead things before having to leave their homes on the volcano. These dragons can read minds and see the future.



Seawings can breathe underwater. They have webbing in between their claws and their scales are bioluminescent. They cannot breathe fire. Seawing's colors range from blue to aquamarine green.



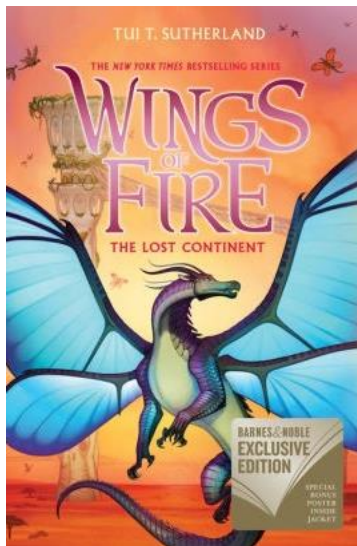
Icewing's color usually ranges from ice blue to white. They have frost breath, ridges on the end of their wings and a powerful spiked tail.



Sandwings are a tan, sandy color. They can blend in with the sand and have a poisonous, barbed tail.



Skywings are red or crimson, orange and yellow. They have large wings and are the fastest fliers and are very good fighters. Some Skywings are born with fire scales.



Hivewings can be yellow, red, orange but always mixed with black stripes. They have four wings and deadly stingers. Some also have a paralyzing toxin, which can immobilize their prey. They have green and brown scales and leaf-shaped wings. Leafwings can absorb energy from sunlight and are very good gardeners. Some can have control over plants.

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Amazing Dragons of Wings of Fire

By Lillith Camunas

Inspiration from Tui T. Sutherland



Let's start with Earth Dragons. These mystical dragons have many abilities: camouflage to protect themselves from danger, to hunt, or just for fun! They can use leaves, vines, or any other natural nature thing in their environment to hide themselves or hunt.



Water dragons can breathe, and some even live underwater. They can make underwater animals understand them. Underwater creatures can warn the Water Dragons of danger that might be coming their way, and many become loyal pets.



Fire Dragons can breathe powerful fire strong enough to harm other dragons. They have the largest wingspan of all the dragons. They are very good at flying but the downside of having big wings is that when hiding in a small space, it can be hard to get out without hurting your wings. As a fire dragon, you can not only breathe fire but LIVE in it without getting hurt because your scales are fireproof.

This dragon blends in at night in the dark, starry sky. Night Dragons have scales under their wings that make it look like part of the starry night sky while it's flying. Night dragons are related to space dragons. They are the only dragon kind that has relatives of a different kind. A very strong and focused night dragon can move the stars.

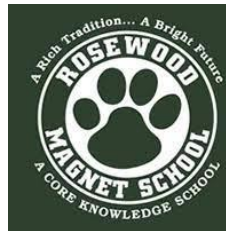


Space dragons are relatives of the night dragons. This dragon is very close and almost the same as the night dragons. While they do not move stars, they can travel super far (and when I say super far, I mean across the galaxy)! They can travel outside of the Milky Way! They don't even need to breathe air, so they can live on multiple planets and in different universes.



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