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Members of
Leadership Club
reading to 1st
grade students.

FIRST DISTRICT SOCK HOP

By Michael B.

Success! Our D105 principals "welcomed over 200 students" as Mr. Lawson said to come the D105 dance, the Sock Hop!

Sophie I. said "There were a lot of people there."

As one of the students who participated, I can say firsthand it was great!

"The DJ was awesome!" said 5th graders Andrew P. and Kate P.

Also, Sean C. said "The songs were good." Hannah K. also adds that "Many people won CD's from dancing!"

There was a small snack, and dance competitions.

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SHREK THE MUSICAL, JR.

By Allyssa W.

Do you enjoy watching cool performances? Do you like seeing people you know perform? This is a perfect chance for you to get exactly what you want!

This year, District 105 decided to do the play *Shrek the*



Musical, Jr.!

Performance dates are Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00pm and Thursday, May 11th, with a matinee

performance during the day and an evening performance at 7:00pm.

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CONGRATULATIONS READERS!

Friday, March 17 District Battle of the Books, Spring Ave Participants

SOCK HOP, CONTINUED

By Michael B.

Annie P. said "The dancing was fun!"

Ashlyn G. and Camille W. added "I loved hanging out with my friends!" and "So fun to dance and hang out with friends!"

Carson T. said "It was a big hit!"

Many people agreed that it was.

"It was a ton a fun!" said Campbell S.

Many people such as Caroline F, Anson B, Jackie K, Jack M, Tommy S, Dylan R, all said "It was so much fun!"

Now we have a couple Q&A with Mr. Lawson.

MB: How did you get the idea to do this?

Mr. Lawson: I got the idea from the PTO at my other school.

MB: What would be the next dance theme?

Mr Lawson: Halloween, possibly with costumes.

"I was really impressed that everybody danced and had excellent behavior. The other principals loved it, and it was great to see students from the other schools. I was just happy to see everybody come and have fun." said Mr Lawson.

LT SOLO ENSEMBLE

By Lindsey W. and Jordyn H.

Each year there is an event where kids in Orchestra and band get a chance to play a solo in front of judges. This is the first year when students have a choice to participate.

At first you might be a little nervous and scared to try it, but at the end it's really fun and quick. And both of us did it. All the judges were really nice. They give you some good advice after the performance.

For example, one who judged us gave us a really helpful

tip to lift up our elbows a little bit while playing.

During the performance, students have a choice if they wanted to let their family in the room or not. We both said that they could come in with us.

During the performance it was nerve racking (that means it was terrifying). (But Lindsey was not nervous at all.)

At the end it was awesome and fun, and we both got high scores.



DISTRICT 105 PRESENTS: SHREK THE MUSICAL, JR

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By Allyssa W.

All of the performances are held in Aurand Hall at Gurrie Middle School (the big Gurrie Gym). You will be glad you came!

The directors of *Shrek the Musical Jr.* are Mrs. Kay and Ms. Quinn. Students in grades five through eight were able to try out for the musical.

The cast is working hard already with two hour rehearsals at least once a week. Here is the cast list for *Shrek the Musical Jr.*:

Storyteller 1- Ally M. (Gurrie 8th)
 Storyteller 2- Lily H. (Gurrie 7th)
 Storyteller 3- Shea W. (Gurrie 7th)
 Shrek- Charlie B. (Gurrie 8th)
 Fiona- Emma L. (Gurrie 8th)
 Young Fiona- Ava W. (Spring 5th)
 Teen Fiona- Alyse F. (Seventh 6th)
 Lord Farquaad- Grant D. (Gurrie 7th)
 Donkey- Drew C. (Gurrie 7th)
 Dragon- Emily S. (Gurrie 8th)
 Mama Ogre- Alejandra R. (Gurrie 8th)
 Papa Ogre- Angelica B. (Gurrie 8th)
 Little Ogre- Jonathan G. (Hodgins 5th)
 Pinocchio- Jackson K. (Spring 6th)
 Little Pig 1- Carter H. (Spring 6th)



Little Pig 2- Allyssa W. (Spring 6th)
 Little Pig 3- Sophie Z. (Seventh 6th)
 Ugly Duckling- Caroline F. (Spring 5th)
 Mama Bear- Claudia M. (Gurrie 8th)
 Papa Bear- Lauren E. (Gurrie 7th)
 Baby Bear- Kiera S. (Spring 5th)
 Wicked Witch- Lillian P. (Spring 6th)
 Big Bad Wolf- Calum R. (Spring 6th)
 Gingy- Jeanne M. (Spring 6th)
 Peter Pan- Rayna A. (Spring 5th)
 Captain of the Guard- Madi W. (Gurrie 7th)
 Knights- Alyse F. (Seventh 6th)
 Knights- Alejandra R. (Gurrie 8th)
 Knights- Angelica B. (Gurrie 8th)
 Knights- Ava W. (Spring 5th)
 Knights- Sophie Z. (Seventh 6th)
 Knights- Caroline F. (Spring 5th)
 Knights- Rayna A. (Spring 5th)

Knights- Jeanne M. (Spring 6th)
 Knights- Allyssa W. (Spring 6th)
 Dwarf- Finn L. (Spring 5th)
 Blind Mouse 1- Juliet D. (Gurrie 7th)
 Blind Mouse 2- Karla H. (Gurrie 7th)
 Blind Mouse 3- Erin H. (Gurrie 7th)
 Fairy Godmother- Delia C. (Ideal 5th)
 Pied Piper- Hailey B. (Gurrie 7th)
 Rooster- Katie M. (Gurrie 7th)
 Bishop- Allyssa W. (Spring 6th)
 Puss in Boots- Hailey B. (Gurrie 7th)
 Ensemble- Lydia B. (Spring 5th)
 Ensemble- Sophia D. (Seventh 6th)
 Ensemble- Marissa B. (Seventh 6th)
 Ensemble- Emilija B. (Seventh 6th)
 Ensemble- Malia F. (Seventh 6th)
 Ensemble- Alexa H. (Spring 6th)
 Ensemble- Jackson G. (Spring 6th)
 Ensemble- Beth T. (Gurrie 7th)
 Ensemble- Kamila R. (Ideal 5th)
 Ensemble- Yanelly S. (Ideal 5th)
 Ipod handler- Anthony P. (Gurrie 8th)
 Ipod handler- Niko S. (Spring 6th)

Congratulations everyone for working hard and making the cast! To learn more, you can go to the District Musical web page under Extracurricular Activities on the D105 website.

SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS

By Jackie K. and Annie P.

Some of the 5th and 6th graders here from Spring Avenue and in District 105 have participated in the Brookfield Zoo Science Fair.

The Fair was on February 23. Six partnerships were selected. This was a big accomplishment for the winning groups. They were sent a permission slip to go to the Brookfield Zoo for the Science Fair.

Each partnership had to present their project to at least three judges.

The first pair was Sammy K. and Jackie K. with their project about *Are Dog's Moods Affected by Music?*

The next pair was Annie P. and Caroline F. with their project about *The Ultimate Earplugs*.

The next pair was Camille W. and Gabi S. with their project, *Radical Reactions*.

The next pair is Jude S. and Carson T. with their project *The Egg Drop Test*.

The second to last pair was Lily R. and Margaret P. with their project, *Who has a Cleaner Mouth? Dogs or People?*

The last pair sadly, could not make it to the fair. They were Danny C. and Liam C.

Sammy K. and Jackie K.'s group placed in 4th place overall.

Congrats to all the groups and great job participating!

You can view the projects in the library now until Spring Break.

SPRING AVENUE MATH AND SCIENCE NIGHT

By Camille W. and Kate B.

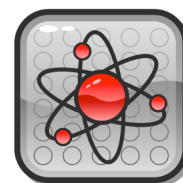
Math and Science Night was on Thursday, February 23th. It consisted of six stations with different science activities.

When you first walked in you were in front of the magnetic station where you could test different nails that had become magnetic when being wrapped in wire and connected to batteries with other magnets to find their power.

The next station was the generator station where you could power Christmas lights. You can do this by spinning a handle which makes the magnets inside move around creating electricity which then powers the Christmas lights.

The next station was the the simple circuit station where you took some copper tape and a L.E.D light with a guidance sheet to help you complete the circuit.

The next station was the simple bug where you used a popsicle stick, a L.E.D light, a battery with some tape, and a pipe cleaner to create a light or something that you would like. The steps are first you take a



popsicle stick and take a pipe cleaner and wrap the pipe cleaner around the popsicle stick and then take the battery and the light and place them where you want and the tape those onto the popsicle stick and then you are done.

The next station was the light drawing station where you grab glow stick from a bin and then go into a corner and you get a picture taken with it. The last station was the balloon station where you could test how how static a balloon has to be to pull a can or lift up paper. There is even a race track to race your cans (which are powered by your static balloons). To power your balloons you rub it against your hair. It will be fun to try this one at your home.

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BEAR DOWN

By: Kenny B.

The Chicago Bears have some work to do this off season. Former Bears stars Jay Cutler and Alshon Jeffery are heading to free agency. Free agency is when a player's contract for that team ends.

This year the Chicago Bears must rebuild the team. They need a new quarterback and a few wide receivers, as well as some defensive backs. The Chicago Bears have the third pick in the draft. So they will most likely use that pick for a quarterback or defensive back.

Rookies from last year, Kevin White, Jordan Howard, and Leonard Floyd showed great promise and are looking to improve this season. Because the team is so young and lacking experience, don't expect them to be in the Super Bowl any time soon.

College players the Bears should look out for are Deshaun Watson (Clemson QB), Mitch Trubisky (North



Carolina QB), Jonathan Allen (Alabama DE), and DeShone Kizer (Notre Dame QB). Also a 2017 prospect from Memphis University, is Lyons Township graduate Jake Elliott. He is projected to be taken in the second round of the NFL Draft. We hope he comes home to Chicago!

NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

By Adam K.

Although they didn't make the College Football Championship, Notre Dame still has one of the best college football teams. Many of their players have gone to the NFL. One of their best players to go to the NFL was Joe Montana, he also was their best Quarterback that ever played on their team.

The Golden Dome is Notre Dame's Football

stadium. A Domer is what they call HUGE Notre Dame fans. They created that nickname from the name of the stadium The Golden Dome. The Golden Dome has been around since 1930 and can seat up to 80,000 fans. Notre Dame campus is located in the state of Indiana.

If you like college football you may know that Notre Dame is called the Fighting Irish. How did

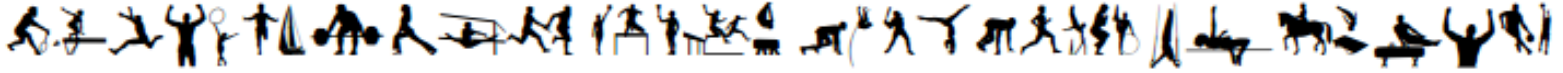
they get this name? They got the name from many students playing sports being Irish and them putting up a great fight in all games they play.

Over time Notre Dame has won 12 NCAA championships.

Overall the Notre Dame football program has had amazing teams and players and you really should consider watching some of their games.



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DUNCAN KEITH

By Adam K.



Duncan Keith is a Defender on the Chicago Blackhawks. When the Olympics come around he is on the national team of Canada. In the years 2010, 2013,

and 2015 Duncan Keith won the Stanley Cup Championship. In 2015 Duncan Keith won the Conn Smythe award by an unanimous vote.

In January of 2017 Duncan Keith was named in the top 100 NHL players of all time. In his freshman

year Duncan Keith was the 54th drafted player In the 2002 draft, he was drafted from Michigan State University.

Duncan Keith was born on July 16, 1983 in Winnipeg Canada. He is 33 years old. He is 6ft 2inch tall and weighs 192 lbs. He currently is an alternate captain for the Chicago Blackhawks and is number 2.

Duncan Keith is an amazing hockey player and can do many amazing things. When playing he plays some of the longest shifts out of any player in the NHL. If watching the Blackhawks game you should definitely watch for Duncan Keith on the ice.

WHICH BASKETBALL PLAYER ARE YOU?

By Kenny B. and Ian P.

What do you like to do in basketball?

- A. Drive to the hoop
- B. Shoot mid-range
- C. Shoot threes
- D. All of the above

What is your favorite playing style?

- A. Drive to the hoop and take a layup
- B. Draw the foul
- C. Shooting
- D. Passing

What team do you want to play for?

- A. Cleveland Cavaliers
- B. Golden State Warriors
- C. Oklahoma City Thunder
- D. Chicago Bulls

41 YEAR-OLD GYMNAST OKSANA CHUSOVITINA

By Jackie K.

The oldest Olympic gymnast ever living is Oksana Chusovitina.

She was competing from Germany in the Rio 2016 Olympics.

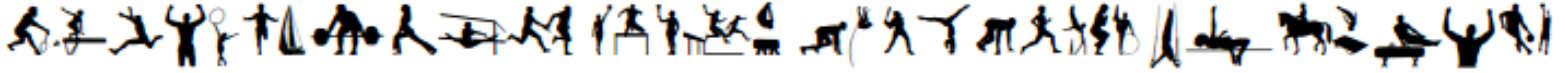
She started competing in 1992 and continued all the way to 2016. Sadly this was her final year competing in the Olympics for Germany.



Oksana decided to go to the Junior Olympics when she

was 13 in 1988. Soon she was good enough to qualify for the 1992 Olympics. Oksana competed against most Olympic gymnasts for 10 years now all around the world. Hopefully she will continue to work hard and practice gymnastics more and more.

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MARCH MADNESS PREDICTIONS

By Emmett D., Niklas P., and Patrick E.



1. Gonzaga

We think that Gonzaga is 1st because they have a powerhouse of an offense. Not forgetting about their defense, they have the best defensive out of the teams on this list.



2. Villanova

We think that Villanova is going to be 2nd. We would have chosen them to be going all the way but Gonzaga has very good defense. Though Villanova has almost unstoppable offense. They just can not match Gonzaga's defense.



3. UCLA

We also think that UCLA is 3rd because they are good really good at offense but cannot match the other teams in their defense. They can hit those threes like nothing, but cannot stop the other teams from making them.



4. Kansas

We think Kansas will be 4th because they are super good and have a great offense. Kansas is also a powerhouse of an offense with almost all of their starters being seniors, so you know they know what they are doing.



5. Oregon

Even though the Ducks don't have the best offense, they still have one of the best defenses out of the whole list. If they sound a little bit overrated, then you should watch the Oregon Ducks in action.



6. Kentucky

On Kentucky, they have not only the very good players but they also have a very good coaching staff. They also have a very good offense and defense from all of the great coaches who taught them how play.



7. North Carolina

North Carolina is one of the better teams. The reason they are not higher on the list is because they don't really work together well. They lost some key players and now the entire team is mostly freshmen.



8. Duke

Even though Duke doesn't have the best record they have a good offense and defense. They have a very great coach by the name of Coach K. He has the most wins of any coach, and he also coaches the USA basketball team.



9. Arizona

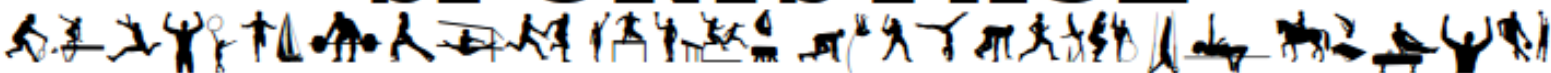
ASU has a good defense with a huge lineup and a good overall team. Also, they have several good seniors who have strategies for the NCAA tournament.



10. Michigan St.

Michigan State has a very good basketball team with one of the best coaching staffs. Michigan State was lucky to get Miles Bridges, a 6'7" freshman. He is a guard and averages 17 points, 8 rebounds, and 2 assists per game. The only problem is that almost their whole team are freshmen.

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MY TOP 5 COLLEGE BASKETBALL PLAYERS

By: Dylan C.



1. Lonzo Ball

Lonzo Ball is 6'6 and plays for the UCLA Bruins. He averages 14.6 points, 6.1 rebounds, and 7.7 assists per game. He leads the NCAA in assists. His number is 2. He also has taken his team to the March Madness and will be going to the NBA. He wants to play for the Los Angeles Lakers.



2. Malik Monk

Malik Monk is 6'3 and plays for the Kentucky Wildcats. He averages 20.4 points, 2.5 rebounds, and 2.4 assists per game. His number is 5, and he is a guard. Malik Monk is a very impressive freshman who will go to the NBA this year and try to win the college basketball championship.



3. Josh Hart

Josh Hart plays for the Villanova Wildcats he is 6'6 and averages, 18.9 points, 6.5 rebounds, and 3.1 assists per game. He won the NCAA Tournament last year by three points. His number is 3. He may or may not go to the professional league - he has not decided yet, but I think he will go.



4. Grayson Allen

Grayson Allen plays for the Duke Blue Devils. He is 6'5 and number 3. He most likely will go to the NBA this year because he is a senior. He averages 14.2 points, 3.7 rebounds, and 3.5 assists. He has been coached by one of the best coaches in college basketball history, coach Mike Krzyzewski.



5. Frank Mason

Frank Mason plays for the Kansas Jayhawks and is 5'11. He averages 20.8 points, 4.1 rebounds, and 5.1 assists. He, like most of the other people on this list, is most likely to go to the NBA. He is number 0. This year he is trying to win the NCAA tournament. Last year he and his team made it to the elite eight but then lost.

THE REAL ANSWER

By Seth H.

Some people have to answer the problem 8-4.

This article will help you in the future of life with using this problem.

Let me show you an example:

8

- 4

Do you see my illustration?

Good. Now it is pretty simple to get the answer.

All you have to do is take away the 4!

Now let's look..

8

As you can see, when you take away the 4 you see 8!

8-4=8!

Spring Break Calendar

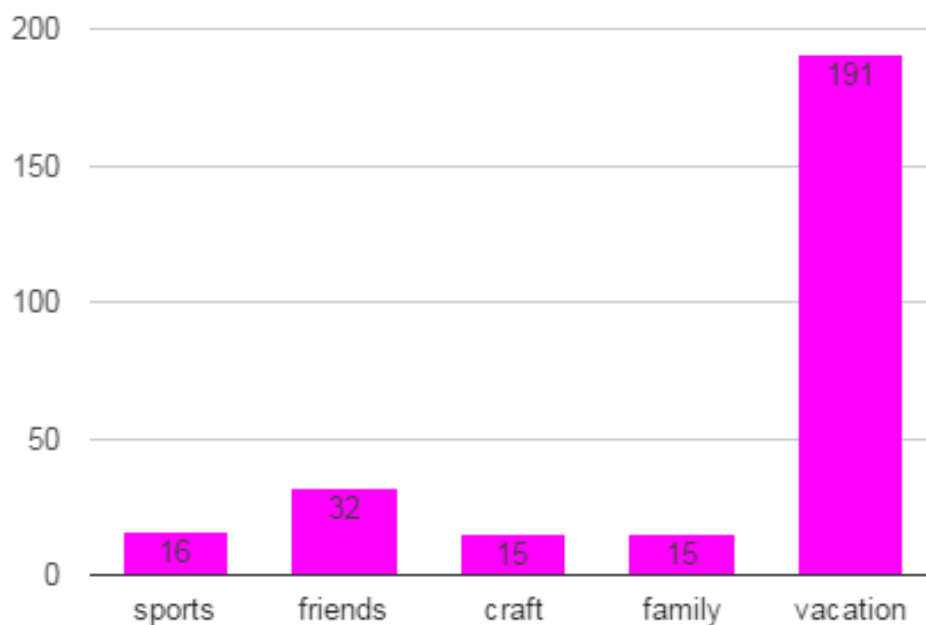
By Caroline F.

25-Saturday Build the ultimate pillow fort with a sibling or friend.	26-Sunday Pretend you work at Starbucks and create a new drink.	27-Monday Organize a very unorganized place.
28-Tuesday Read a book that you wouldn't read otherwise.	29-Wednesday Watch an old movie or television show.	30-Thursday Pretend that you are in a lava planet and you can't touch the ground.
31-Friday Write a list of everything that you would do if you were the last person on earth.	1-Saturday Go outside and enjoy nature.	2-Sunday Have a Last-Day-of-Spring-Break party with your stuffed animals.

SPRING BREAK SURVEY

By Kate B.

What Are You Doing For Spring Break?



MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION

By Lindsey W.

The Make a Wish Foundation is an organization that makes dreams come true. At the Make A Wish Foundation they ask a kid what he or she wishes for, and they try to make that wish come true no matter how hard it is. An example of a wish they made come true is from a kid named Allan who has leukemia and wished to be a car designer. The Make A Wish Foundation made that wish come true. He had been designing cars since he was four, so he had some experience. When they made his wish come true he said "This is everything I dreamed of."

They have also made other kids wishes come true



like a girl named Autumn who wanted to go to Hawaii. But the people at Make A Wish Foundation can't pay for it all by themselves, so the next time your school has a fundraiser remember to donate to all charities not just the Make A Wish Foundation, and even just a little is enough - every penny counts.

Spring Avenue school donated a huge amount of money - over \$500 to the Make a Wish Foundation. Nice job Spring Avenue!

Answers

Mostly A's- Polar Bear-You are shy and smart. You find the logical approach to things. A polar bear is fit for your spirit animal.

Mostly B's- Fox-You are sly and secretive. You joke around alot. A fox is fit for your spirit animal.

Mostly C's- Chameleon-You are bold and do things your own way. You are a little indecisive though. A chameleon is fit for your spirit animal.

Mostly D's- Panda-You are loyal and an amazing friend. You care about all your friends and family. A panda is fit for your spirit animal.

If you got more than one most answers (like you got 2 A's and 2 B's), you are a Giraffe- You are unique in your own ways! You are amazing and different! A giraffe is fit for your spirit animal.

WHAT IS YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL?*

QUIZ

By Annie P.

1: If you could choose only one color to see for the rest of your life, what would it be?

- A-Blue
- B-Red
- C-I can't chose one!
- D-Green

2: If you could choose one world problem to solve, what would it be?

- A-Stop Global Warming
- B-Stop all wars
- C-I can't decide!
- D-Stop World Hunger

3: What do your friends describe you as?

- A-Quiet
- B-Secretive
- C-Bold
- D-Caring

4: What's your favorite book genre?

- A-Non-Fiction
- B-Realistic Fiction
- C-Everything
- D-Fiction/Fantasy

*This quiz has nothing to do with the book Spirit Animals By Brandon Mull.

I CAN NAME THE THINGS YOU ARE DOING RIGHT NOW

By Jackson K.

Let's get started!

1. You are reading this article.
2. You are interested to read more.
3. You are still reading this article.
4. You are probably thinking, "I bet this article will say, you are still reading this again."
5. You are doing something.
6. You are getting annoyed by this article.
7. You don't know how many numbers this article would be.
8. You just looked at the title to see how many numbers this article is.
9. If you didn't just go and look you are doing so right now.
10. You are confused why the first sentence is the biggest font.
11. You just looked at the first sentence.
12. You still want to know how many numbers this article will end up with. You are reading the last number of this article. Therefore, you now know how many numbers this article has.



INCREDIBOX.COM WEBSITE REVIEW

By Michael B.

This website is where you can instantly create any song you can imagine! You can put beats, melodies, and other sounds in the song just by clicking and dragging your mouse. There are no lyrics but sometimes the melodies have repeating words.

My personal favorite version is "Sunrise" but you have three other versions that you can try out!

If you're interested, the website is: Incredibox.com

HOW TO DO YOUR BEST ON A TEST



By Camille W.

With PARCC Testing coming up soon, here are some important testing tips:

- Eat a good breakfast and bring a snack.
- Try to get a good night's sleep.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Do the questions you know and then come back to the hard ones.
- Avoid drinking any coke or caffeinated drinks.
- When you get a bruise on your finger for pressing your pencil too hard or from typing, take a short break and shake it out.

The PARCC Test window is April 10-April 27, 2017.



VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

NILL AND DILL GAME CORNER

UNDERTALE

By: Landon N. and Aidan D.

The Movie

Based off of Mr. Lawson's bestselling book: An Idea for Aidan and Landon

Directed by Aidan D. and Landon N.

MINOR SPOILERS

(Warning: Jimmy is not a reference to anyone, don't get offended)

Aidan: HELLO! I am Aidan Dill, and I'm still stuck in Lillie's darn bag! (Someone please help me)

Landon: Hi. I'm a potato. Today we will talk about a potato tale.

Aidan: Yes today we shall review the amazing UNDERTA-

???: NO, NO, NO!

Aidan: Fine, UnderTALE

Jimmy: I HATE UNDERTALE!!!!!! I HATE IT!

Landon: Why, little Jimmy? Why?

Jimmy: Because at the beginning of the game, that flower is impossible to beat!

Landon: ...

Aidan: What.

Landon: I guess Toriel didn't think you were worth it.

Aidan: Well at least Toriel helped me so I can play the game

Landon: Speaking of playing the game, this game will make you feel the feels.

Jimmy: What are the feels?

Landon: It makes you feel emotions you didn't know you had.

Aidan: Like Empathy? Oh wait never mind.

Landon: The music is also FABULOUS (if you like the Internet you understand that).

???: MMPH! MMPH MMPH! (Translation: Classic Metalton Joke!)

Landon: And, the game is one of the first RPGs (Role Playing Games) to allow you to have MERCY. And spare the monsters you fight.

Aidan: Also the story! Here's a rundown:

LONG AGO, TWO RACES RULED OVER THE SURFACE OF EARTH, THE HUMANS AND MONSTERS. ONE DAY THE RACES HAD A VERY SHORT WAR. HUMANS BEAT THEM IN THE WAR, AND MADE THEM GO AND CRY IN

THE GROUND WITH A BARRIER ON TOP OF THEM

Jimmy: That story is horrible!

Landon: No, it isn't. There are many amazing things about this plot, like learning about W.D. Gaster, the amalgamates, Goner Kid, and many other strange things.

???: Mmph? Mmph mmph mmph. (Translation: Wait, what is Gaster)

Landon: W.D. Gaster is a character that appears if your Fun value (a certain value of 0 -100 that is chosen randomly at the beginning of game) is set to certain numbers. Depending on your number you get a different Gaster encounter.

Aidan: Well that's all for today, time for scores! (And please Pyro, stop pretending to be mysterious).

Landon Rating: 10/10, IGN.

Jimmy Rating:
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Aidan Rating: 9/10 It's beautiful, but really needs color in battle.

Pyro: 11/10 MMPH!! (Hotland is too great for me!)

THE END



VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

NINTENDO SWITCH

By: Niko S.

The Nintendo Switch is the brand new hand held gaming system. However, it is so cool because it can change! It can change into three different forms.

The first is the one you see in the picture, this is the portable version. You can play it like an iPhone or tablet.

Next, if you take off the controls on either side and put them together, and plug the screen into the tv, you can play it as an Xbox!

The last one is when you take the controls on either side, and split them in half so there are two, turn

them 90 degrees, and put the screen into the tv, and you can get a two player game with two controls!

Also, if you don't want to plug your Nintendo switch in, you can just play it as the screen! There also are many games, and sequels to games such as Splatoon 2, New Mario games, and new Pokemon games. The Nintendo switch is will be an astonishing thing to have!



BUYING DECISION: 2DS OR 3DSXL?

By: Carter H.

I was faced with this question should I get a 2DS or 3DS XL. First we will discuss 2DS this version, this plays the 3DS games minus the 3d. This device is also cheaper with most of the same features, but it doesn't fold. Being around \$89.99.

The 3DSXL is larger and has way more features, but it is way, way more expensive! It comes in around \$400. Similarity wise they play all the games the same. There are no differences, besides one being huge! In the end I got a 2DS.

Which one would you get?



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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS



CLASH ROYALE

By Ian P., Jack S., Tyler K., Luka L., and Devin W.

Clash Royale is a video game where you put down cards and battle other people online. You can get different cards out of chests, and if you get the same card, then don't worry that lets you level up your cards.

For example, say you have two free chests and in one you get barbarians, and then you get barbarians again, then that just gives you a chance to level them up. You get xp for leveling up, and when you get to level three you get the choice to join a clan.

Different Types of Chests:

Super Magical Chest: It is probably the best chest in the game. It has the most cards, and there is a very good chance you get a legendary!

Legendary Chest: A guaranteed legendary, with no coins, no gems, and no other cards, just one legendary.

Epic Chest: You get no gold, uncommons, or rares, or sadly, no legendaries.

Magical Chest: Contains all types of cards including legendaries.

Clan Chest: The clan chest you get at only certain times and

work. You have to get crowns, and it contains all different cards.

Crown Chest: You can get any type of card, including legendaries.

Golden Chest: You can get any type of card. Pretty self explanatory.

Free Chest: You can get any type of card. Probably the worst chest in the game

Silver Chest; The second worst chest in the game besides.

Wooden Chest: The first chest you ever get. It is the most garbage chest in the game.

Cards:

There are different types of cards like skeletons, barbarians, archers and a baby dragon. There are also different variates like commons, rares, epics, and legendaries. Also there are buildings, spells, and troops.

One example of each of the three types are for spell zap for building furnace and for troop archers. Here are our opinions of the best cards for each category: Common is zap because it does tons of damage and it is easy to

level up; Rare it is Hog Rider because it only goes for buildings, and it is super fast; Epic is executioner because it throws its ax and it goes there and back doing damage each time; Legendary is the princess because it has farther range than the towers, and it has very little hit points and hits slow but if you know how, where and when to place it, it is overpowered.

Arenas:

The arenas in clash royale are:

Arena one Goblin Stadium

Arena two Bone Pit,

Arena three Barbarian Bowl,

Arena four P.E.K.K.A's Playhouse,

Arena five Spell Valley,

Arena six Builders Workshop,

Arena seven Royale Arena,

Arena eight Frozen Peak,

Arena nine Jungle Arena,

Arena ten Hog Mountain,

Arena eleven Legendary Arena

Arenas are numbered on how good the arenas are. For example, you start in Training camp but training camp is when you just download the game. But after seven matches

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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

CLASH ROYALE, CONTINUED

By Ian P., Jack S., Tyler K., Luka L., and Devin W.

against trainers you play in Goblin Stadium.

Trophies:

Trophies are how you get in different arenas, and you get them from winning battles. Usually you get around 26-33 trophies from battles.

Trophies are really good because the higher you get in arenas the better cards you get. But when you lose a battle you lose trophies.

Clans:

You can join a clan at level three. Clans are what you join and in the clans you can talk to the people in your clan, donate cards or request cards.

You also have something called a clan chest. A clan chest is a three day or week long thing. The week long one is very rare but it can happen. You and your clan are trying to get the most crowns as



possible. You battle to get crowns and the crowns add up.

There are ten tiers if you get enough crowns you go to the next tier. After it ends or when you get to the tenth tier, you open it. The higher the tier the better cards you get.

Also in clans you can make it open so everyone can join in two ways: invite only so you have to invite people or they have to be accepted into the clan, or private when only a few people can join or closed when nobody can join or when you get to fifty members.

It takes one thousand coins to make a clan, but then it is free to join. You can name it whatever you

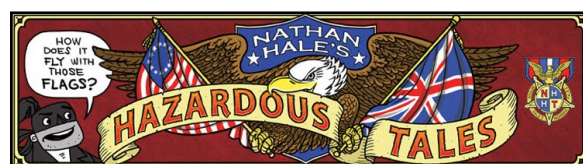
want but after you name it, the name can not be changed. You also can access what the clan sign looks like. There are only a few options and you can change the sign.

Finally there are different positions you can be: the lowest is member, the second lowest is elder, then comes co-leader, and finally the highest position, leader. The leader is the person who creates the clan or the person the leader promoted. When you promote them they have more things they can do. You also can demote everyone and when they are member you can kick them out. When you are member there or an elder you can't do much, but when you are co-leader you can do more things like promote people and demote them, and you can send out clan mail. When you are leader you can demote every one or promote everyone you can send clan mail.



Hello, I'm here to introduce the nonfiction historical graphic novel series Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales, hoping it will spark an interest in history from some famous historical figures. It has funny characters, good stories, and great information all

throughout the book. You can also find out more about the characters in the back of the book.





BOOK REVIEWS

CANDY BOMBER

By Kellan K.

This book is about the story of Lt. Halvorsen and how he started the Little Vittles movement. Halvorsen was a pilot flying food into Germany because the Russians were not letting anything, even food into their part of Germany. (The country was split between the allied forces.) They could do that because in the German's terms of surrender there was a loophole that allowed them to not let any outside goods go in. It did allow airplanes to fly in though so the other allied forces were flying supplies into Germany.

On one of these trips Halvorsen wanted to tour Germany. When he did he stopped at barbed wire fence where children were gathered on the other side of it. He decided to give them what he had - a stick of gum. This stick of gum started something big. It did that because when he gave it to the kids, they did not fight over it, instead they all shared it equally. This inspired Lt Halvorsen to start dropping chocolate and other things people needed and would like from his airplane.

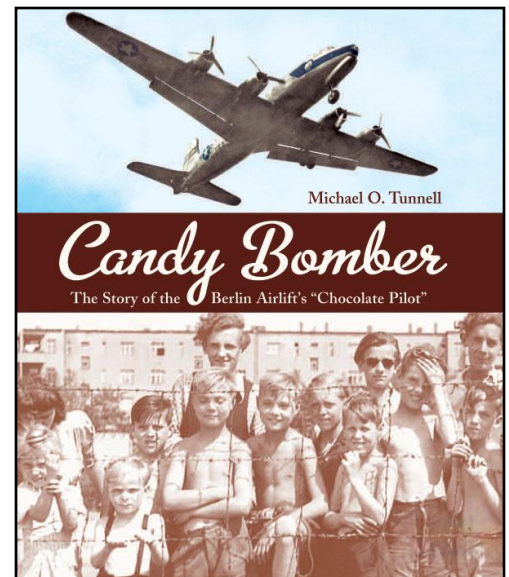


At first it was just other soldiers donating chocolate for these airdrops, but eventually candy companies were giving him free candy for the kids. He would wiggle his plane's wings before a candy drop so people would know it was him. That's how he got the nickname Uncle Wiggly Wings. Kids would write letters to him asking him to do a drop in their neighborhood. Even after his military term other people took over and continued to do this until the airlift was over.

Five interesting facts from this book:

1. That the kids in Germany called Lt. Halvorsen Uncle Wiggly Wings.
2. That all of those kids behind the barbed wire fence that were starving shared that one stick of gum.
3. Lt. Halvorsen was born in Salt Lake City in 1920.
4. He had five children.
5. Lt. Halvorsen died at 96.

The most interesting thing I learned from this book was about



the kids who shared the gum. That's what made the Little Vittles operation happen. It inspired him to start this whole thing.

I would recommend this to a person who likes to read books about wars or who just want a good read. I would also recommend it to people looking for a book about the Berlin Airlift. This book sucks you in and does not let you out until you finish it. That is what makes it good.

My rating of this book is five out of five stars. I would give it this rating because the gum story really pulled my heartstrings. This book was really fun to read and had great pictures too. This is why it should get five stars.



BOOK REVIEWS

TURNING 15 ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM

By Kellan K.

Turning 15 On The Road To Freedom is the story of Lynda Blackmon Lowery.

It starts when she is born in Selma, Alabama, in

1950. This book is about how she marched to Montgomery from Selma to protest for voting rights.

The reason Lynda went on this march was that she wanted to show George Wallace her face. George Wallace was the Governor of Alabama, and he was very racist. Governor Wallace ordered state troopers to use tear gas and clubs on peaceful protesters. This day of violence became known as Bloody Sunday.

Lynda had been one of the protesters who was seriously injured on Bloody Sunday. She wanted to march because she wanted to show her face to George Wallace. When both black and white people were marching together from Montgomery to Selma, Lynda changed her opinions of white people.

The title of this book was inspired by the fact that she turned 15 while on the March.

My five favorite facts:

1. Bloody Sunday was a turning point in the civil rights movement because people thought what happened was horrible.
2. That Reverend Reeb, a minister from Boston, answered Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call for religious leaders to come to the March. Reverend Reeb planned to join the March, but sadly he was murdered before the March started.
3. More than 25,000 people were at the March.
4. Lynda went to jail nine times, and you have to be brave to do that.
5. My favorite fact is that Lynda did not let the fear of another Bloody Sunday stop her from marching to Montgomery.

The most interesting thing I learned from this book is about the KKK. I was curious about them because I wanted to know why they

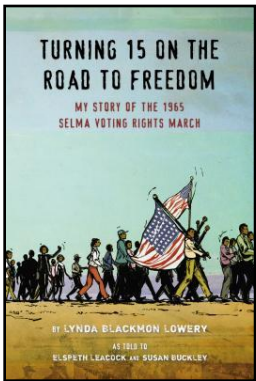
were really racist. I think it would be kind of weird to walk around with sheets over your head waving confederate flags and being racist to other people. I learned that they are really evil.

I would recommend this book to people who like biographies. I would think people would find this book interesting because it is written in first person. Personally I love books that express character's feelings through their thoughts and

actions. I think it enchants the reader into thinking this book is awesome the more real it feels.

I would give this amazing book five out of five stars because I liked it. I really liked how much courage Lynda had to go against the tide of racism. She had a lot of courage to do that.

Pictured above: Lynda Blackmon Lowery, the author of this book, in Alabama.



MOVIES OPENING SOON

By Gabby L.



Power Rangers (March 24)

There is a group of high schoolers who find something that changes their world. They get special powers and have to save the world. The cast is:

Dacre Montgomery as Jason Scott/Red Ranger: The leader of the Power Rangers and Kimberly's love interest.

Naomi Scott as Kimberly Hart/Pink Ranger: A member of the Power Rangers and Jason's love interest.

RJ Cyler as Billy Cranston/Blue Ranger: A member of the Power Rangers.

Becky G as Trini/Yellow Ranger: A member of the Power Rangers.

Ludi Lin as Zack/Black Ranger: A member of the Power Rangers.]

Bryan Cranston as Zordon: The mentor of the Power Rangers, and original ancient Red Ranger. Zordon lived millions of years ago before becoming a part of the Morphing Grid, as he is in modern-day.

Elizabeth Banks as Rita Repulsa: An alien invader, and enemy of the Power Rangers. Repulsa is a 65-million-year-old former Green Ranger, who has gone rogue. She creates the monster Goldar in attempts to steal the Zeo Crystal, an artifact that channels the Morphing Grid, a dimension that weaves through all things and gives the Power Rangers their powers. Repulsa seeks to return the crystal to her master, Lord Zedd.

Bill Hader as Alpha 5: The robot assistant of Zordon, whose metallic body can mutate for various purposes.

David Denman as Sam Scott: Jason's father.

Sarah Grey as Amanda Clark

Anjali Jay as Maddy Hart: Kimberly's mother.

Patrick Sabongui as Mr. Kwan: Trini's father.

Emily Maddison as Rebecca

Kayden Magnuson as Pearl Scott: Jason's sister.

Ranjit Samra as Security Guard

Jaime Callica as Officer Bebe



The Boss Baby (March 31)

This is the story of a seven-year old boy, Miles, who becomes jealous of his new baby brother, "Boss Baby". Miles goes on a mission to win back his parents. He finds out secret information about him, and he and the Boss

Baby have to work together.

The cast is:

Alec Baldwin as Boss Baby Templeton.

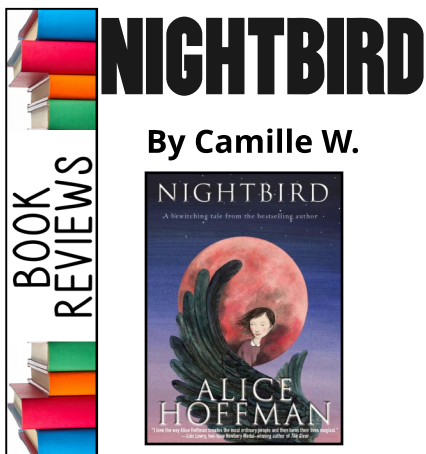
Miles Bakshi as Tim Templeton, Baby Boss' seven-year-old brother.

Tobey Maguire as a grown-up Tim, the narrator.

Steve Buscemi as Francis E. Francis, the CEO of Puppy Co.

Jimmy Kimmel as Mr. Templeton.

Lisa Kudrow as Mrs. Templeton.



By Camille W.

Nightbird is about a girl named Twig, she is the shy girl who doesn't have any friends. But if you really know her then you would find out that there is something very different about her. Her brother, James, is cursed from a spell that was placed on her family hundreds of years ago.

When a new family moves next door all of that changes. Twig befriends a girl named Julia who is a

descendant of the witch who originally cursed Twig's family. Julia and Twig work all summer to remove the curse. But as the summer goes on there is something else happening. Graffiti is appearing all around the town.

Julia and Twig have a lot on their plate, how will they get through the summer? Find it out when you read the book.



WILDERNESS SURVIVAL



By Emily S.

Okay, let's get this straight. If you haven't read the first article in the Wilderness Survival series (first-day plans, shelter, water, etc.), you will not understand this article at all. I suggest you go back and read the first one if you can, as it is essential to survival. You can find it in the Lion's Life Archive page on the D105 website.

As you should know, going into the wild is very deadly and should only be done intentionally as a very last resort. The only time you should be here is on accident or if you were separated from some sort of camping group.

So, this article will teach you how to eat in the wild. Poisonous vegetation is very common in the wild. Some plants that look harmless could be using mimicry where they look like a plant you can eat but are actually poisonous. You don't want to eat those, do you? Unless you have a plant guide with you or a firm knowledge of vegetation, plants should not be eaten. If extremely necessary, they must be eaten with caution.

Back to the point, you will be learning how to hunt. I, myself, am very strongly opposed to this idea, as a diehard animal lover. However, it has to be done for your purposes.

The first thing you should know is that not all animals are

easy game. As a kid, you should especially avoid male deer (the ones with antlers), wolves, large reptiles (alligators or crocodiles), and bears. Just so you know, if you encounter a bear do not run or

look it in the eye. Stand tall and proud. If it doesn't retreat, fight with all your might.

Before I teach you how to hunt you should know a simpler alternative - trapping. One basic trap you should know, which you

have probably seen in classic animal cartoons, is known as the Apache Foothold. To make this, you will need a snare, rope, or some similar material. Tie one part of the rope firmly to a tree and make a loop just enough to fit a hoof in on the other end. This will get you big game instantly, but don't get too close!

To complete the trap, gather some firm sticks and sharpen them into stakes. You'll need about seven of them to complete the trap. Then, find a good-sized hole, preferably with water in it. If not dump some water in it. Simply drive the stakes into the soil, making a circle of stakes with the sharp parts sticking out of the soil. A bottom layer beneath the water

would be preferred, as well.

Now all you have to do is camouflage and double-check. Make sure your rope is tied to the tree firm and close to the ground so that the entire thing is on the ground. Then, place the small loop between the stakes. If needed, tie it with some weeds to the stakes so it stays in place. Place some grass and dead leaves over the hole, just enough to hide it but not enough so your prey could walk harmlessly atop the trap.

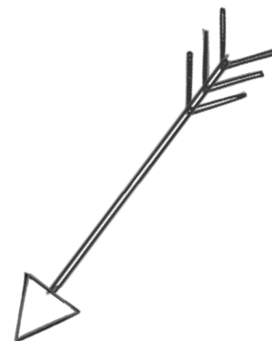
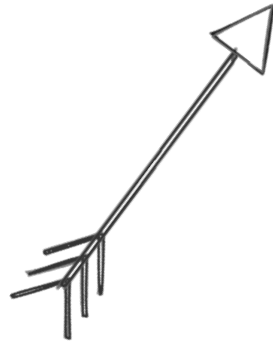
Once it is trapped, gather a makeshift bow or some rocks and fire at your prey. You should be a safe distance away and aim your fire at the animal's eyes or skull. If you have a knife, carefully aim it and throw it at your game's throat. A snapped larynx (windpipe) will give you your dinner instantly. And

I know, we'll get to the cooking part later.

Now's the real part - hunting. Hunting is dangerous and can involve many injuries. Normally I'd recommend kids fifth grade and up be the only ones hunting and the others trap (or scoop fish out of the water). Also, small

animals at multiple meals a day serve as well as a singular large animal, so try to aim for those.

If your visit is planned, I suggest you watch a documentary on lone wolves or lions hunting. YouTube videos are fine with a



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WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CONTINUED



By Emily S.

parent/guardian's permission, too. Listen to the narrator describe their actions, such as, "It silently stalks up to its prey, making sure the wind blows against it as it pounces." Also watch the animal's movements to see what they do. I find lions and wolves easy examples, as all you need to do is convert the claws and teeth to weapons and the four legs to two.

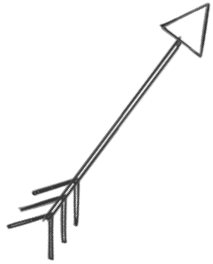
You need a weapon to hunt, right? Of course! A bow and arrow would be simple and ideal. Simply find a nice, curved stick, remove excess twigs or mold on it, and find yourself a nice string. Make two small 'slots' towards either end of the bow, close to the tips. Carefully and evenly knot each end of the string into the slots. Now for the arrow you just need to find a stick, attach a sharp rock to it, and preferably add the fletching (feathers) on the end to make its aim better.

Now for hunting. Try to prey on the young, old, and weak. Your primary game should be rabbit, squirrel, upland bird, waterfowl, wild

boar (avoid tusks at all costs!), and wild turkey. Deer are big game and difficult, so they should only be preyed on at times of starvation or if you're positive you can handle it. Some signs of weak deer are minimum weight, rotting teeth (don't get too close!), short legs, or short legs, or flat spine composure.

I hope you watched those documentaries, because it's time to hunt! Stalk up to your prey, hidden, and fire those arrows! Eyes, jaws, legs, the flank, and the neck are excellent areas to target. A shot to the eye or forehead is ideal, as it goes to the brain and then shuts down the heart.

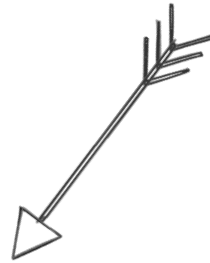
Raw meat is disgusting, let's admit it. Not to mention incredibly unhealthy to eat. Start up a large fire (no, not the one that burns down trees) and place two large, sturdy sticks on either side. Stake your prey in another stick between the two in the ground and tie them together. It should so your meal is just barely touching the top of the fire.



The next part is so much fun. So much fun you might end up sweating if your food is heavy. Notice my sarcasm. Turn the middle stick slowly and carefully over the top of the fire until your meal's fur or scales are singed with ash and the skin beneath is burnt as well. Pro Tip: With deer just dissect one part at a time and slowly roast it over the fire. No middle stick required.

When eating, you should always deprive your food of scales, feathers, and fur. Those can get stuck in your throat and are very difficult to digest. If you faint at the sight of... er, a certain red liquid you may see, you're going to have to deal with it and close your eyes. If this doesn't faze you, though, dig in! Pro Tip #2: Stomach and leg muscles are good to eat. Just avoid the intestines... you don't want to know what's in there. I hope you enjoyed and will keep in mind the information in this article!

See you on the creature trail! (Pun intended. I hope you're laughing.)



SURVIVAL GUIDE TO WILDFIRE



By Camile W.



In Your Car

Mostly everybody reading this will not have their driver's license but

this will still come in handy.

Imagine you are on the road in the middle of the prairie when you see a fire about 10 meters from the side of the road. Panic starts to set in. What are you supposed to do? Well first get to a paved road and pull over. If you can avoid crashing, it is the best. I know this sounds crazy but it is true, the fire may cross the road but will not ignite it. Next, turn your AC on to recirculate and wait it out.



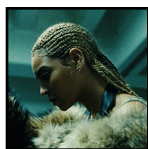
In Your House

If you are in your house and a fire is outside, then find an escape

route. If your escape route is blocked then go inside and turn off your air conditioning. I know that sounds weird since in your car you turn it on but in your house it doesn't have the option to recirculate and it takes air from outside making it smoky in your house. Next close all windows and doors, to keep embers out of your house. You may want to fill the sinks and bathtubs to make water in reach when needed. Then just wait it out till help comes.

MY TOP 5 ARTISTS

By Lindsey W.



1. Beyoncé has some of the best pop hits like "Single Ladies," "Halo," and "Crazy in Love." She is 35 years old.

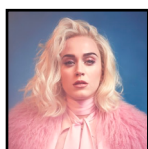


2. Rhianna is currently 28 years old. She has some good songs also like "Umbrella," "We Found Love," and "Only Girl".



3. Taylor swift is 27 years old. She has songs about falling in love and then breaking up with someone some examples of songs by her are "Shake it off,"

"Style," and "Wildest Dreams."



4. Katy Perry is 32 years old. She has written songs such as "Roar," "Firework," and one of my favorites "Hot and Cold." She performed at the Super Bowl in 2016.



5. Elvis Presley is dead but he was a very famous man. He sang some of the best songs in the world like "Jailhouse Rock," "Hound Dog," and "Always On My Mind."

RIDDLES

By Caroline F. and Ashlyn G.

1. There is a special club that you can only get into using a code pattern, and a man is trying to figure out the code and get in. The man goes to the club and waits in line to get in. Suddenly, he is third to last in line. A guard says "Twelve" to the first person in line. The person says "Six," and is let in. Next, the guard says "Six" to the next person in line. The person says "Three" and is let in. Now, it comes down to the man. The guard says "Four". The man answers "Two" and is not let in. What is the code pattern?

2. Two fathers and two sons go fishing. They each catch only one fish. When they get home, they only have three fish. Nothing happened to any of the other fish. How is this possible?

3. There are 26 sheep in a field. Three died. How many are left?

1. The code is how many letters are in each number. For example, twelve has six letters in it, and six has three letters in it. The man is not let in because there are four letters in the word four.
2. There are only three people: a grandfather, a father, and a son. The grandfather is one of the fathers, the father is a father AND a son, and the son is one of the sons.
3. 25 sheep; Three is the name of a sheep.

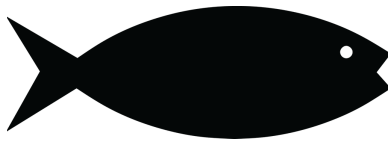
Answers:



THE OCEAN'S BATTLE

By Gabby L. and Sammy K.

The ocean is many things: a home, a sanctuary, and an ecosystem. But it is also a battlefield, a battlefield for many things. Although there is a natural battlefield of marine life in the ocean, there is also an unnatural aspect it's called overfishing.



There are many dangerous aspects and individual battles of overfishing, human trafficking and slavery, deadly chemicals and preservatives, and animal harm. Although all these issues seem like a problem, we will be zoning in on the animal harm. It is a problem that needs to stop. So, let's go learn about it now!

There are many, many, many things that you can do to help overfishing come to an absolute end. You can be informed about overfishing, you can be careful about what you eat, and you can spread the word.

To be informed about overfishing you can read about it, look at websites that we will list at the bottom of the paper, and look at the local situation if you live near a body of water.

To be careful about what you eat, read the next paragraph about red list fish. When you buy fish the next time at a fish counter, think before you pull out the plastic.

To spread the word, well, open your mouth. Sammy K. will give you a very long, detailed, sentimental explanation about overfishing if you would like him to.

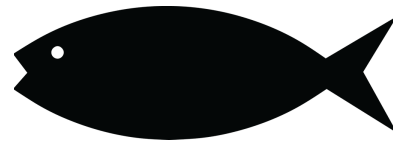
There are quite a few different types of species that are on the Red List. These species shouldn't be commercially available through multiple reasons like, low stock numbers, damage to the food-chain, and reckless fishing, when you are buying fish be careful not to purchase these species of fish.

- Albacore Tuna (Thunnus alalunga)
- Atlantic Cod or Scrod (Gadus morhua)
- Atlantic Halibut (Hippoglossus)
- Atlantic Salmon (Salmo salar)
- Atlantic Sea Scallop (Placopecten magellanicus)
- Bigeye Tuna (Thunnus obesus)
- Bluefin Tuna (Thunnus thynnus, Thunnus maccoyii, Thunnus orientalis)
- Chilean Sea Bass (Dissostichus eleginoides)
- Greenland Halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides)
- Grouper (Epinephelus morio)
- Hoki (Macruronus novaezelandiae)
- Monkfish (Lophius americanus)
- Ocean Quahog (Arctica islandica)
- Orange Roughy (Hoplostethus atlanticus)

- Pollock (Theragra chalcogramma)
- Redfish (Sebastes marinus, Sebastes fasciatus, Sebastes mentella)
- Red Snapper (Lutjanus campechanus)
- Sharks (Superorder Selachimorpha)
- Skates and Rays (Superorder Batoidea)
- Swordfish (Xiphias gladius)
- Tropical Shrimp (Metapenaeus monoceros, Penaeus spp.)
- Yellowfin Tuna (Thunnus albacares)

We know that the ocean is many things. But one last thing that the ocean symbolizes is hope. And all we need is hope. Hope that overfishing ends.

Some fish may just seem like a thing in the ocean, however they are more than that. Fish release chemicals that help plants grow, which helps make oxygen. Also, they do an immense job of processing pollution.



Without fish, we might be in a world covered in smog. Without fish, this planet will slowly die. And without hope, it already is dead.

So please, be aware of overfishing. Next time you buy a can of tuna, remember that you might be helping end a species.

BE AWARE OF OVERFISHING!



SNAKES!

By Charlotte S.

Cobra

Cobras have deadly venom.

Some cobras spit venom into their victim's eyes.



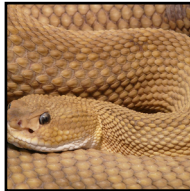
Northern Death Adder

Northern Death Adders have a tail that has lighter colored scales then the rest of its body. They use it like a trap.



Rattlesnake

Rattlesnakes have a rattle at the end of their tail that makes a rattling sound when threatened.



BLACK RHINOS

By Tyler K.



Black rhinos come from Africa. Rhinos are the strongest animals ever. In this article you will learn the physical features, the habitat, the adaptations and fun facts about the black rhino.

Physical features

Did you know a black rhino has a hooked like beak? The rhino's horns are made out of a substance called keratin.

The rhino is 1.5 meters in length or about five feet.

Their lips are wide and square.

They have thick skin.

Habitat

If you want to see a black rhino in a galaxy far, far away this is what you want to see!

They live in central and eastern Africa in countries including Kenya and Tanzania. Black rhinos live near the edge of a forest to eat the plants.

Life cycle

When a baby is born it is called a calf. The black rhino starts to grow a bump on its nose as a young rhino. They grow hair on their skin when they are an adult. Black rhinos live in herds.

Adaptation

The horn protects a rhino in a fight. Their thick skin helps them survive in their environment. It has strong ears for good hearing.

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CREATIVE WRITING

ADVENTURES OF ELVENDALE, PART 3

Volume 9, Issue 3

By Emma H.



Now Emily and her
Elven friends just got off
the Pegasus sleigh.....

“That was
AWESOME!!!!!!” said Emily.

“ Yeah, I know. Pegasus are pretty amazing!” said Aira.

“Hey, should Emily meet the dragons we all own?” whispered Naida.

The elves nodded
yes.

"So Emily, we own

some dragons that we thought you might just want to meet!" said Ferran.

“OMG!
DRAGONS?!” said Emily.

The elves took Emily to the Dragon Hangout.

“So this is Marina, the water dragon. Next this is Rose, the earth dragon. These 2 guys are the smallest. Now they get bigger. This is Zonya, the fire dragon. Then we have Gust, the wind dragon. Now this is the most important dragon of all, Elandra, the Queen Dragon. We know that Ragana wants to turn her evil, so we must protect

her. And the last dragon is a bit smaller, this is Emerald. I know she looks evil, but she is not. She is very sweet.” explained Azari.

Emily got to feel the dragons and RIDE them too! Also today was a Dragon Race day. All the dragons came to the Sanctuary to try to win and get the Golden Dragon Wing.

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It was time to race. There was a huge crowd. The race started. Gust shot off like a rocket. Zonya was getting some momentum then shot off too. Rose and Marina were a little behind then

sped up. And Elandra was pretty fast, and Emily was riding her!

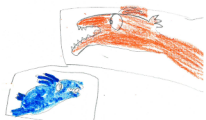
Then at the end of the race, Gust won but a strip of green mist went around Elandra's neck and pulled her back until she was with Ragana.

"That is Ragana's magic coming from her castle! We need to get Elandra back before she turns evil!" worried Aira.

“Then we must take an adventure there!” said Emily confidently.

The End

(Keep reading this series for more adventures! Up next, *The Adventure to Ragana*.)



ELVENDALE QUIZ: WHICH DRAGON ARE YOU?

By Emma H.

1. What is your favorite color?

- A. Orange
B. Blue
C. Green
D. Purple
E. White
F. Black

2. What do you like to do?

- A. Sports
- B. Go Swimming
- C. Explore Nature
- D. Birdwatch
- E. Roleplay
- F. None of the above

3. What is your favorite app?

- A. Snapchat
- B. To text (Messages)
- C. Instagram
- D. Any animal app
- E. A TV app/music stuff
- F. A fun game

4. How would you describe yourself?

- A. Athletic
- B. A diving champion
- C. An explorer
- D. Energetic at most times
- E. Animal lover
- F. Kind

Answers: *Mostly A5-* You are Zonyal! You're very energetic and like sports. *Mostly B5-* You are Marinal! You love to go swimming and is very good at it. *Mostly C5-* You are Rose! You love nature and like to go exploring. *Mostly D5-* You are Gust! You love birds and at times is energetic. *Mostly E5-* You are Queen Elandrai! You like to roleplay and like to watch tv and listen to music. *Mostly F5-* You are Emerald! You like to have fun and is very kind to others.

CREATIVE WRITING

OBLIVION A POEM

By Emily S.

*The cold hard walls of oblivion.
The darkness pressing on your soul.
The withering black clawing into your eyes
while the silence won't stop singing.*

*Your hand is batting empty air.
Your soul is stretching to the light.
But a crack in the wall is never all
that takes your gaze to hopelessness.*

*Your soul is trapped in the Underworld.
Your hands are colder than the flesh of Hades.
What escape is there now?
Who will be there to show you how?*

*There it comes, the light through the crack.
A crack that only air can slip through.
A crack of false sunlight and hope and lies...
You silently ask why.*

*Life can be deceiving, with hope and
hopelessness alike,
but grab your trusty axe!
It's time to fight for light.*

*Your weapon crashes through the walls,
damaging the halls,
streaming through the hole of light
where you can end the fight of life.*

ALONE TOGETHER, PART 2

By Ashlyn G.

I woke up with a tail
stroking my back. I was in a
completely different scene -
a forest. Up close.
Surprising.

"Hey, hey! I think he's
awakening!"

A paw swung towards
me. A white one. No,
multiple now. Four white



paws. And a
lowering
white head
with blue
eyes.

"Despicable!"

The wolf that was
comforting me whipped her
black face towards the white
one. "And why exactly might
that be, huh, Snow?"

He snorted. "See it in
his eyes."

"You just don't want it
to end up like how Ash

joined us." A
wolf looking
similar to
me came up
and flicked
her tail
towards the black she-wolf.

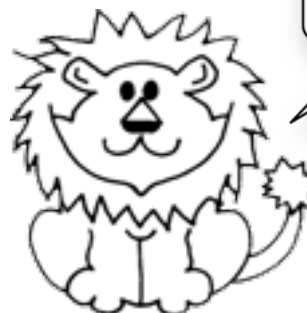


"Fine," Snow exhaled,
turning away.

I blinked, opening my
eyes fully as the other
wolves followed Snow. Ash
looked behind her shoulder
at me, her green eyes
glowing with pride.

"A-And what does
that mean?" I asked the wolf
that looked similar to me,
struggling to get up.

"You're in with us.
Sorry that Snow is harsh...
I'm Dawn, by the way," she
mumbled through her smile,
her amber-brown eyes
gleaming.



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Lion's Life Archive
on Spring Ave's
website!

CREATIVE WRITING

THE TRAIL OF MYSTERY



Once there was a young girl named Emily. Today she just began her first time hiking in the woods. After a long hour of hiking, she met a talking squirrel. Her name was Rose, which is a Tetragram, a word that has four letters. Rose was a Black Squirrel.

After another hour or two of hiking with Emily's new friend Rose, they rested for a while. Emily brought a trilogy of books to read! During the next hour, Emily and Rose encountered a split trail! They were in a dilemma. Emily asked Rose which

way to go, but she didn't know, so they went right. It was dark and owls were hooting somewhere in the trees. They couldn't see where they were going! Then they found these weird goggle things and they put them on. They got NIGHT VISION!

They saw a temple thing up ahead. Emily and Rose walked towards the temple. When they were inside, there were creaking noises. They walked into a room with a throne, and there he was - King Lion! He sprang out of his chair onto his four legs like he

By Emma H.

just ejected his seat. He walked slowly to us with a big Roar! Rose and Emily both screamed.

"Rose do you know anything in this forest that can defeat King Lion!?" asked Emily.

"Yes, there is one way, There's a hidden gem somewhere in a desert temple and it has the power to defeat him," said Rose.

They had to get that gem. Emily and Rose ran as fast as we could to get away from the King.

About 20 minutes of running, they were out of breath.

"I.... I think.... We lost.... Lost him," Said Emily still out of breath.

"Look, the desert!" said Rose excitedly. "And there is the temple!"

They walked to the temple and got the gem then ran back to the castle of King Lion. Then Emily did not know how the gem worked, so Rose helped her.

"Put the gem by that mirror then it will shoot a laser and deflect off of it. But make sure to put the mirror in front of the King," said Rose.

Emily did what Rose said and they beat him!

Emily went home and they lived happily ever after. THE END

THE END VOLUME I

**By Camille W.
and Caroline F.**

I woke up in a dense forest, not knowing how I got there. I was surrounded by thick trees. I moved my arm only to discover a deep searing pain. I knew that I wasn't safe. With much struggle I managed to get standing. I had no clue where I was.

"Help!" I called.

Silence.

I was so tired, but I knew I needed to get off the ground if I wanted to sleep. Against my body's will, I climbed a nearby tree and collapsed in sleep.

The next thing I knew, wet dew had fallen softly on my cheek. I stood up and surveyed my surroundings. A dark

blanket of leaves coated the ground, and a canopy of emerald protected me from a bright sun that was visible through the cracks. Thick tree trunks surrounded me, their branches dancing in the wind.

I came down from the tree, and as I started to walk, mud caked my maroon sneakers. The cold



started to set in, so I buttoned up my light jean jacket to keep warm.

Then, a loud noise shattered the peaceful silence.

The end of Volume 1.

CREATIVE WRITING



CLASH ROYALE TALE THE WIZARD FAMILY BATTLE

By Sean C. and Jude S.

It all started on a sunny morning when a wizard named Fireball was walking in Royale Town in Supercell. This is where royal battles are held.

When snow started to fall in the middle of summer, Fireball took cover. He ran into an armory and prepared for the coming of his long lost brother Tundra, the ice wizard. This frost face has been Fireball's worst enemy since they were both born. He has always been defeated by Tundra's ice shards. This time it will be different.

"Greetings, brother. You have grown since the last time I saw you," bellowed Tundra.

Fireball responded, "I will show my strength to you, but only in a royal battle!"

"Well then, I will accept your challenge. Tomorrow afternoon is when the battle will be held. I will alert the king of Supercell shortly."

The next day, Fireball knew he was ready for the challenge. He had trained all night. He met with Tundra at the Royal Stadium where the battle would be held. Suddenly, ZAP! Thunder, the father of Tundra and Fireball appeared and greeted both of them. He was one of the King's best companions and an Electro Wizard.

"The battle is about to begin," reported Fireball, "Ready?"

Then they all entered the stadium. Thunder went up to sit with the king and the brothers got into position.

"There are three rules to the game." the king boomed, "One, the battle lasts three minutes. Two, NO cheating! If you do, you're out! Three, since you are both types of wizards, only long range shots. The winner will have a feast thrown in their honor. Ready. GO!!!"

Tundra started off with a few

quick shots of ice shards, but Fireball easily rolled away to dodge it. He charged up some fireballs and released them at Tundra. Of course, Tundra dodged them.

After two minutes of ferocious battling, Fireball was hit by five ice shards and was frozen in place. He was stuck, but had a brilliant idea. He melted the ice with a colossal fireball and projected it toward Tundra. Tundra was hit.

Fireball ran to him and asked, "Are you okay brother? I didn't mean to hurt you."

"No, no you didn't hurt me. I'm fine."

"You know that feast?" questioned Fireball, "Instead I'm going to have it thrown in our family's honor. You, Dad, and me."

Tundra responds, "That's so nice of you. So then, where do we begin?"

NOOB VS. PRO

"Ladies, and gentleman, welcome to the first annual Noob vs Pro competition!"

"The Noob vs Pro wars will begin in, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1! LET THE NOOB VS PRO WARS BEGIN!"

The Noob slowly approached the Pro with with the tools they were given. The Pro just stood there waiting for the Noob to get closer.

"I will- oh my, is that a dead bush!?" said

the Noob.

This is totally not the end of the story....

Dfjaskgdrasdfdas sorry, an editor said this story was going nowhere, and jammed my head on the keyboard while I was eating a Milky Way.

TO BE CONTINUED...

(Heads Up: the 2nd part will be released in 2099.)

By Seth H. and
Matthew M.

CREATIVE WRITING

THE SUN TRIAL VOLUME 3

By Emily S.

Casey awoke with sunlight burning through his eyelids. He expected to find Neutron snoring in his nest, but the bird was nowhere to be seen.

"Neutron?" whispered Casey.

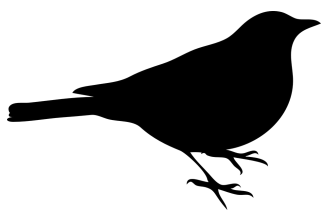
The leaves of the marsh trees shifted in the wind. Casey turned over, with some effort, and gripped the nearest branch. He cocked his head to hear a soft tweeting sound.

Huffing, Casey flung himself to the next branch. He eventually got the hang of leaping from branch to branch until a low snarl interrupted him.

A massive creature with the structure of a feline curled its muzzle and hissed from below. Its back was curved in a hunch, like a hyena's. But its teeth... they had to be at least a foot long, slicing out of its mouth like blades.

"These are my grounds!" it snarled, tongue and jaws moving to create words.

Great. If birds could talk, apparently oversized maneless lions could, too.



Casey didn't have the courage to reply. He simply

pivoted and shakily bounded away, legs and arms pumping. His palms were burned by bark and crumbling leaves, as well as his own sweat.

"Neutron!" the exhausted boy cried.

Hot breath was on his neck. The feline was gaining on him, snapping each branch as he thundered by.

Eventually Casey almost fell due to a branch springing him off it - the feline's doing - as he jumped.

Finally, Neutron arrived. A scroll was clenched tightly in his beak, creases forming from the grip. He let out

a screech, his feathers erupting vibrant red, and dove at the feline.

Suddenly, Casey felt a tug on his shirt. He screamed and lashed out a leg, kicking the feline square in the jaw. The beast relented, roaring in anguish.

"Run, Casey! Get to the towers before the sabertooth catches up!" squawked Neutron, driving his beak into the cat's eye.

"Sabers still exist?" hollered Casey, hauling himself towards the canopy.

When another branch cracked below him Casey knew he'd better not ask.

Eventually Casey couldn't breathe. He had climbed so far and long, the horizon looked closer, and the sky took on more of a domelike shape. And, a sight he would never see in his home, the two suns were climbing rapidly. Casey craned his neck to watch as they ascended, then

seemed to perch atop the highest points of the sky. They'd likely cross in the evening when setting.

Suddenly, a squawk followed by a thundering hiss boomed behind him. Casey weakly stumbled to the branches below him. They bobbed beneath his weight, bark snapping as if in warning.

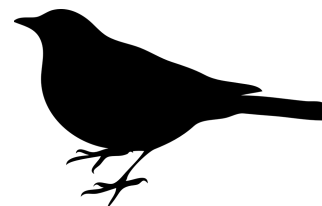
Within a moment

a sharp pain was snaking along the boy's back. Casey screamed, turning

abruptly to whack the saber in the muzzle, but then found himself plummeting to the ground. His stomach churned and he could feel hot bile coating his mouth.

The wound the saber clawed along his back throbbed violently.

Then everything went black.



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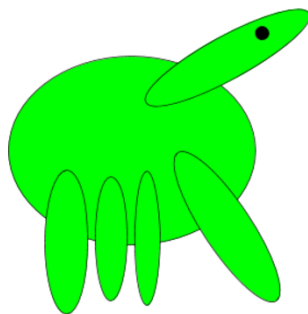
MR. P. BUNNY BECOMES A TURTLE

by Landon N.

Mr. P. Bunny decided to be a turtle. No one knows why, no one knows how. But he wanted to be one. So, he got his Mario Bros Koopa costume and took off the shell, and then wore the shell. He then painted himself green, and declared himself Mister Peanut Turtle.

Mr. P. Turtle crawled to the beach slowly, and then dove into the water. He saw many sights, like coral reefs and angler fish. He tried eating a jellyfish, but venom was injected into him and he turned into a purple turtle.

So, Mister Purple Peanut Turtle went to an



underwater Taco Bell. He spent eight years in the bathroom after that. Then, he noticed that he hadn't been breathing under the water the whole time, and he hadn't turned purple from the jellyfish but from the lack of air.

He quickly swam up to the surface to see Jimmy (yes, Bob renamed himself again) dressed in green, wanting to be a turtle.

"Don't do it!" Turtle Bunny shouted.

But Jimmy did it anyways.

THE END

KITTEN ESCAPE WE'RE LOST INSIDE A FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD!

By Emma H.



Elena, Sarah, and Renee were at a football game, and when the home team got 40 points, they all got sucked into the scoreboard! They have become kittens like last time where they were inside the game!

"Wha-What happened? Uhh I think we're inside the scoreboard!" said Opal. (Renee)

"Do we need to find some crystals?" asked Turquoise. (Elena)

"I guess!" replied Peridot. (Sarah)

The 3 friends ventured deep into the technology.

"Hey look! A gem!" said Opal.

The kittens touched it, and turned into Gear Cats. Then they went even DEEPER into the scoreboard and found another gem. When the cats touched it, they turned into Screen Cats. Screen Cats can create a force field that is a screen to protect themselves. Then an old

wise cat came up to them and gave some advice-

"If you will want to escape this scoreboard, you'll have to hack into it by finding a red keyboard and typing 'Give Guest Team Infinite Points Rapidly.' That should do the job."

The cats took his advice. After about 30 minutes of searching, they found it, and typed what the old cat said. Then a flame appeared in front of them saying- Fire SPREADS IN 15 MINUTES. The cats will have to find a fireproof escape pod and wait until the board explodes.

10 minutes later.....

The cats found the escape pod and waited five minutes. Finally there was a loud hissing sound and the scoreboard exploded! The cats were out!

The End

PS.If you like the Kitten Escape stories, please read Kitten Escape 3! By Jordyn H.

CREATIVE WRITING



MR. TACO AND THE MAGICAL QUEST A TWISTED TALE

By Annie P.

Once upon a time, Mr. Taco, Gary the Ghost and Mr. O.J. Burger were dragging sleeping Clara down the road to a nearby castle for shelter during the pouring rain. When they got there the doors were open wide so they, of course, walked inside. They dragged Clara up the giant staircase (She woke up). When they got to the top they saw a grand ball.

"How about we wait at the bottom of the stairs," Gary said.

"Wait!!!" Clara said, "Is that... A PRINCE?!?!? I need to win him from that beautiful girl that they call Cinderella!"

"How do you know her name

Clara?" Mr O.J. Burger said.

"Oh we're just frenemies from fairy tale school. She was too unpopular for me to keep track of."

Clara ran off to try to win the prince, and it ended with security pulling her off of the prince.

"HE WILL BE MINE CINDERELLA!!!!!!!!!!!!!! HE WILL BE MINE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Clara screamed.

"Whoah whoah whoah. Clara is that you? It's been so long! How have you been?" Cinderella asked.

"Oh it's been great Cinderella! UP TO THIS POINT!!!!!!" Clara said.

Suddenly, the giant flying

eyeball (from a past issue) came bursting into the castle, eating (somehow) the giant meal the party guests were going to eat.

All of the sudden, Some guy randomly said, "No food? I'm out of here! See ya!!!"

Everyone at that second, ran out of the palace and went to their homes to order pizza.

Clara moaned and admitted "I just wanted to look cool in front of Cinderella."

"Well you totally failed" Mr. Taco, Mr. O.J. Burger and Gary the Ghost said in unison.

The End

THE WONDROUS ADVENTURES OF ANITA BATH

By Everett K.

Once upon a time, there was a woman named Anita Bath. She was very, very cursed. If she walked by an open window, a plant on the ledge would fall on her.

One day, when she went to Walmart, she got baking soda (for cookies) and vinegar (for stuff, don't ask). But then she dropped them and it gave off a huge, bubbly chemical reaction and it exploded all over the place (This is science, kids. PAY ATTENTION!!!! And try this

at home if you're parents will let you.)

The manager sprinted over and yelled "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!?!?"

"I'm uh... uh...." muttered Anita, flabbergasted.

"THIS IS INCONCEIVABLE!" Screamed the manager at the top of his lungs. "INCONCEIVABLE, PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS COMING IN HERE AND DOING INCONCEIVABLE

THINGS LIKE THIS!!!!!!"

"I don't think he knows what that means," another man in the aisle pointed out.

"I need to talk to the owner about this...." the manager grumbled as he stormed off.

Anita looked around, got up and walked out of the store. This was a regular day in the life of Anita Bath.

THE END

CREATIVE WRITING

THE DIMINISHING SUN, VOLUME 3

By Emily S.

As you may have read in the last article, Kenyon blacked out after hearing a young cry of, "NOOO!" Who could this be? You're about to find out.

Kenyon squinted, preparing to find light blazing at him, but instead opened his eyes to darkness. He was in an eerie cave with hyenas busily milling about.

When the lion cub tried to walk he was flung backwards, a cold material pressing against his legs. Kenyon winced and stared down at his chains - animal bones.

A twin rattling sound emerged from beside him. Kenyon whipped around to find a hyena cub struggling against the chains. The two looked about the same age.

Imprisoning their own kind? Why would a hyena do that?

"I expected you to

be screaming by now," the cub spat, ears pinned. "Lions are always so judgmental of us."

Kenyon straightened as much as his bonds would allow, studying the hyena. She had a few dots but mostly stripes on a tawny pelt turned grey in the darkness.

Her bold brown eyes locked with his, displaying thinning pupils.

"In case you're wondering," the cub murmured, "I am a striped hyena and they are spotted. They're holding me prisoner to bait my clan... we've had a long rivalry."

"I'm so sorry..." mewed Kenyon. "What's your name, and why did they bring me here?"

"I'm Lyric!" the hyena yipped. "They brought you here apparently to bait your pride. They want the lions and striped hyenas in war so the 'dirty work' is done for them. Then they plan

to destroy whoever is left."

Whiskers trembling, Kenyon lowered his head and parted his jaws. When his teeth hit the bones he realized they were rather soft.

"I'm going to be on my own anyway," the lion cub mumbled. "My leader said so. By the way, I'm Kenyon."

Suddenly, a chorus of barking blasted through the cave - a rather large one. Likely large enough to hold three dinosaurs and surely large enough to hold millions of hyenas.

Hyenas poured out from their posts and stations, tongues hanging as they surrounded their prisoners. An unusually muscular, battle-scarred female stepped forward.

"As you can see, you were brought here as prisoners," she snarled. "You seem to have figured

out why."

A slow whisper snaked through the crowd, but was silenced when the female.

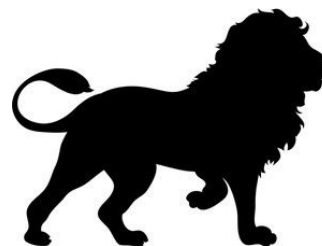
"From now on you will either refer to me as My Lord, Your Highness, or Nightshade. I am to be your ruler from now on, and any commands disobeyed will result in severe discipline. Understood?"

Lyric and Kenyon straightened and dipped their heads, muttering, "Yes, My Lord."

They exchanged glances - glances of fear, fury, and hopelessness all in one.

When the hyenas had turned back to their stations, Lyric managed to sit on her haunches. She gazed up at the roof of the cave, tears glossing her eyes.

"Look up, Kenyon," she said. "All we see is that. Outside the sun is diminishing."



CREATIVE WRITING

ADVENTURES WITH CHIKA

By Sarah K.

This story begins with a baby girl named Chika. She was always a bright girl but at age five her mother died. Her family was very depressed. She grew up not ever knowing her mother. All Chika could rely on were pictures of her.

Chika's mother had rich brown hair and ravishing green eyes. Her father talks about her mother a lot, and the way his eyes sparkle when he talks about her makes Chika know more of her mother's personality.

When Chika grew up she asked her father to give her 20 facts about her mother. He didn't answer the way she wanted him to answer so she was just going to find out herself.

Chika heard rumors about a shop where you can travel back into time. She didn't know if it was real but that was the only thing she could rely on to find out about her mother. A few moments later...

"Do you know where I can find the home of 3344 Travel

Avenue," said Chika to a stranger. They said no.

"Ugh. That is going to be the last person I talk to," she said.

"I need a map" she thought but where can I get one?

She walked to the next gas station. "I think there might be a map in here," she said and in she went. And she was correct, there was a map in there.

"Ok where is this place?" she exclaimed "wow there isn't even a road to it.

Okay I have to go up Tree Valley, across the river and scale Haley Mountain." That was a long way to the house. And on she went with her adventure. First starting with Tree valley, Chika had to walk through the depth of the forest. Eventually she ended up on the other side of the forest. After two miles she came upon the river, it had no name.

She pointed out "Huh, how

am I going to get across this?"

DING! A brilliant idea came up but she had to go back to the forest. Now she had to walk two miles back to get wood. She panted and panted from walking back to through forest. Chika had to find a dead tree to go back.

After a while of walking, she came back to the river with a kayak. She paddled across the river and this time after three miles of walking she came across the monstrous Haley Mountain.

She had to find a way to get across the mountain and thankfully there was a river around it. That had saved Chika a lot of time.

So again she paddled around the mountain and she found the shop Voyage Dans Le Temps

(French for Time Travel).

"Hello," she called out "Hello?" In a shaky voice someone replied "Welcome to Voyage Dans Le Temps."

To Be Continued...



CREATIVE WRITING FANTASY

By Charlie R.

Another boring day at school, just like every day: I walk in, get to my locker, go to class and then go home. On this day, I got to my locker, got my books, and went to Math class and sat down.

"Hey." said a voice.

I looked around: nothing. I went back to working and it came again.

"Hey. Come here." It said.

I looked around, and I saw someone I've never seen around the school. I went to sit with him.

"Hello?" I asked him.

"Hi." He said without his mouth moving.

"How'd you do that?" I asked him.

"Do what?" He said without his mouth moving.

"Talk without your mouth moving?" I asked him.

No answer. He just walked away. I looked in my desk to get my laptop, and I saw a note that said, "Meet me after school at the front. From: No Name Given." I knew who this letter came from it came from the kid I was just talking to!

9:40 am, Spelling

It was time for spelling class so I walked over and took a seat.

"Hey, hey, hey, hey." The voice went.

"Come, come, come, come." It said.

I looked around the room, and he was in the back of the class. I walked over and said, "Dude, who are you?"

"I'm the person taking you somewhere secret." He said with his mouth moving.

"Where?" I asked him. "Come with me." He said without his mouth moving one bit. I left with him when the teacher wasn't looking.

"Here. Here. Here!" He said.

I walked over to it and a laptop was there. It was dark and cold.

"Look at it." He said.

"Fine." I said back.

I looked at it and suddenly I was getting sucked inside the laptop!

10:45 am (Friend's view)

So I came to school late, and I missed two periods. English and spelling. My name's John, by the way.

"Dude where's Charlie?" I asked Jedm.

"I dunno." He said back.

I went to go look around, and I saw a coldish room. The only thing

in the room was a laptop. I didn't bother and went to go look for Charlie.

11:00 am, The Weirdness

I landed on a bed, and I was so confused about what had happened.

"Come here, Charlie." I heard, and I knew it was that kid that got me in this mess.

"What?!" I said.

"Come here, Charlie." I heard again.

"What?! What do you want?!" I said back.

No answer.

I looked around the room and noticed a closet. I saw the door open, and I didn't know what was in there, so I walked closer to it. Yep. Smart.

Anyways, I walked closer to it and out popped the kid that was speaking to me.

"Yo, welcome to my house!" He said with his mouth moving.

12:00 pm, Where It Begins...

"What's going on?" I asked him.

"Don't worry you're in a complicated story. Which is fantasy-themed, I guess. We'll get



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FANTASY, CONTINUED

By Charlie R.

back - just need to get something." He told me.

So we walked to another room through a weird blueish, greenish, and reddish hallway. "

Where we going?" I asked him.

No answer.

"Why aren't you answering me?" I yelled.

No answer.

"Hey! Hey! Hey!" I asked him.

Guess what? Guess what he then did? Ready? No answer. So I did what a kid does and broke something in "his" house. I knocked over a vase and it shattered but then it appeared back.

"Hey! Hey! Hey! Answer me!" I yelled.

He answered back, "What?! I'm trying to get us to safety!" (We were walking down the hallway.) We were walking for another minute then stopped.

"Here we are." He said.

"Come and walk in!" He said again.

"Ok." I answered back.

I walked inside and a giant beam of light hit me. I was falling and falling until I hit the bottom.

"Dude!" I yelled out.

When I got to the ground he was

there.

"Come on, come here." He said.

1:30 pm (Friend's view)

What a useless 45 minutes of my life wasted in English class. I still didn't know where Charlie is, so I walked back to the laptop and stared it down for a while.

"Dude I don't think he's here today. He might be sick." Jedm said.

"Nah, but how about you go near the laptop." I asked him.

"Why?!" He asked back.

"Just do it!" I told him.

"Alright, here we go." He told me.

Suddenly a big beam of light flashed at him, and he was taken away somewhere.

"Dude! Where are you?!" I yelled.

Suddenly the bell rang and I had to leave to go to another class.

2:00 pm, What Happens Next?

"Come." He said.

We walked in a room and it was very weird.

"What is this place?" I asked him.

No answer, not a surprise.

Anyways, he told me that in that room the story begins.

"What story?" I asked him.

"I told you, a fantasy story." He said back.

So we walked in and....

Sorry can't tell you. I'll probably get around to writing it in another story like I always do, (blushing.) Don't worry though, I'll give you a little clue. The clue is, Cookies. I'm serious. And another clue is, cotton. That's all! Here's another "friend's view" thing.

2:47 pm (Friend's view)

I wondered where Jedm went, but I was more curious about where Charlie went. As I was walking to my locker and getting ready to go home I saw this. A person walked out of the laptop and started

talking weird.

"Hello, hello, he, ll, o, hello, he, llo." He kept saying.

I just ran, got my stuff and went home.

But I was wondering who was that? And did he take Charlie there? But all these questions were irrelevant and didn't make sense.

So I went home.



CREATIVE WRITING

STRANGE GOVERNMENT FILES IN DATABASE

By Aidan N.

A recent conspiracy theory has sprung up within the media. The theory claims that the government has created NOx-infused retroviruses, infused with human DNA, and given them to reptiles. There was, at the time, no proof, and was laughed off. But here, I've found it...

...Proof. Actual proof.

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[Test report 6.77; 1/9/14]

Viral agent subject 005 entering BM stage. It's seemingly working. I hope for the best. Oddly, however, the agent seems to convert back after several hours. I'll work that out soon enough.

[REDACTED] O'Knull (Site Director 09-4)

[Test report 7.88; 2/8/15]

All subjects have seemingly deceased. An unfortunate end for the experiment, at least for a year or so. However, a new viral agent is in the works.

[REDACTED] O'Knull
(Site Director 09-4)

[Test report 1.00;
1/1/80]

The first experiment concerning NOx-infused retroviruses (human DNA) within reptilian fetuses. It worked out, actually. Though, not as we planned; as it became violent and escaped containment. We will continue the experiment.

[REDACTED] O'Knull (Assistant Site Director-008)

[Test report 7.99; 4/8/16]

NOx levels risen to 7.n0 after Incident 0-1-1. We're getting desperate to manage these creatures.

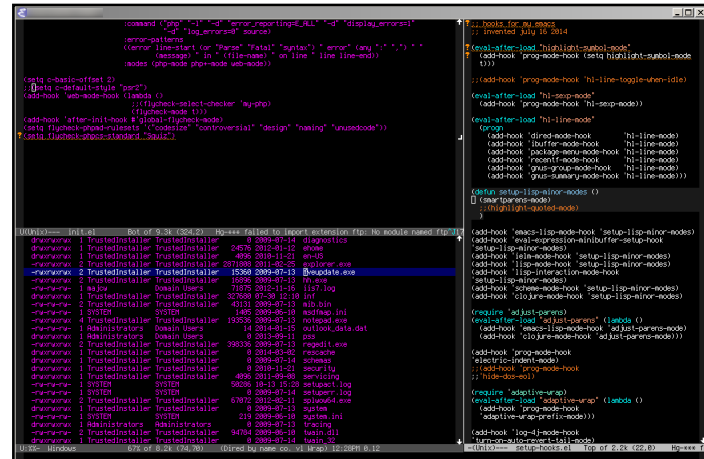
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Incident 0-1-1. [BEGINNING
REPORT]

It's finally working. The retroviruses are being overgrown by the NOx, and thus are taking the reptiles quicker. We've found a way for



humanity to thrive after its downfall, finally. I shall report in an hour.

[REDACTED] Houston (Assistant Medical Consultant 12-99)

[SECONDARY REPORT]

"I've got troubled thoughts and the self-esteem to match. What a catch." - Fall Out Boy

The subjects became unstable. This is, apparently, due to a "lack of NOx", according to the Site Directors. I've decided to take their advice. The current level of NOx-infusement is 7.n0 (Seven n0 < pronounced "Al-an-No" >). I hope this isn't too much, but, we can always get more specimens.

[REDACTED] Houston (Assistant Medical Consultant 12-99)

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>[YES] [NO]

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CREATIVE WRITING

SPICY LIFE III, THE FINALE!

By Ava W,

"FELGMA, MOON! THIS MIGHT LEAD US TO SPICE!!"

Ashley rushed through the alley and tripped over a rock and landed right in front of Moon.

"Moon! Smell this rock!" Ashley said out of breath.

"Jalapenos. How will this help?" Moon replied, "Sha Zashley, how zwill this eh help?" Felgma added.

"I used to fee- give Spice Jalapenos all the time so he might of been here! No time to explain! LET'S FOLLOW THIS SCENT!"

Ashley stuck her nose on the cement and started to sniff this way and that way and finally figured out where she was going. She started up the street. After an hour of sniffing they made it to a hill with bits of jalapeño stuck between rocks. A white golden retriever stopped them from going up any farther.

"Are you guys lost? Have you lost something? It seems like you have." She continued, "I'm Snow! Who are you?"

"Um... I'm Ashley, she's Moon," Moon waved her paw in the air, "and this is Felgma."

"Zello!" Felgma said "Zwe are zlooking forz ze Spice, White dog with brown splashes."



"Oh! That dog! He passed by here just a minute ago. Can I help you look?" Snow asked

"Sure! That would be great! We could use an extra paw!" Moon said

Snow started to celebrate but calmed downs after.

"I think he was holding a pepper in his jaws. He looked like his mouth was on fire! So he must be heading for Stargaze river!" Snow said

"Nice thinking Snow! Let's go!" Ashley ran ahead right to the stream too see a white dog with brown splashes.

"SPICE!!! SPICE!!! SPICE!!! Spice!!!" Her voice started to fade and all the sudden she was back in her house. Safe and sound with her german shepherd named Felgma, a black golden retriever named moon, a white golden retriever named snow and a white dog with black splotches named Spice.

STRANGE GIRL A POEM

By Jeanne M.

There was a girl.

She was very strange.

She lived in her home.

In the town of LaGrange.

The girl had many friends.

They made no sense.

They were very crazy.

She was not tense.

The girl was neutral.

She had no life.

She had many talents.

Although she could not play a fife.

There is a strange girl.

Who could it be?

Oh, wait.

That girl is me!



By Jillian W.

"Somehow at least once a day my teacher sees me at my worst side and reprimands me. I know I'm a good kid but is it just that my teacher doesn't like me? Also, me and my friend are really close but whenever I even get close to someone, she gets mad. I really like her, but what do I do?"

-Moonlight

Dear Moonlight,

Thanks for the questions. I hope that I am able to help you. Well, here my answers.

It stinks that you feel this way about your teacher. I'm sure that she does like you, but she isn't happy with your actions.

Try to always be on your best behavior when you are around your teacher and you can mess around when you are with your friends. Sometimes, the way you are at home is not the way you should be acting at school. Overall, your teacher knows that you are a good kid, you might just have a hard time showing it.

Now, about your friend problem. I want you to know that it is okay for you to have more than one friend. Maybe the friend who doesn't like it when you hang out with other people has a hard time making friends. Try introducing your one friend to your other friends. I bet they would get along better than you think.

Well, Moonlight, I wish you the best of luck with this advice and I hope I was able to help.

Best wishes,
Jillian

*Who are you?
-Many People*

Dear Everyone,

My name is J-I-L-L-I-A-N, my social security number is 314159265. (Notice anything special about my social security number?) I live in La Grange, and I am a female.

Once again my name is capital J, lowercase i, double l, lowercase i, lowercase a, lowercase n, JILLIAN. I am ONE person not two not three not four not even five.

Now I have a question for you why does nobody understand that I am Jillian and that is it?

Sincerely,
Jillian

"How can I get a better score one the pacer?"

- Runner

Dear Runner,

I had this problem too. The answer is to slowly build your endurance by doing more sports, going on runs and gradually getting stronger so you can go faster.

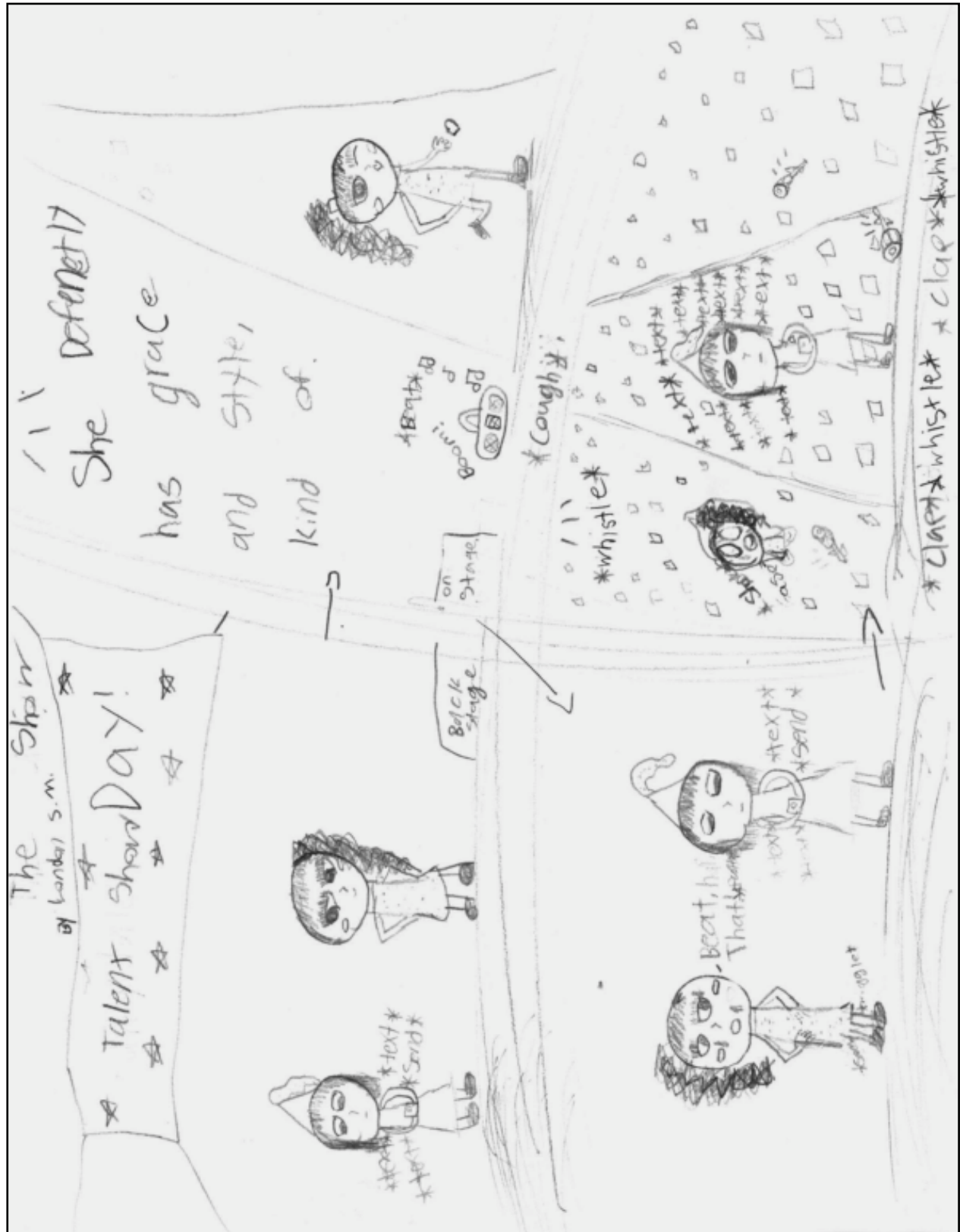
Also we are different and the pacer is not everyone's strength. In the end try your best and remember this is not a comparison against others.

Best of Luck,
Jillian

**Do you have a question
for Jillian?**

Write your question on a piece of paper. Put your question in the box in the Library by the circulation desk. You do not have to sign your name, or you can make up a name for yourself. Talk to you soon!

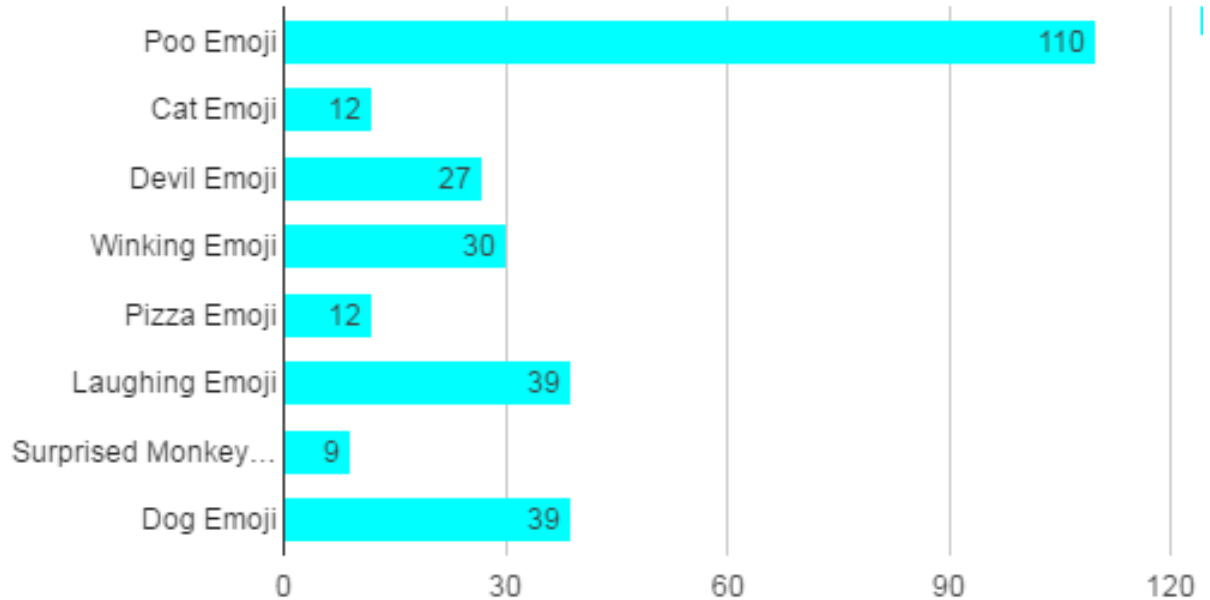
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EMOJI SURVEY

By Simone B and London SM

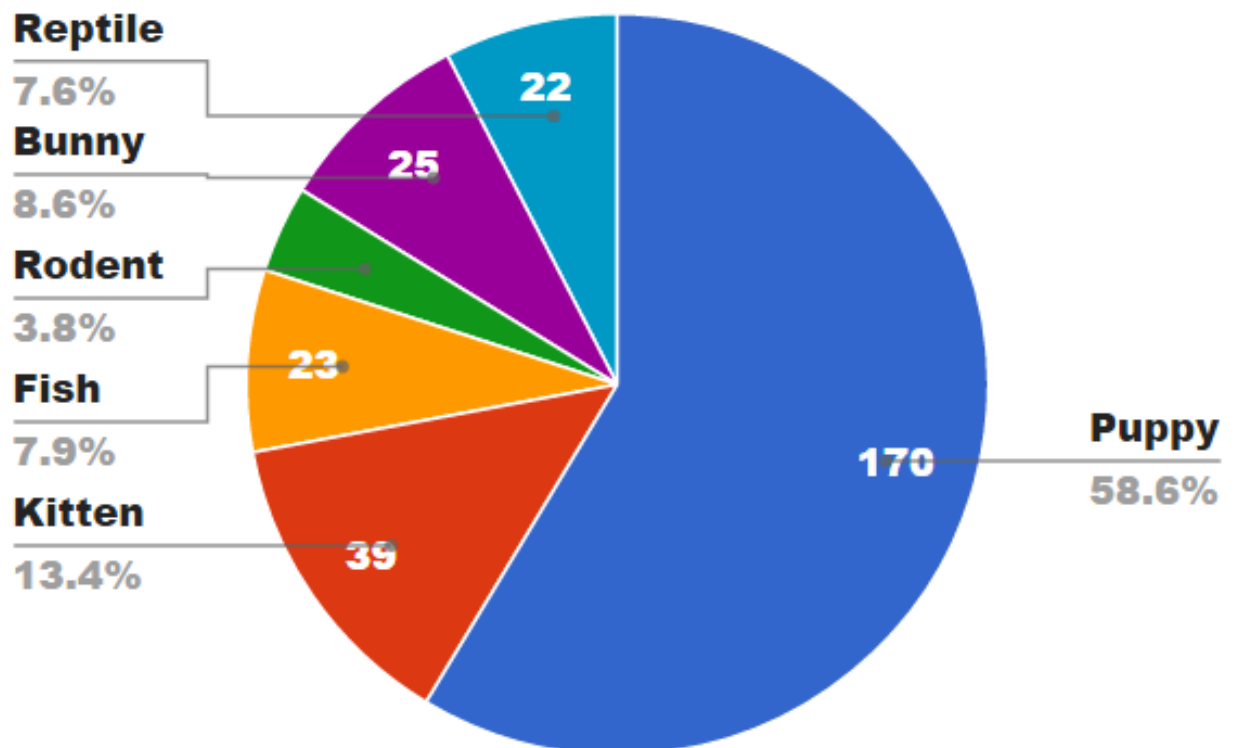
What Is Your Favorite Emoji?



PETS SURVEY

By Lily L.

What Is Your Favorite Pet?




FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

FOR Spring Avenue Families **Urgent** ☐

DATE Thursday, April 6 TIME 6:00-7:30 pm

Join Us for Family Literacy Night!

Family Book Club

 Regarding the Fountain

By Kate Klise

☐ TELEPHONED
☐ CAME TO SEE YOU
☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL
☐ PLEASE CALL
☐ WILL CALL AGAIN
☒ WANTS TO SEE YOU

Message

Families are invited to read Regarding the Fountain and join us on April 6 to participate in book related activities and reading fun. All grades welcome. Books provided.

A PTO Meeting will also be held during a portion of our Family Literacy Night.

Email Ms. Marek for a book
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CALENDAR

March 27-31 - Spring Break

April 6 - Family Literacy Night, 6:00-7:30 pm

April 10-27 - PARCC Testing Window

April 12 - Half Day Student Attendance

April 14 - Good Friday, Non Attendance Day

April 17 - 6th Grade to Mars

Spring Avenue Chipotle Fundraiser

April 18 - 6th Grade Gurrie Orientation

April 20 - Band Aid Concert, 7:00 pm

April 21 - Spring Avenue Fun Fair, 6:00-8:00 pm

April 30 - Kane County Cougars Game, 1:00 pm

April 24 - May 19 - MAP Testing Window, all grades

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