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# Atatürk's Address to Youth

#### Oh Turkish Youth!

Your first duty is to forever preserve and defend Turkish independence and the Turkish Republic.

This is the only foundation of your existence and future. This foundation is your most precious treasure. Even in the future, there will be malevolent people, at home and abroad, who will wish to deprive you of this treasure. If one day you have to defend your independence and your Republic, you will not tarry to weigh the possibilities and circumstances before taking up your duty! These possibilities and circumstances may turn out to be extremely unfavorable. The enemies making an attempt against your independence and your republic may have behind them a victory unprecedented in the annals of the world. It may come to pass that, by violence and ruse, all fortresses of your beloved homeland be occupied, all its shipyards captured, all its armies dispersed, and every part of the country invaded. And what is sadder and graver than all these circumstances is that the people in power inside the country may be negligent, misguided, and even in treachery. These people in power may even align their personal interests to the political designs of the invaders. The nation may be ruined and exhausted in impoverishment.

#### Oh, Child of Türkiye's future!

Even in these circumstances it is your duty to save Turkish independence and the Turkish Republic!

The strength you need is within the noble blood in your veins!

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk October 20, 1927

#### A NATURAL AND HISTORICAL WONDER: CUBA

The sea, always clear and enticing, has become a magnificent stop with the beaches of Cuba. Indeed, it is known that when Christopher Columbus discovered the country, he said, 'This is the most beautiful land that humans have ever seen,' referring to the magnificent nature of Cuba. Let's take a closer look at Cuba, which still has many beautiful and historical sites in the present day.



In Cuba, there are exactly nine areas declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. One of these areas is San Pedro de la Roca Castle, a fortress located on the coast of Santiago de Cuba. It is located approximately 10 kilometers southwest of Kent center and overlooks the bay. Listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, the castle is one of the best-preserved Spanish fortresses of the 17th century.

Old Square (Plaza Vieja) is another wonderful place in Cuba with its buildings full of history. It is in Old Havana that was placed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1982. It has been used for varied aims throughout its history, firstly for public executions and later from an open-air market to a place of leisure full of restaurants and bars, which is how it is found today. The fountain which was designed by Italian sculptor Giorgio Massari, the Santo Angel mansion from the 17th century, the Fototeca de Cuba which features both Cuban and international photographers, and a lot of beautiful structures that Old Square hosts make an attractive place for tourists.

A natural wonder of this amazing country is The Zapata Peninsula which was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. It is a region of limestone with flooded faults called "cenotes". First settlements in this area are undeveloped because of the invasions of pirates during the colonial period. Because of this, the Zapata Peninsula hosts a lot of different diverse animals and endemic species today. Except for these creatures, there are underwater caves, coral reefs and beaches to go to and rivers for fishing. Zapata Peninsula is a stunning place for those who want to spend time in nature.

In conclusion, Cuba's appeal is not only associated with clear seas and beautiful nature, but also with its rich cultural heritage and historic sites. From the impressive San

Pedro de la Roca Castle overlooking the coast of Santiago de Cuba to the charming Old Square in Havana's historic district, Cuba's UNESCO World Heritage Sites offer visitors a view into the country's fascinating past.



Beyza Kaya M4-4 Selen Altınkaya M4-4

# INTERESTING ANIMALS

#### Wood Frog

This unusual little frog is known for hibernating, freezing during the winter months. Wood frogs have a size of about 65 mm, a variety of colors and may have a mask on its face. In addition, females are larger than males. They owe this ability to a chemical in their bodies. This is released in cold environments, lowering the freezing point of the animal's body cell.



#### Narwhal

The upper part of the narwhal's body is dark gray, while the neck, head, pectoral fins, and tail fins are almost black, and the rest of the body is white. Adult narwhals are between 4 and 5 meters tall and weigh between 900 and 16000 kg. It has a tusk which is not usual to see , it's a tooth that grows out. This tooth is special for male, but females don't , and male rarely have two teeth. Up to 3 meters long, the tooth is strong enough to bend 30 cm in each direction. Unfortunately, we do not know its function(s) for now.



#### Thorny Devil

This animal is so cute that I want to hug it, but its sharp spines and tough armor won't let me. Well adapted to the hot and arid climate with its color and appearance, this animal looks like a thorny bush.

In addition, his armor not only protects him but also nourishes him, because of its structure, it has the ability to take water up to its mouth. His walking style is as interesting as his appearance, he walks forward slowly back and forth.



#### Panda Ant



These cute and furry-looking creatures, which remind pandas with their black and white designs, are also known as cow-killing ants, which is not a very cute name, but the reason is simple. Its appearance and its colors give the message that it is dangerous, in fact the venom of this creature that warns us is dangerously strong. Also, there are stunning differences between males and females. Females have a string that injects venom , males have bigger bodies and wings. Although we call them ants , actually they are wasps and they do not live in colonies.

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#### AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY: ASIM CAN GÜNDÜZ

Asım Can Gündüz was born in Istanbul on August 15, 1955. Asım was called "Duck" because he was born with webbed fingers. He smashed a bottle in his hand and received 104 stitches after 14 surgeries. Because of his family's job, he moved to the United States, where he was introduced to the guitar at the age of 11, which was a gift from a family friend.



He started playing in bands like The Monkees and The Ventures for his friends. In this way, he had the opportunity to meet famous names such as Frank Zappa. He recorded his first album in 1989 and released it in 1992. Asım Can made various radio and television programs. He became one of the founders of Energy FM, Power FM, Kiss FM, and one of the partners of Zuhal Music. In 1997, he formed the Baba Blues Band and performed blues songs with his friends on TV and scenes.

He came to Türkiye several times and returned to the United States, but he permanently moved to Marmaris in 2000. America's famous Blues Hall of Fame wanted to give him the *Legendary Blues Award*, but he died before he could receive that award. He died of a heart attack at his home on June 24, 2016.

In an interview, after a question like "How can you play the guitar like this after countless surgeries and stitches?", Asım Can said, "If you practice for 12 hours just like I did, you can play like me too." He thought that people can do anything whatever they put into their mind. The only mandatory things were determination and hard work.

Cüneyt Çiftçi M3-19

#### SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Jane Austen is one of the most important writers in English Literature. She has strong, effective and fluent wording. All books were written with this wording. Sense and Sensibility is her first book although it is better than the others.

The book is about two sisters- Elinor represents sense. Middle sister -Marianne- represents sensibility. They have two different personalities and destinies. The story begins when the sisters' father dies. Their stepbrother -Johnhas the whole legacy. He and his stingy wife divest of their home, so Dashwood sisters and their mom have to move to the countryside. They become young women with some heartbreaks. They fall in hopelessness and feel lost because only love can hurt like this.





live.

It might be a cliché for you, but actually it isn't. Austen ridicules with English society. All her books have happy endings because of her loneliness. She didn't have a happy ending in her life, so she wanted strong, delighted characters. She shows us strong, independent, beautiful, clever woman characters like her.

The best thing about her book is you become the best friend with the characters, and you can be a part of the story. You travel to another time. You are feeling, seeing, living. Jane Austen died two centuries ago, but we still read her love, her books and her ideas because she shows us how love should be or shouldn't be. Therefore, as long as romantic people live, she will continue to

Aylin Örs M3-8

#### **OPEN-AIR MUSEUM CITY: HIROSHIMA**

Hiroshima is among the cities with the most influential history. I was deeply impressed when I learned about its history. The fact that it managed to recover despite everything it went through, and that the public learned from it, is something everyone should take as an example. That's why it's important to understand the unique features of Hiroshima, such as its founding and the experiences it endured.



Hiroshima, one of the most important cities of Japan, was established in 1589 in the river delta of the Seto Inland Sea. The founding of the city is based on the idea of the powerful feudal ruler Terumoto Mori to build a castle in the region in 1589. When the construction of the castle was completed in 1591, the region became a castle town free of reeds. It received city status on April 1, 1889. It is thought that the name 'Hiroshima' was given by the founder of the

city, the ruler Terumoto Mori. In the old language, Hiroshima means "big island". Due to its location, fishing is a prominent occupation, and traditional foods include seafood.

The history of Hiroshima is one of the most interesting subjects because it has a distinctive story. During the Second World War, Hiroshima suffered great destruction when the world's first atomic bomb, called 'Little Boy', was dropped on it. At that moment, many people died within seconds due to the intense heat and radiation.

Afterwards, Hiroshima quickly began to recover with the help of its own people and other countries. In 1949, the city was declared a 'City of Peace' by the Japanese government. Meanwhile, the 'Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park' was built as a symbol of this history. Additionally, there is a building called the 'Atomic Bomb Dome Peace Memorial,' located close to where the bomb fell. As a result, this building has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Today, Hiroshima serves as an industrial center in its region.



Due to its history, Hiroshima has become an open-air museum, making it a must-visit destination for those seeking a unique experience. There are many activities known as 'peace tourism' available in the city, including visits to historical sites aimed at raising awareness among visitors. Additionally, there are interesting facts about Hiroshima. For instance, after many years, the

first plant to grow in these lands was the oleander, which was chosen as the symbol of the city. Furthermore, in Peace Memorial Park, the Flame of Peace has been burning continuously since 1964. Everyone who has visited Hiroshima was impressed by all these features. That's why it is one of my dreams to visit this impressive city one day.

#### Azra Karaali M4-3

#### TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS OF INDIA

Indian culture is one of the oldest cultures in the world. It is full of unique traditions. Traces of Indian culture can be seen in Indian cinema, Indian cuisine, Indian music and Indian dance. The culture of India is incredibly rich and diverse. With a history spanning thousands of years, India stands out for its different religions, languages, traditions and lifestyles.



Diwali, also known as the "Festival of Lights," is one of the most important and colorful festivals in India. Celebrated with a vibrant display of lights, diyas (oil lamps), bonfires, and firework. It is a time for family gatherings, prayer, reflection, and the spreading of joy and goodwill.

The Holi festival, also known as the Festival of Colors, is a vibrant and jubilant Hindu celebration that marks the arrival of spring and the victory of good over evil. The festival is best known for its lively and colorful tradition of throwing and smearing colored powders and water on others.





Raksha Bandhan is the festival that celebrates the love between siblings. Sisters tie a special bracelet "rakhi" to their brothers and brothers give gifts to their sisters. This festival is an opportunity to celebrate family unity and love.

Onam is the biggest festival of the state of Kerala. It symbolizes prosperity and abundance. People dress in colorful attire, perform dances, prepare special meals, and create flower patterns called pookalam in front of their homes.





Pongai is a festival celebrated in Tamil Nadu, marking the beginning of the harvest season and the return of the sun. During the festival, rice is cooked and offered to the sun god and shared among families. It is celebrated with colorful decorations, dances, and musdecorations, dances, and music.

Azra Sude İncesu M3-4

#### **MY EDUCATIONAL PATH**

In September 2019, I was in another city in Pakistan with my siblings. Just before going to sleep, I randomly checked my email inbox and discovered that I had been selected for the International High School Scholarship Program by the Turkish government. I had applied for it a couple of months ago, and to my surprise, after some evaluation, I was selected. This news brought a beacon of opportunity, but it also stirred a storm of conflicting emotions within my family.

My mother didn't suggest that I go because she thought I was too young (14) and I wouldn't be able to live alone without family. She held this belief because I was the youngest in the family and also known as a "MAMA'S BOY". However, my father, with dreams for me reaching beyond the horizon, saw things differently. To him, this scholarship was more than just an educational opportunity; it was a chance for growth, resilience, and the kind of wisdom that only comes from stepping into the unknown.

On a crisp October day, I found myself in Türkiye. Everything felt different. There were people from 57 different countries, so I had the privilege of experiencing various cultures at once. It was challenging to blend in with people, and for some reason, I didn't even want to. I couldn't match anyone's energy, and no one could match mine. It felt both disconcerting and empowering. Although I came here for an educational experience, it turned out that educational experience wasn't the only kind I gained, especially in recent days. I found myself often only talking to my family and listening to music all day long, sometimes even during lessons.

With the passage of time, I got used to it... well, kind of. I gained different experiences, such as participating in several sports events and clinching 13 medals. I created various core memories for myself, and it wouldn't have been possible if Türkiye hadn't given me the opportunity. I am truly grateful for that. Somehow, four years passed as if it was nothing. This period was crucial for me because it had a significant influence on shaping my mindset

After finishing high school in Kayseri city, I checked the bachelor's requirements for both Türkiye and Pakistan. I found out that my high school diploma was not accepted by most universities in Pakistan, so I had to continue my education here. However, due to some family affairs, I may still have to go back to my country.

There is uncertainty. Uncertainty is typically perceived as a negative aspect, but it can also be considered as positive potential. It has the ability to surprise you anytime, introducing new people or experiences that can completely alter your life and perspective. You can never know what Allah Almighty has decided for you. Despite facing and continuing to face difficulties, whether educational or emotional, I don't regret anything. I firmly believe that everything happens for a reason and that there is nothing but prosperity in God's plan.

#### **Behzad Shahid M4-3**

#### **MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT SPACE**

Space is one of the topics that many people are curious about. However, much of what is known about this infinite expanse is actually incorrect or incomplete. In this essay, our aim is to correct misinformation among people.

Here are the misconceptions about space:

1.Space is completely empty: While space is mostly vacuum, it's not entirely empty. It contains various particles, electromagnetic fields, and even stray atoms and molecules.



2. The Sun is yellow: Contrary to popular belief, the Sun is not actually yellow. Its light seems white, but our atmosphere scatters shorter blue wavelengths more, making the Sun appear yellowish.

3. Stars twinkle because they're moving: Stars twinkle due to atmospheric turbulence, not because they're moving. This distortion of light passing through Earth's atmosphere causes the twinkling effect.

4. Space is freezing cold: While space can indeed be actually cold, in direct sunlight, it can be extremely hot. The temperature in space can vary widely depending on factors like proximity to stars and other celestial bodies.

5. Black holes devour everything: While black holes have immense gravitational pull, they don't "suck" everything like a cosmic vacuum cleaner. In fact, if the Sun were replaced by a black hole of the same mass, Earth would continue orbiting it as usual.

6. There's no gravity in space: Gravity is present everywhere in space; it's what keeps planets orbiting stars and moons orbiting planets. Astronauts aboard the International Space Station experience microgravity, but they're still affected by Earth's gravity.



7. The Big Bang was an explosion in space: The Big Bang was not an explosion in space; instead, it involved the rapid expansion of space itself. There was no center of the explosion because all of space was the explosion.

8. Meteors are hot when they enter the atmosphere: While meteors can become extremely hot due to friction with the atmosphere, most of them burn up high above the Earth's surface. By the time they reach the ground, they're usually cold or at least cool.

9. Saturn's rings are solid: Saturn's rings are not solid like a giant disk; they're made up of countless small particles, ranging from dust-sized to large boulders, orbiting the planet.

10. A black hole would swallow the entire universe: While black holes can have a significant impact on their surroundings, they are not cosmic vacuum cleaners that will ultimately consume everything. Their influence is limited to a certain range determined by their mass.

11)Mercury is the hottest planet in the Solar System: Mercury is the closest planet to the sun, this is True. However, it is not the hottest. The hottest planet in the Solar system is Venus due to the gases it contains.

12) The asteroid Belt is a dangerous place: Most people think the asteroid belt is a deadly area. However, it is statistically almost impossible to collide with the stones.

13) We would explode in space without a spacesuit: In principle, astronauts can survive for a few minutes without a spacesuit but they would exposure the radiations and organ failure.

Obviously, if astronauts take off their spacesuits, they face deadly radiation and low pressure, so they swell and die.

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#### **ANIMATIONS FOR EVERYONE**

Everyone has watched an animated movie at least once in their life. Some people think animations are just for kids. This is a huge misconception. I think animations are the only movie genre that everyone can watch. Why are animations so attractive for every age group? There are some reasons behind it.

Firstly, animations can give themes and storylines in ways live- action films cannot achieve. Because animations are not limited by real-world physics, they can explore themes like love, friendship, and honesty more creatively and vividly. Animation genre shows us fantastical worlds, creatures, and characters. These limitless possibilities boost our imagination and curiosity. In addition, detailed visuals and dynamic action sequences draw us in.

Another feature of animated films that makes them appealing is that they evoke strong emotions in us. Whether it is a heartwarming tale of love or a thought-provoking exploration of societal issues, the combination of visuals, music, and storytelling creates a lasting impact on audiences of all ages. It can be said that animations go beyond language barriers and cultural differences. Because universal values are explored in animations, they can be understood and appreciated by people from diverse cultures.

Childhood nostalgia plays an important role in the appeal of animations. Many adults grew up watching animated shows and movies, so this genre reminds them of their childhood years and cherished memories.

I love watching animations and I would like to recommend my favourite animations to you.

**SOUL:** I was really impressed by this animated movie. Our characters are Joe and 22. Joe reflects on his life just as he is about to die. Joe, a jazz musician, starts a journey with 22, a pre-life soul. With humour and depth, the movie delves into purpose and identity. It reminds us to treasure life's simple joys and be true to ourselves.



**INSIDE OUT:** I think everyone has heard about this movie. It is about Riley, a schoolgirl whose life changes dramatically when she moves to a new city. The film introduces us to Riley's five core emotions. These emotions are joy, anger, fear, hatred, and sadness and they help our main character to cope with an important life change. 'Inside Out' beautifully

explores the complexities of growing up and adapting to change. We will experience more emotions in 'Inside Out 2'.



**ELEMENTAL:** This movie is a little bit romantic. There are 4 elements: fire, water, earth, and air. The movie focuses on fire and water. Along the way, the main characters encounter dark forces that threaten to destroy everything they hold dear. However, through their incredible bravery and effective teamwork, they learn to use the power of their elemental abilities and unite to overcome adversity. This film celebrates unexpected connections, romance, and the magic that can happen when opposites attract!





Buket Gören M3-2

#### PLATFORM 9 3/4 IS WAITING FOR US



Do you know Harry Potter? I think Harry Potter is a part of our childhood, and I love it. When I was a child, I believed in that magical world. I wanted to have friends like Harry's.

Harry comes from a wizarding family, and they have an enemy. His name is Lord Voldemort. He killed Harry's family. Then, Harry started to live with his aunt's family, but they treated Harry terribly. When Harry was 11 years old, he found out that his family were wizards, and he started studying at Hogwarts Wizard School. OMG, it was always my dream to study there. Harry met Harmony and Ron. They became best friends. My best character is Harmony because she is very smart and brave. I am amazed by her knowledge. I really love her.



I believe that Harry Potter's films are more fascinating than its books. However, books improve our imagination. J.K Rowling wrote Harry Potter in Edinburgh. People still go to Edinburgh, and they visit the filming location. I think Edinburgh is a dream city. It must be wonderful to walk around Edinburgh streets. You will probably feel like you have travelled back in time. Going to Edinburgh is my dream. I want to walk on its streets and explore every corner. There is even a massive Harry Potter store in London. Harry Potter lovers visit there, and they buy a lot of Harry Potter's objects. People go to London every September 1st and

visit the 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  train. This is traditional. When that day comes, there is even news in the newspaper.

Let's learn more about the actors and actresses. The actor playing Harry Potter is Daniel Radcliffe. Daniel played his role with pleasure, but he said in an interview he was bored of being remembered with the same role all the time. The actor playing Ron Wesley is Rupert Grint. Actress playing Hermonie Granger is Emma Watson. The three actors are still close friends.

To sum up, I think we should protect our childhood. Adulthood can be a little tiring, and at that time we will find peace in our childhood. There is Harry Potter for this.

#### Burcu Hacıoğlu M3-6

#### CATS AND THE UNKNOWNS

Most people have a favourite animal, and mine is cats. I have loved cats for years. In the photo, you can see me with my lovely cat, Kahve. I have had her since 2018. Apart from being a cat, she is now a member of my family. Once you get used to these animals, you can't easily let them go. You can only understand this feeling if you have a pet. Unfortunately, not every animal is that lucky, and I wish they were all adoptable.

There are a lot of street animals in Turkey, and cats are among those strays, but we don't know much about them. In fact, we still have a lot to learn about their lives. Getting to know these animals more closely is becoming increasingly important day by day. We must understand and help them as it's essential for our sense of humanity.

Do you know that cats can also dream? Or do you know that cats' nose surfaces are unique,



like people's fingerprints? You aren't aware of these facts, are you? Regarding our feline friends, there are some other things which some people might lack information about: First, cats can jump up to five times their height. Second, cats with three or more colors are typically female. And third, cats are afraid of water, except for the Van Cat breed.

On the other hand, some of the things we know about cats are wrong. Misinformation about cats is widespread in society. For example, the belief that cats maintain balance with the help of their whiskers is actually false. The truth is that cats use their whiskers to understand if they can fit into a space. In addition, it is wrong to think that cat parasites can easily be transmitted to humans when they touch these animals. The truth is that this may only occur in cases of contact with their feces. There are many more misconceptions similar to the ones mentioned in this article. We need to work to correct these mistakes!

İrem Yalçın M3-28

#### **GOLDEN RETRIEVER**



I would like to tell you about the Golden Retriever, a very popular and beloved dog breed. It is an excellent family dog that is immediately recognizable among its breeds due to its perfect physique, beautiful posture, affectionate nature, and extraordinary intelligence.

Golden Retriever is a breed with ideal characteristics for a good friend and an active dog. Its origins are in Scotland. At first, it was used as a hunting dog, but recently people have started to keep them as pets because they are very cute and obedient.

They have excellent feather structures. However, they need good care, grooming every day, and bathing once a month. Since they are a breed that may have skin problems, they should eat appropriate food. They have different colours ranging from golden yellow to white. The golden yellow ones are the most popular. However, interest in white Golden Retrievers has increased in our country recently.

Golden Retrievers also attract attention with their surprising intelligence. They can learn 240 words and interpret sentences. People can train them easily. They can be used as show dogs, they can be good babysitters, but they can never be guard dogs. For the Golden Retriever, there is a joke that says if a thief gives the Golden Retriever a piece of chocolate, it will show the thief where all the valuables are. With regular exercise, a healthy diet, and proper grooming, they can live a healthy life until the age of 10-14 years. On average, the age of a dog is calculated as 7 human years, so this lifespan is considered normal.

However, we should not forget that the creatures we live with need care and their needs to be met. They may experience nausea, pain, and stress, and may not want to leave their owner for too long and should be treated accordingly.

If you are a dog owner, you should consider that you have a child who never grows up.

#### Do you know that?

With an ultrasonic dog whistle that can only be heard by dogs, 'A Day in the Life' by *The Beatles* is the first and only song in which a dog whistle was used.

#### Cemre Kütahya M3-22

#### WE ARE PERFECT JUST THE WAY WE ARE

Since the beginning of human history, the appearance of people has always been important—especially the woman's appearance. When you look at today's world, how you look is more important. With the development of social media, its impact has increased even more.

With all these effects, the disorder known as body dysmorphic disorder (BDD) has emerged. So, what does body dysmorphia mean? It is a psychological condition that affects how people see themselves. These people see themselves as their worst version. When they look in the mirror, they find flaws in themselves that never exist.



As you can see in this photo, BDD looks precisely like this. I can hear you asking why. Now, we all experience this at different levels because when we surf social media, we see perfect bodies and compare ourselves to them. It also depends on beauty standards. Beauty standards change from time to time, and each time, a different appearance, such as athleticism, is considered beautiful worldwide. Moreover, extreme thinness was popular in the 1980s, but when we came to the 2000s, curvy bodies became popular.

Body dysmorphic disorder might have something to do with our genes and how our brains work. Studies show that if someone in your family has had it, you might also be more likely to have it. Also, certain chemicals in our brains, like serotonin and dopamine, can affect how we feel about ourselves. When these chemicals are not balanced correctly, it might make body dysmorphic disorder more likely.

Also, traumatic experiences, such as bullying, teasing, or criticism about one's appearance, can contribute to the development of body dysmorphic disorder. Negative comments or experiences can profoundly impact a person's self-esteem and body image, leading to obsessive thoughts about perceived flaws.

We need to be aware of these beauty standards and not criticize ourselves for each of them. If you don't see yourself as beautiful enough or if you don't think you are attractive enough, you should realize that all of these are a delusion. You are perfect just the way you are.

#### Çınar Eflatun M3-12

#### **DEPARTURES, RETURNS, AND CHANGES IN OUR LIVES**

We have all been separated from our families at some point in our lives for some reason. For example, when we leave to go to the university we want, we cease to be a member of that picture. Some of us prefer to stay where we go and for some of us, these departures are short-lived. We will examine those who returned. Someone who leaves home at the age of 18 and returns at the age of 23 or 24 is not the same person as the person who left home. The individual who is still a child when she leaves home returns as an adult. Maybe their ties with their family have weakened, but as they get older, they turn into individuals who can understand their family better.

The family boomerang is a situation experienced by many families. This example given above is not always for the school or the child. Sometimes our parents leave for a while for work and when they come back, nothing is the same. Even if you sail to other oceans, the place you will return to is your own sea. You now have the power to resist every wave, whether its depth changes or not. It's the ocean that makes you grow, but it's the sea that makes you feel like home.

Betül Bal M3-30

#### **FAST AND FURIOUS**

Fast and Furious series consists of 12 episodes. (Fast and Furious, Faster Furious, Turbo-Charged Prelude, Fast and Furious: Tokyo Drift, Fast and Furious 4, Los Bandoleros, Fast and Furious 5: Rio Heist, Fast and Furious 6, 7, 8, 9, 10). The story begins when Brian, played by Paul Walker, tries to join the gang as an undercover cop. The script provides us with the opportunity to witness unforgettable races while



revolving around policing and gang violence. In other movies, the events focus more on the stories of Brian and Dominic, continuing to captivate our hearts with thrilling races.



The new movie in the series, directed by Rob Cohen, continues to feed our interest and curiosity about cars. In addition to the races that take our breath away, it deeply deals with themes such as loyalty, competition, and betrayal. The movie grossed 41 million dollars the weekend it was released. Although the script may seem ordinary at first, the unexpected scenes make sense of this revenue.

I'm sure the first movie is a favorite of many people. Cars and street racing were very enjoyable to watch, and the establishment of a family from the very beginning was captivating. The characters, named Dom and Brian, are very close and as inseparable as brothers throughout the series. The way they trust each other despite some betrayals between them is handled very well in the movie. Brian and Mia's relationship is off to a good start. In addition, the races, police chases, and conflicts with the enemy gang in the movie managed to attract the attention of the



audience by offering beautiful visual scenes. Dominic Toretto and Brian O'Conner, the main characters of the action scenes, have managed to win the love of the audience since the first movie.





Paul William Walker, known as Brian O'Conner in the series, tragically died in a car accident in 2013. Paul Walker was a car enthusiast and professional car racing driver in real life. Due to his skill, he used fewer stunt doubles than other actors in the Fast and Furious series. Walker's accident occurred during a break in the filming of Fast and Furious 7. It was announced that the production of the film would be on hold until further notice. Later, it was announced that new scenes would be shot. With the help of artificial intelligence, the last scenes of the movie were shot by using Paul Walker's voice and face, and the scenes in which he played his brother were developed. Although the character is mentioned in the sequels of the series, another actor does not play Brian O'Conner.



Fast and Furious has become popular for its action scenes, amazing cars, and racing scenes in general, as well as its themes of loyalty and trust. The many awards won by actors and films prove this. This series, which still continues, grows its fan base and attracts attention with scenes that are called impossible. The story of the next movie is still a matter of curiosity.





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#### **DOPAMINE DETOX**

For human beings who have lost their simple habits due to exposure to many stimuli, going back to old habits or undergoing spiritual cleansing may be hard, but doing some things to achieve this aim isn't completely useless. The habits that the age has made us acquire may cause some problematic behaviours. Our ability to concentrate and focus has decreased over time, and we have become more irritable and bored more quickly, almost losing our patience. Understanding well what causes these changes can lead to taking action. There is a method called "Dopamine Detox" and many people believe it works.

First, people have an opportunity to balance their state of mind by doing dopamine detox, which involves fasting from activities or pleasures that produce dopamine. As dopamine is a substance that is naturally produced by the brain, dopamine detox may be beneficial for maintaining a healthy mental state. Dopamine works with the reward center of the brain to help the body feel happy, rewarded, etc. If the body produces too much dopamine, it can cause some health problems, such as anxiety, insomnia, high energy, and excessive anger. On the other hand, if the brain releases too little dopamine, it may result in depression and apathy. Therefore, dopamine detox is essential for mental health.

Second, and more importantly, people have the chance to regulate their behaviours by means of dopamine detox. It intends to help people with unhealthy ways of thinking and behaving and develops healthy practices. According to experts, some behaviours create a type of addiction, so the process of dopamine detox involves actions like fasting from some habits that produce dopamine such as not consuming alcohol, caffeine, or sugar, as well as avoiding technology, etc. These actions would be useful to give up those habits. As a result, dopamine detox may help people regulate their behaviours which enables them to control their lives and reset their brains' reward pathways.

Consequently, when you decide to try a dopamine detox, you will become more aware of your positive and negative habits. You will also learn how to identify, control, and replace addictive behaviours. So, human beings should ask themselves "How can it be harmful to make a little effort to turn myself into a healthier person?" and take action.

Saliha Eyiol M3-18

#### **TERROR OF FISH: GYO**

A happy holiday at the seaside sounds lovely, doesn't it? It could be lovely if fishes did not come ashore one by one equipped with a bunch of mechanic legs and reeking a disgusting smell that turned the whole city into a stinking fish market, or maybe if those fish did not try to slaughter mankind with their long slender legs.

Junji Ito has created another spine-chilling sci-fi and horror manga that can only haunt us in our nightmares. He dives into madness that leaves readers questioning the nature of reality, the limits of human resilience, and the fragility of humanity in the face of the unknown. One of the most striking aspects is the atmosphere of this manga where he evokes a sense of dread and unease on every page. Every panel is filled with his detailed art that makes readers feel nauseous.

The characters in the story are as well written as the atmosphere. They are compelling yet relatable to most of us. Each of them grappling with their own fears and vulnerabilities as they confront the horrors unfolding around them. Their relationships and motivations are developed slowly without sacrificing the pacing or tension of the horror.

When I read Gyo for the first time, I was genuinely disgusted yet engaged. I finished all 400 pages in one sitting. It took me to another dimension that I didn't want to be in, but I enjoyed reading.

I can recommend Gyo to anyone with a taste for atmospheric horror. Junji Ito's storytelling gives chills in every panel, whether you're a big horror fan or a newcomer to the genre.



Elifnur Özkaya M4-5

#### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JOBS AND WORK

In today's world, jobs and work hold immense importance that extends beyond earning money. They also significantly influence our place in society, as they help meet our basic needs and pursue our career goals. Specifically, they reflect who we are and how we interact with the world around us. Recognizing the significance of jobs and work helps us appreciate their impact on individual lives and society as a whole.

Jobs and work are necessary for economic growth and stability. They drive production, consumption, and innovation, playing a crucial role in shaping the welfare of nations. Employment provides people with income, allowing them to purchase basic necessities such as food, medicine, and merchandise. As income increases, individuals can have better living conditions. Additionally, paying taxes contributes to public revenue, enabling access to healthcare and education services. In this way, employment sustains economic development and enhances society.

For individuals, work fulfills internal needs for purpose, fulfillment, and selfexpression. Jobs and work provide meaning to people's lives, allowing them to contribute their skills and talents to various endeavors. Additionally, they can serve as a platform for personal development, enabling individuals to discover their passions, interests, and even dislikes. At the same time, this process might increase their satisfaction, overall well-being, and quality of life.

In conclusion, it's clear that jobs and work are incredibly important in today's world. They aren't just about earning money; they also influence how we fit into society and how we feel about ourselves. Understanding this importance helps us see how jobs and work impact our lives and society. Moreover, work brings people together, helps them improve their skills, and provides opportunities for personal development. Overall, jobs and work play a role in shaping people's lives and society as a whole, and it is important to recognize and appreciate their significance.

Enes Balkır M4-3

#### ESCAPING FROM STRESS: WRITING AND READING

People always need something to do to escape from daily stress. We have too many responsibilities in our daily lives, and we need to stop and relax. I think hobbies are the best option for this. We should take up a hobby to escape from stress. It can be dancing, reading, writing, traveling, or doing exercise, etc.

We can relax in different ways, but I think the easiest way is reading something. It's cheap and you don't need a special time for that. You can read a book whenever you want and wherever you are. You just need a book that you're interested in. For example, I was stressed while I was studying for university exams. While I was going to school, I started to read. I didn't have to think about university exams while I was reading. I just focused on what I read.



"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read."

#### J.K. ROWLING

You can find a different world when you read something. You can see the world in different ways. You will try to understand different characters, and it will make you a more empathic person. You will meet different types of characters. You will attend their lives, and you will join them when they are in the adventure.

"I write because I don't know what I think until I read what I say."

#### FLANNERY O'CONNOR



Writing is the second option for relaxation. It's not easy because you need inspiration for writing something. You can feel more stressed when you don't have inspiration. If you want to write something to relax, you can write about important days for you. It's a great option to remember the important parts of your life.

In summary, hobbies help us reduce daily stress. Among them reading and writing are easy and enjoyable options. So, getting lost in a book or jotting down thoughts, these activities offer valuable moments of relaxation in our busy lives.

Sudenaz Çağlar M3-21

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE



When you think of climate change and global warming, you may think of polar bears and melting ice. Yes, this is a fact, but we do not give enough importance to this situation because we do not think that it is a situation that directly affects humanity. But unfortunately, we are wrong. The only planet in the universe suitable for life is Earth, and we are carelessly destroying it, knowing that there is no new planet. And we are responsible for this change. Since the 1900s, industrialization and fossil fuel use have increased greenhouse gas emissions. These gases attract the sun's rays reaching the earth, and heat the earth like an oven. It also makes the ozone layer thinner in the atmosphere, causing more harmful bacteria to form and result. multiply. As a the increasing temperature causes climate change. Due to climate change, rural areas are getting larger, and forests are decreasing. The increase of warming in the Arctic has caused the ice to melt, glaciers to move backward, and sea ice to disappear. Higher temperatures also caused more severe storms and droughts. Although future efforts to minimize global warming are successful, some effects will continue for centuries. Unfortunately, rising water levels will cover seaside cities, and people will become homeless. While irregular rainfall falls on some deserts, some forests are turning into deserts. Although the 2015 Paris Agreement tries to keep the temperature increase below 2 degrees, warming may be fast, and become more severe during the limitation period due to the melting poles reproducing less light. However, preventing this situation is possible with the new generations that are more sensitive and have plenty of energy sources and supplements. Remember, we only have one world. And it doesn't need us, we need it! After the climate became worse, it either burned in flames or froze completely, but the world was always there. However, the living beings in it disappeared.

This is the law of nature! It's not the Earth that is in danger, it is actually us!

Furkan Güzel M3-22

#### IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EVIL OR GOOD?

Have you ever thought about the place of artificial intelligence in our lives? The origin of artificial intelligence is based on ancient times. However, in the modern sense, artificial intelligence is a field mixed with computer science and mathematics. The first steps of artificial intelligence were taken in the mid-20th century. The work of scientists such as Alan Turing laid the foundations of artificial intelligence. However, it is difficult to determine the exact "first inventor". because artificial intelligence has developed with the contributions of many scientists and studies.

Artificial intelligence appears in many parts of our lives: It is present in our daily lives with voice assistants, language translations, recommendation systems, navigation, social security, health services, e-commerce assistive robot applications, etc. As you can see, artificial intelligence has many benefits. Is artificial intelligence good? When we asked ChatGPT, which is an artificial intelligence model, it did not have a specific answer on this issue. We need to consider the negative aspects as well as the positive aspects. For example, artificial intelligence has destroyed some business areas. It not only had an impact on the business world but also led to the reorganization of relationships between people. Considering these, the debate about whether we are making a profit, or a loss is a debate that will last a long time. For example, if artificial intelligence can draw pictures as if they were drawn by painters. However, some people think that artificial intelligence cannot give the same feeling. In addition, it is also the subject of movies and TV series. Thanks to the KUBRA series, which is on Netflix and released in 2024, we are questioning the sharp boundaries between the human mind and artificial intelligence while questioning the belief system. In general, the idea of artificial intelligence being superior to humans worries us. Humans also have some concerns about getting unemployed in the future. This controversial issue will remain unsolved for a long time.



## Artificial Intelligence Good or Bad?

#### LANGUAGE LEARNING AND BUSINESS WITH DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



I am a foreign language student this year, so I realized that I need more practice in English. Since there are no native English speakers around me, I started researching artificial intelligence-supported English applications. Thanks to English teachers on social media, I discovered several applications. The English Score application determines your level by measuring your listening, reading and grammar skills. Thanks to online platforms such as Cambly and Open English, you can practice with native English teachers. With the Praktika platform, you can practice English both AI and real people. In this way, you can learn both daily English expressions and business English. You can improve our academic and language skills thanks to artificial intelligence programs like ChatGPT and Quino. Also, we can learn new words thanks to vocabulary applications. We can access various English resources and English courses more easily online. Learning English has become easier with the developing technology. Another area is the business field. We can access trainings online more easily. For example, I have applied to the Digital Marketing Starter Program, so I will be able to add this training to my CV and LinkedIn and I will have a more advantageous position. I can also connect with more people on LinkedIn. Digital technology gives us many advantages in language and business. It also allows us to improve our skills and abilities.

#### İlayda Bayrakçı M3-26

#### WE ARE WHAT WE THINK

#### LIFE IS NOT COMING TO YOU; LIFE IS COMING THROUGH YOU.



Did you know that you can change your life just by thinking about the thing you want to happen? As human beings who spend every moment of our lives thinking, it is time to be aware of the extent to which our thoughts have the power to affect our future.

You can make things happen by wishing hard or visualizing all the details. You will be amazed to witness how these desires can shape our lives. Have you heard this saying **if you say something forty times, it becomes true?** This saying is true. I do not know if it needs to be forty times, but if you say it over and over, it becomes true in the end. For example, people who always consider themselves very unlucky and assume nothing good will happen to them are the ones who come across with full of such sad things, or people who always say that they are incredibly lucky are the ones whose lives are smooth and trouble free. In fact, our thoughts play a massive role in shaping our lives, in other words, we attract these bad or good situations into our lives, which is called law of attraction, or self-fulfilling prophecy.



#### MANIFESTATION

Today we will talk about a topic as valuable as jewelry. It is about Cyntia Stratford, who was a believer. She believed in the power of drawing pictures of her desires in her mind. She started mediating to win the lottery in 2004 and it took her 3 years to win. She never lost her hope and kept mediating and spreading gratitude to the universe. In 2007, she announced she won the lottery. Some documentaries were shot about this unbelievable story. She credited her success with the power of our thoughts, which can be called Self-fulfilling prophecy. 'Do you know the woman who won a competition by thinking it? Let us talk about Helen Hadsell. She, known as the pageant queen, participates in a text contest organized by Coco Cola in 1955. The prize is a plug-in engine. To win the competition, Hadsell begins to imagine her husband on a motorboat and visualizes him fishing. Shortly after mailing the text, he wins the contest. With this method, Hadsell became a sensation in the country, winning more than 5000 contests, raffles, and lotteries, from winning free trips around the world to building his house completely free of charge. The secret to winning every competition she entered was her using the law of attraction, a concept introduced in 1855 by the American spiritualist Andrew Jackson Davis. According to the law of attraction, which is the subject of this article, thoughts are forms of energy. They are magnetic and have frequencies. The energy sent into the universe through positive thought waves leads people to gain success. Hadsell revealed the secret that led her to win the contest in her book 'The Name It & Claim It Game'.

All in all, we must be aware of the impact of our thoughts and beliefs. Remember that thoughts are magnetic and have the power to affect our lives, and for those who are not aware of the laws of attraction, it's time to realize the enormous power you have and live accordingly.

Kübra Pınar M3-11 Berkay Başaran M3-10

#### A VINTAGE MUSEUM: PERA

Beyoglu, where formerly known as Pera, gets this name because Luigi Gritti, the son of the Venetian ambassador Andrea Gritti, was born in a mansion near Taksim. Beyoglu, whose name even smells of history, is one of the must-visit places in Istanbul. There are many museums you won't get bored of visiting, many impressive art galleries, nostalgic buildings that remind you of the past and lots of cafès. There are many places where you can do various activities such as music, painting, art, sculpting, etc.

Istiklal Street and the surrounding streets are not only the center of Beyoglu. It is also the center of Istanbul. The places where many cultural events take place have made this place a cultural center. It is a place where not only those living in Beyoglu benefit but also those living in Istanbul and even Turkey. At the same time, it has a great religious diversity as it has many churches, mosques, synagogues and prayer houses. When you go there, it doesn't matter what language, religion or race you have. You can find a big part of the cosmopolitanism you encounter at home and abroad here. This confusion does not make you feel tired, on the contrary, you feel safe because of this tolerance.

Taksim Square is where people usually meet but there are also places here that most people don't know about. For example, everyone knows Galata Tower, Taksim Square, Pera Palace, St. Antoine Catholic Church and Istiklal Street but very few people know the antique shops on Cukurcuma Street, the unique buildings on Bogazkesen Street, most of the unknown museums and vintage buildings thought to be houses. All the buildings here appeal to your eyes and emotions at the same time.

As a result, you should go there if you are interested in history, art and vintage things. I recommend you to eat Beyoğlu chocolate but I recommend you not to go there at the weekend. It gets very crowded at weekends. You definitely won't be able to enjoy travelling. It is so delicious and unforgettable. You will find magical things about history when you go at the right time.



Melisa Nur Ertaş M3-9

#### A FORGOTTEN TURKMEN LAND: MERSIN

Mersin, my hometown, is not much known by most of the people in the world. Few people know how gorgeous the city is. It is worth seeing in terms of its history, landscapes, geography, and people the people who live there.

In the first place, Mersin, which was named Cilicia in the classical era, has a very important history. Excavations demonstrate that Mersin has been an important settlement center since BC. In Yumuktepe, the main historical hill town of the city, some items were found which prove that people have been living there since the Neolithic Age and this place was a transition point between Neolithic and Bronze Ages. We can also see the same explorations in Gözlükule, Tarsus. Then the land was taken over by Hittite, Assyria, Persian, Greek, and Roman Empire. After the Roman Empire had been destroyed, Mersin was ruled by Arabic Empires for almost 850 years. Turkish domination started with Seljuk Empire. When the empire got weakened, it became a part of 'Karamanoğulları' until the Ottoman took there during 'Bayezid' period. The land was occupied during World War 2, but Atatürk and his army saved the place in 1922. Since then, it has been the city of Turkish Republic.

Secondly, Mersin has very remarkable landscapes. When you talk about Mersin with someone, he just knows that it has beautiful coasts. Actually", it is more than that. So how about discovering the landscapes of this city? First, there is a beautiful coastline, so there are many places or activities to have fun in the city center. Moreover, there are churches and an ancient city called Soli in the center. You can also visit three museums there. In total, there are 13 districts in Mersin. For Instance, In Tarsus, which is the biggest and oldest district of Mersin, you can visit so many historical places such as Old Mosque, Cleopatra's Gate, Turkish Baths, St. Paulus Church, Ancient Roman Road, Kırkkaşık Bedesten, and Ancient Tarsus Houses. There are also natural places such as waterfalls, beautiful streams and a forest with a beautiful view. Lastly, you can visit the museum there. In Çamlıyayla, there is nothing much to do, but you can see beautiful natural places with mysterious views such as Karagecit, Priest's Garden, Kesecik Valley and Naruto Castle. When you go to the west side of the city, you can witness the magnificent beauty of nature in Erdemli. Kızkalesi is also worth mentioning It is in the middle of the sea and was built by a king to protect his daughter from snakes because a fortune-teller had told him that she could be killed by a snake, but his daughter was eventually killed by a snake that was hidden in a grape basket in that castle. In Silifke, which is known for its delicious yoghurt, there are a lot of fascinating bays, such as Tisan, Eğribük, Yapraklıkoy and Narlıkuyu Bay. Finally, Anamur has a stunning sea view with an ancient city and a castle called Anamurium and Mamure Castle.

Last, but not least, Mersin is a very interesting place because of its geography and the people who live there. It is located in the Mediterranean Region of Türkiye. Mersin has a unique Mediterranean coast and have Taurus Mountains that surround the northern part of the city. Also, the eastern part of this city is located in Çukurova, where there are so many farming lands. The western part has Taşeli Plateau ,while Göksu River and Berdan Stream are important water sources of Mersin. If we talk about the demographic characteristics of this city, it is really confusing. Although Turkmens live mostly in Mersin, the city center is very different. In the center of the city, you can find people all over the country, but hardly from Mersin because they mostly live in the countryside of Mersin. Additionally, in Akdeniz,
which is one of the central districts of Mersin, there have been immigrants from other regions to find a job and live there, but of course, Turkish people are the majority here. In Silifke and Erdemli, there is also a significant Russian and Ukrainian population. People from different cultures have been living in Mersin in peace and that makes this city unique and perfect.

To sum up, Mersin might not be as well-known as other cities in Turkey, but it's definitely worth visiting. I hope you will have a chance to discover this beautiful city one day.

#### Mithat Yakşan M4-6

#### EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA

In today's digital age, social media platforms have become an integral part of our lives. Deeply shaping the ways we communicate, learn, and interact with the world around us. These platforms offer us opportunities for connection and collaboration. It is directly in relation with societal dynamics today. However, sometimes, we also face challenges and problems regarding the issue, which can't be ignored. There are some key effects of social media.



In the first place, we cannot ignore its effect on interaction and connectivity. Social media platforms have made it easier than ever for people to connect with each other, regardless of geographical boundaries. People can stay in touch effortlessly, fostering a sense of community. It is even difficult to be or feel lonely within your circles. We feel as if we were in a global village. Our furthest loved one, perhaps in another continent, is only one click away.

Secondly, it plays a great role in spreading Information. Social media serves as a powerful tool for the dissemination of information, allowing news and updates to spread rapidly across the globe. However, this rapid dissemination can sometimes lead to the spread of misinformation and fake news, highlighting the importance of critical thinking and fact-checking in the digital age.

Thirdly, it has a very important influence on relationships. Social media has transformed the way we perceive and maintain relationships. While it enables us to stay connected with distant friends and family, it can also impact the quality of face-to-face interactions. Thus, it may promote unrealistic expectations and facilitate jealousy and insecurity.

Finally, and most importantly, there is growing concern about the impact of social media on mental health, particularly among young people. Studies have linked heavy use of social media to increased feelings of anxiety, depression, and low self-consciousness. For instance, when people look online and see they are excluded from an activity, it can affect thoughts and feelings. Thus, low self-esteem develops.

In conclusion, the effect of social media on society is complex and multifaceted, with both positive and negative implications. We can say the impact depends on how and how effective and functional you use the social media.

#### Mohammadali Jishan M3-13

#### **OUR VOICE IN OUR MAGAZINE**

In your opinion, what is the most important thing in the world? In my opinion, the most important thing is asking questions. Because if we don't ask questions, we simply stand still. That's why we asked 35 students two questions about the campus they are studying at, namely, our campus <sup>(2)</sup> Here are the questions.

Question 1: What is your favorite thing about Ali Osman Sönmez Campus?

The popular answer is teachers. 14 students said, "Teachers are very good at English." The other popular answer is friends. 8 students said, "That's a wonderful aspect of this campus, meeting people from different departments." Other answers are like this: beautiful garden (6 students), education system (4 students), and 3 students said the Atatürk Statue.

Question 2: What is something you would like to change about Ali Osman Sönmez Campus?

The popular answer is location. 13 students said, "The location of this campus should be changed. It should be relocated near Uludağ University." Other answers are like this: cafeteria (5 students), the system of lessons (5 students), 4 students said, "the attendance policy should be revised," 5 students said, "campus should be renewed," and some students said, "there should be better ablution facilities."

Yes, friends, we have come to the end of our allocated time slot. We hope we have been able to provide you with information. We wish you all a good day.

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### THE BENEFITS OF READING

Nowadays, due to technological advances, people preferences have greatly changed. In the past peole would spend their time on reading books for many purposes, such as for making use of their free time or improving themselves. I have always been a book-lover. In my opinion, there are a lot of benefits of reading.

The first advantage is that it can improve our brain functions. A recent research suggests that it can rewire the brain, create new neural networks, make the white matter in the corpus callosum stronger ,and enable a greater communication between the two brain hemispheres. Thus, it allows us to process information more efficiently and helps us learn faster.

Secondly, a research also shows that regular reading can improve our empathy skills; individuals who read fictional stories have a better understanding of the emotions of real-life people. Reading books encourages deeper thinking in readers' minds and emotional experiences, thus promotes empathy in the brain. For example, people around me often mention about the strength of my empathy skills. I owe this to my habit of reading books which has been part of my life since childhood. Through fiction, I travel through different centuries, meet a variety of characters. I try to feel the emotions of the characters deeply, along with the experiences brought by the period I read. Sometimes, I put myself in the shoes of the main character and feel anger or joy on his/her behalf, as if I were living there. I learn lessons from the experiences and emotions of the characters. Even though I only have one life, thanks to books, I sometimes become Elizabeth Bennet in Pride and Prejudice and sometimes Feride in Çalıkuşu.

Consequently, I have benefited from reading so much in my life In this age, dominated by technology, I breathe by opening a window through reading books.

## Nisanur Gülüm M2-4

#### POLLUTION



planet has a unique ecosystem. All living and non-living beings are in order. Pollution, which is usually caused by humans, disrupts this balance and many dangers arise. Environmental pollution mainly occurs in nature in the form of air, soil and water pollution. It negatively affects the entire ecosystem. All these problems affect all of us directly or indirectly. There are mainly three kinds of pollution and the effects are inevitable.

The first one is air pollution. It occurs when impurities in the air exceed at a certain level. The increase of these foreign substances in the atmosphere causes great harm to the health of living things. With the increase in air pollution, diseases such as asthma and allergies become widespread. It is known that 7 million people die every year due to air pollution. Exhaust gases from motor vehicles, coal burned for heating purposes and factories increasing with the development of industry cause this pollution. It is possible to reduce this pollution, which is a big problem for all living things. We can protect our air and therefore, our world with simple solutions such as choosing public transportation, using filters in factories, and using renewable energies.

The second one is water pollution. As Our planet contains 75 percent of water, the rate is important for all our lives, but in the world, people behave without thinking of other lives. We generate too much waste because of factories. To give you an example, Nestle caused the deaths of thousands of the fish in France, so people sued the company, but it was too late. To sum up, if we pay attention to using water sources, we won't destroy our world.

The third, and the last one, is soil pollution. We use sources of the world as if we created them for ourselves. We pollute soil consciously, but we are the ones who are affected as a result. For example, we throw away rubbish and then we eat fruits and vegetables. Thus, more and more people are getting ill. We also disturb other animals and plants if we don't pay attention to using the sources correctly. For example, some countries and factories have a great role in that. America uses bullets which contain Uranium and they pollute soil too much. Another example is that Coca Cola generates plastic extremely and leaves them on soil. To sum up, we should consider soil pollution and we should be aware of the reasons.

All the things considered, we should be careful about the causes which destroy our world and effects that we must deal with as a result. It is our duty to take the necessary precautions against the dangers of pollution. If we ignore the problem, we will be the ones who suffer from the bad effects. So, we should always remember the proverb "Keep your shop and your shop will keep you."

#### Aysu Altunsoy / Hatice Kalem M3-16

#### **SELFISHNESS**



Everyone appreciates differences, and now it is time to see selfishness from a different angle. In fact, selfishness is not a completely bad concept; all concepts go in the direction you take them, and people are already selfish at heart. Of course, there are times when people need to be selfish. In my humble opinion. It is very important to understand who the selfish people are, why they are selfish, and how to deal with them.

Firstly, we should find out who are they. You can generally see them when they scold someone or I when they behave childishly. If you do not treat them the way they want and their needs are not met, they tend to break ties between you and turn into monsters. Generally, they damage someone or something for themselves. They love themselves so much. Everybody loves themselves, but selfish people damage their own area when they love themselves. If you have a selfish friend who is also jealous, when you speak about daily life with them, they don't listen to your ideas and what you say. They don't care about your life and they just talk about their own life. According to selfish people, they are the only ones live in the world and the only ones who are important. Other people don't need to live. If anyone needs help, they just ignore.

The second significant thing is that we have to realize why the people become selfish. If families are too protective, children may be too selfish because families act like this. They tell their child: "You are the most important, just take care of yourself, please." Each human is important, but it's too much. In this case, families must be more balanced so that children are not selfish. In addition, especially the family's first and last child are generally more selfish than the other children. Also, another reason for people's selfishness is that they live in a big city because everyone is becoming more and more selfish in big cities. There are so many job opportunities and nobody can say; "I don't want to take any responsibility." because you must take some risks. That reason is because you see a lot of things and success, so you feel jealous and you think, "why not?" and you go on your way. When you work for your dream, you may become selfish because you want to be successful. Although it seems simple to hold on to life with developing technology, the competitive environment is still alive, and that is why we cannot avoid selfishness.

The last. and the most important thing is to know how to deal with them. Actually, selfishness is in everyone and we can see its bad effects from time to time. Of course, it is up to us to manage our minds to avoid getting harmed. Firstly, we should accept that they don't care about others. We know this is difficult, but don't worry about difficulties. While people often fight within themselves because of selfishness, they can exhibit very bad behaviours without predicting how much damage or pain the other party will suffer. You need to first distance yourself from such people and minimize the damage. When you live with selfish people, you should value yourself, so you should tell your problems about them. Generally, selfish people may say, "Why didn't you say that before?" It is better to stay away from these selfish people, but unfortunately, they are everywhere, and we should learn how to communicate with them.

Consequently, maybe you hate them because of their personality. If you are aware of who they are, why they behave like this and show them that you know how to communicate with them, they will be shocked. And they will start respecting you. Maybe they hate you, but don't worry about it. Just do it, and if they are dangerous, stay away from them. You should draw the line every time.

#### Berivan Salman M3-20

#### THE STARRY NIGHT



We must all have drawn or at least seen "The Starry Night" painting during our school life. I think I painted it when I was in secondary school, and it has been one of my favourite works of Art since then. According to the painter, Van Gogh, the night is much more alive and richly coloured than the day. His approach deeply affected me. That's why I became interested in the painter and the painter.

Vincent Willem Van Gogh whose name is recognized globally is one of the most wellknown artists in the world. He was a complex artist. He was misunderstood and faced a lot of difficulties. He was born on March 30,1853 in the Netherlands. Many people in his family were interested in Art; however, before becoming interested in Art, he worked in different jobs, such as a teacher and clergy. His brother Theo, who was closest to him, supported him in painting. Vân Gogh used dark tones like brown and dark green in his early painting. Then, Theo invited Van Gogh to Paris to adopt the style of impressionism and Van Gogh moved to Paris and used more vibrant tones than before. He created art that is emotionally and visually captivating. There, he met Paul Gauguin who was also an artist and they became good friends. In 1888, he moved Arles in Franche and rented a yellow Hause. Afterwards he invited Gauguin to join him. Gauguin accepted this invitation with Theo's encouragement. Two artists were influenced by each other's paintings, but they discussed. Gauguin left Arles and Van Gogh cut off his left ear and so, in 1889 Van Gogh admitted to a mental hospital called Saint Paul de Mausolea and he painted the Starry Night Painting.

The details of his painting 'The Starry Night' are very interesting as he created it with his imagination, memories, and emotions. The sky is in the foreground, and it takes up 2/3 of the painting. We can feel the weather more clearly thanks to brush marks in the sky. We can see the cypress tree in the front, it looks like a flame and seems to pierce the sky. Cypress tree usually has in the cemetery and so, it evokes die. We can see houses behind the cypress tree, and we can see a church in the middle of the painting. Church looks like a flame too. This church connects the extraordinary elements of the sky and the ordinary elements of the earth. Also, moon and stars were used as light sources in the painting, it was added a natural atmosphere. Vân Gogh used colours that complement each other like blue, orange, yellow.

I was really amazed by the life Van Gogh and the details of 'starry night' I guess, most of you have already seen this magnificent works of Art. If not, I strongly advise you to see it if you are interested in Art like me.



## **KEEP TIME FOR YOURSELF**

Many of us have busy and exhausting lives. We forget to take time for ourselves, while we can spend our time on everything. This situation affects our motivation and energy in our life in a bad way. "I don't have time to scratch my head. I can't even eat because of the burden!" These are some of the phrases that you often hear around you. You may also be using these phrases from time to time. Actually, there are people who don't even have time to breathe at some moments. If you have an opportunity, such as free time, you may want to evaluate it in the best possible way. Especially if you are at a young age, you need to live, knowing the value of every moment you spend and these days in the most productive way. Otherwise, it is possible that you will have regrets in the future. In order not to say 'I wish' in the future, you should do the things that you will say "I'm glad" today. So, here is my interview with 7 university students from Bursa Uludag University about how they make time for themselves.

M. Avcı: "I think the best way is writing a blog. Internet technology offers great opportunities for people who want to share their ideas with others and aim to create their own readership. One of the best alternatives for users to build their own readership is to blog through blogging sites. And you should hurry too! Write a great block site that suits your own style."

M.Aydın: "I do sudoku when I get bored. It is a great hobby and sport that allows us to release our energy and activate our body. You can learn great moves together with friends or by attending a dance class alone." It makes you feel happy and gives you a feeling of achievement when you can solve a puzzle, especially since the riddle is a difficult task. By playing Sudoku more often, you can solve the puzzle faster, and eventually progress to a more difficult level. It helps you improve your mind, so you will be happier and smarter. Take some time to play Sudoku every day!

S.Keskin: "Reading a book is a great way to relax." It is important that everyone dedicates more time to acquiring this habit. Reading books creates positive effects on human psychology, helping individuals to improve themselves and lead a better life.

A. Aydın: "I do pilates and I certainly advise you to do it. It is very effective in maintaining good flexibility, strength, and relieving pain. Therefore, it has many positive effects on human health."

S.Akdoğan: "If you are confident in your manual dexterity and you say that I am a very creative person, this hobby is for you. You can make wonderful ceramics from clay with your hands. Whether you use it at home or buy it. Enjoy the new things you make with your hands."

C. Sezgin: "If you say that I want to paint, but I have no talent, then there is a hobby for you. There are brush paints and paintings that you can buy, so you can easily make a great picture while enjoying the music. It is the best way to spend the time for yourself."

#### ANIMATION: MORE THAN JUST CHILD'S PLAY



A long time ago, there was a young artist named Walt Disney. He took a drawing class and had some difficulties at first. But something amazing happened when he found a little mouse in his room. He named the mouse Mickey and turned it into a famous cartoon character. Mickey Mouse became popular around the world and appeared on TV.

Some people think cartoons are only for kids, but I think differently. Cartoons can teach important lessons to everyone, not just children. Let me tell you about a movie called *Soul*. It Is a fun cartoon that teaches us more than you might expect.

The animation is about Joe, a music teacher who dreams of being a jazz pianist. One day, he goes to a special place after visiting a tailor's shop. There, he meets a character named "22", and together, they learn about the beauty and meaning of life.

Soul shows us that cartoons can teach us big lessons in a simple and enjoyable way. It is not just for grown-ups; kids can enjoy and learn from it, too. Cartoons like Soul are for everyone, no matter how old you are. So, let's have fun and learn from cartoons together!

In the end, let's appreciate and enjoy cartoons for their creativity and impact. I hope more cartoons will be appreciated for entertaining, educating, and touching the hearts of people of all ages. So, the next time you watch a cartoon, remember, there's a lot more to discover - it's a fun journey for everyone!

Sude Alaşan M3-4

#### **SUMMER TRENDS FOR 2024**

Bright colours, short jeans, ribbons and more...This year will be based on comfortable and chic clothes. It seems like this year we are getting rid of the negative and dark fashion that the pandemic brought. This summer we will shine bright like diamonds. Let's get into the details.

This year we will see more pastel colours from baby blue to soft pink. However, cherry red, which is the opposite of these colours, seems to be trending too—also, extra patterns like big flowers, lacework, gold, and silver details. As well as thin fabrics like linen and cotton are preferred more.

Of course, we should combine our clothes with accessories. Like last year, ribbons are trending again. You can see them everywhere, being used with hairstyles, shoes, and dresses. And, because our clothes are extra stylish this year, people prefer basic jewellery.

For being comfortable, we prefer slippers, and ballet flats this year. Also, handmade bags are popular. They are big and flexible. As said before, this year being comfortable is our main idea. For summer make-up, we can see clean girl make-up as everyone's choice again. Red cheeks and freckles aren't going anywhere soon.

When we say "summer" many pictures can come to your mind. You can be with your friends on the beach, walk with your family at night, or enjoy picnics on sunny days. All these memories have a lot in common, but one is the most important: smiling. A smile is our best accessory of all time.

Zeynep Sude Çiçekci M4-7 Sıla Şahinal M4-7

### **ORNAMENTAL CHICKEN BREEDS**

**SEBRIGHT:** The name of these interesting animals is Sebright chicken. They are difficult to produce because their chicks are flimsy and die quickly. So, they are rarely found.



These wonderful chickens originating from England are miniature. Their height is about 25 cm and their weight is about 600 gr. They produce about 60-80 white eggs in a year.

The breed has 3 different colors namely silver, gold and buff. So, which color did you like the most?

**BRAHMA**: These huge animals are called Brahma chickens. They have been bred since 1850 and are the most popular chicken breed.



These giant chickens originating from the USA are very gentle. They get along well with people. They are generally kept for ornamental purposes, but these chickens can also be bred for meat. Their height is about 75 cm, their weight is about 5 kg. They are fertile animals. They produce about 100-150 large brown eggs in a year.

The breed has 3 different main colors: Light, dark and buff. All of their colors are great. So, would you like to have one of these chickens?

**DONG TAO**: I think this is one of the most interesting chicken breeds. They are called Dong Tao.



We can probably see them only in photos because they are very rare and expensive. Their price is about 2000-3000 dollars. These Vietnam-originated chickens are very delicious. Their weight is about 6 kg. Also, soup and frying are made from their feet in Vietnam.

Their egg yield is good but they can break eggs with their huge feet. Dong Tao is really difficult to produce. So, how about owning one?

**BECH (GUINEA):** The next and the last chicken is called Bech chicken (Guinea). They have a different appearance. They have a hairless face and strange colors. They especially have a disgusting and loud voice.



They sense the enemy in advance and inform the herd with a loud voice. So you can feed Bech chicken instead of a dog. Their second important feature is being a good tick hunter. If you have a tick problem in your garden, I highly recommend feeding them. They solved the tick problem in Tokat in 2000. So, they are also called Tokat chickens in our country.

Bech chicken has many benefits. It should be in every coop. If you have a coop, you should try them.

Şevket Hamidullah Aslan

#### THE FATHER

The Father is a drama film that was directed and written by Florian Zeller and is based on a play called *Le Père*. This movie is about an old man who has dementia. Anthony has two daughters. Their names are Anne and Lucy. Lucy dies in an accident, but Anthony believes that his daughter is still alive. Anne finds a few caregivers for her father, but they aren't successful. Eventually, Anne moves Anthony into her own house, where he begins to confuse reality more each day. He mistakes his own house for his daughter's house and starts to lose track of time and place. Anne feels sadder day by day because of this situation.



From the beginning of the movie, we witness Anthony's memories. It is hard to understand that because of the actors' and scenes' realism. We clearly perceive everything as that old man's present reality thanks to Anthony Hopkins's acting, and we start to lose track of places and time, just like Anthony. We can feel Anne's emotions, sadness, and depression through Olivia Colman's gorgeous supporting acting. We realize that the people in Anthony's memories change day by day, and he is lost between the past and the future. In this movie, we can see a lot of visuals and dialogue, and we don't realize how fast time passes while watching Anthony's memories.

*The Father* is the director's first film, and the second of three independent theater plays related to the concept of family. The first theatre play is titled *Mère* and the last one is *Le Fils*. This trilogy is based on the concepts of mother, father, and son, respectively. We can understand from *The Father* that Florian Zeller explains these concepts through the emotions and empathy of the characters.

When the movie was released in 2020, everyone was talking about it. This movie won two Oscars out of its six nominations. After winning his first Oscar for *The Silence of the Lambs*, Anthony Hopkins won another Oscar, Best Leading Actor, for his performance in this movie, and Christopher Hampton and Florian Zeller won the Best Adapted Screenplay award. Although she didn't win, Olivia Colman was nominated for Best Supporting Actress for her role. She deserved it for her exceptional performance in the film. Moreover, this movie has beautiful music, which was made by Ludovico Einaudi and liked by everyone. When Anthony talks about his other daughter, Bizet's *Les Pêcheurs de Perles (The Pearl Fishers)* starts playing. Bizet composed this song when his mother died. This situation is highly effective, and the director's musical choices demonstrate his careful attention to detail in the film. Finally, the filmmakers had a \$6 million dollar budget for the movie, and they earned \$22.5 million in total.

The movie is considered a masterpiece with its acting, scenes, and music. When you start watching it, you don't notice anything else, and when you finish, you can't get over it for a long time, so you feel a sense of emptiness. Also, you won't feel bored watching this movie because it is so gripping and shorter than other movies.

#### Ali Altunay- Sema Halıcıoğlu M3-17

## **TODAY'S ADDICTION: SMART PHONES**

Modern people always want to escape from problems and get rid of them, therefore, they always look for an easy way. Technology could be a practical way of doing so. Even though it looks nice, many people will become addicted to technology in the future.

In the past, people were using phones just for communication. We were talking with our families, but now people are becoming unsociable, and this situation will be worse. When we outside walking, we can almost see no one looking at each other. When bad things happen near us, people just take videos or simply don't care of what's going on. In the past, people were loved, and phones were used as tools, but now phones are loved, and people are used in life.



Furthermore, whenever we go to a restaurant, people try to take pictures or make videos of everything instead of eating and enjoying the moment. Also, whenever we go somewhere, the same thing happens. Consequently, no one knows how to enjoy the moment.

To sum up, everyone has changed with phones. Phones use people and no one realizes it. Nobody is aware of anyone. Hopefully, people will not be so addicted to technological tools, and we will start enjoying the life around us, but not on the screen.

## THE FUTURE'S SPORT: E-SPORTS



Can you imagine earning a lot of money while playing video games? How about millions? Today, it's possible. Players can earn substantial amounts in this sector, and e-sports teams can buy or sell players just like in soccer or basketball. With the evolution of technology, e-sports have emerged as a new way of spending enjoyable time while making money.

Simply put, e-sports are video games played in competitions for prizes. The main goal remains the same: players compete as teams within specific rules, which vary by game. For instance, in Counter-Strike, two teams fight each other, each consisting of five players. On the other hand, in PUBG, 64 players participate in a match, and they form 16 teams with four players each. Rules may vary, but the essence of team-based competition stays the same. The earliest video game competition known took place on October 19, 1972, at Stanford University for the game Spacewar. Stanford students competed for the chance to win a year's subscription to Rolling Stone magazine. This event paved the way for competitive gaming for prizes, as in traditional sports. With the evolution of technology, video games have become increasingly suitable for competition, and the industry has developed a lot.

During the 2010s, the e-sports sector improved incredibly and gained public recognition. Consequently, numerous successful tournaments were held. Today, millions of people recognize this sector. Organizations are broadcast through live streaming platforms like Twitch, which was launched in 2011, and they attract widespread attention. Gamers can now earn huge amounts of money from competing in these video games. As a result, many more e-sports teams have been established, and profitable tournaments have been organized with increased viewership. Each year, e-sports players make more money and tournaments are organized with more valuable prizes. For example, this summer, there will be a big tournament named as E-sports World Cup 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This tournament includes 19 games such as Counter-Strike, PUBG, League of Legends, Rocket League, and so on. It has turned out to be a new business area for some people. Besides, it's fun to watch these games.

To sum up, the e-sports sector is rising and becoming widely known daily. E-sports are even expected to feature in the Olympics in the future. Teams, organizations, and players are becoming increasingly professional, which will probably result in further growth in this field in the future.

# WHAT IS SCULPTURE ART?

The art of sculpture continues throughout the present day. Sculpture art; clay, plaster, stone etc. We can say that they are works made using materials and have an artistic texture. Sculpture is the art of transferring thoughts and feelings to reality. The history of sculpture dates back to before Christ. Today, sculpture is still being made at an advanced level and sculptures from the past are being unearthed. The development of sculpture has had the opportunity to be transferred to the present day due to archaeological studies.

According to these studies, the first artifacts have survived from the Ancient Egyptian period to the present day. Thanks to these works or thanks to those who created them, we have more sculptors and works. Most importantly, we learn what our artists want to tell people.



SCULPTURE OF OUR LEGENDARY VOLLEYBALL PLAYER 'EDA ERDEM'

In our centenary year as Turkey, we won the European Championship under the captaincy of Eda Erdem. With this stance and thought, Eda Erdem's sculpture was exhibited on March 8, International Women's Day, and presented to people's appreciation. One of the most important issues here is what the sculptor wanted to hell; Eda Erdem's sculpture was prepared by sculptor and high architect Pinar Oktem Dogan at the Tankut Oktem sculpture workshop in Bursa.

The following words are inscribed on Eda Erdem's statue pedestal:

"The legendary captain of volleyball."

She left her mark not only with her outstanding achievements but also, her character, leadership stance, and determination inspired future generations.

Her heartfelt passion for Fenerbahçe, loyalty and elegance on the field were engraved in golden letters in Turkish sports history...



Ayşenur Tosun M2-2

#### DRITA



Imagine a new life. Different planets, longing for the past, stuck lives, anger, rebellions, psychological crises, hopes, and more. It's been 105 years since the Earth mutated. Animals and plants were spreading viruses, and everything was dying. Nature was deformed, and new planets have been discovered. A way to live on planets was found. Of course, that wasn't enough. Humans were squeezed into a closed box. They died because of minor mistakes. And thousands more...

#### The Ruler (Elira)

"Imagine a government far away from the Earth. If I need to tell you the name of this place, it is Drita. I am the ruler of this planet, and my only friend is this notebook. I write in a diary because I always have to be strong and can't entirely rely on anyone.

One hundred five years ago, we left the Earth and came to other discovered planets. Humanity has worked hard to adapt here, but the vital problems never end. It is one of our most important things because we can't go out without it. Despite all these annoying things, good things are happening, too. I work for people's health, safety, future, hope, and peace. We are pretty good compared to other governments. My family has created a new world of peace. I will continue because this is my heritage. However, it is getting more and more complicated. I sometimes get depressed, but I can't leave anyone alone. I won't give up. If my family were here, they would want this. I'm sure I feel it. Now you will say, so many years have passed. Have you ever been to the Earth? Have you ever tried to live there? We have agreements with other planets. We have been going there regularly for years. This usually happens every two years. No one has gone there voluntarily for a long time except criminals and the homeless. To be honest, we haven't heard from anyone who has gone. I want to leave right away. I have nothing to lose anyway. Even if I die, I am not afraid. I need to try. I have to put someone in charge of my people. I don't know what will happen, but I will find a way."

#### **Convict (Qiell)**

"I have been in prison for two weeks for no reason. To summarize, I was working here in Seraita, where I was arrested for shoplifting. However, I was misunderstood. I didn't follow the rules. Actually, they were right. I was looking for something different. I don't know. I am unlucky because the "Day of Hope" will happen after ten days. I no longer needed to choose; I must go into the Earth. I am really sorry because I haven't wanted to leave my sister here alone so far. Essentially, I have always wanted to see the truth, but I couldn't give up my sister. Now, I am putting her at risk. This is the only thing that I regret. Forgive me, Jeta."

### **Before Day of Hope**

A week passed, and Jeta finally went to see her brother. Her brother was her family, her friend, her confidant. In short, he was everything to her. They cared very much for each other. However, her brother had been acting strange lately. He looked tired, more like he was fed up. She thought he was depressed. As a result, he went to prison. Fortunately, the Day of Hope was very close. In fact, Jeta was always curious about the truth and told her brother that she wanted to go. Despite this, her brother always said that they would be together and they needed time. Now, everything has changed. These things went through her mind while she was waiting for him. Finally, his brother came. They missed each other during this period. They hugged, and then Jeta looked at his brother with curious eyes and started talking:

-How are you?

-I'm fine, don't worry. However, I have to go on the Day of Hope. I never wanted to leave you alone. I'm sorry, sis, but in this case, you need to move on with your life.

-Are you kidding me? Of course, I'll come with you.

-Jeta, please, you have to listen to me. You know, I wouldn't say I like goodbyes, but I love you. Continue for me. Take care, sis.

Jeta just waited for a while. She was baffled when his brother left. She didn't want to be alone. Yes, she shouldn't have listened to him the first time. Meanwhile, Elira was continuing her plans.

### **Target Date**

Finally, the expected day came. Elira hid on the spaceship. She handed over this power to her rival. The force that already wanted to get rid of Elira immediately accepted this offer. Preparations were being made for the ship. By the way, Jeta was thinking about her brother's reaction. There were a total of 37 people on this ship, except Elira. There was a big problem for her because criminals generally hated Elira. Therefore, Elira was doing everything to hide herself. She felt like she was going to die. Still, she thought it was worth trying. She took this risk. Qiell felt like he had let her down. Jeta saw his brother and quickly walked towards him. For a moment, Qiell thought he was dreaming. He didn't know how to feel. It was like fear, anger, sadness, joy, all mixed. He was in a storm of emotions. Nevertheless, he just looked into his sister's eyes and hugged her tightly. The journey had almost begun. Everyone seemed to have a different opinion. Some were crying, and some were looking around with poker faces. Space suits were put on, and the countdown for the journey began. Of course, the perception of time would be different here. One hour of travel was equal to approximately one day on Earth, but everyone's brain was very full. No one could realize how much time had passed.

#### Facts



The ship had stopped. Then the door opened with a sound. "Goal achieved, good luck travelers of hope." It was very bright. Nothing could be seen. Everyone was looking anxiously into the light. Elira was the bravest of them all. She already watched the first moment many times. Still, this was exciting. She stood up and walked a little and decided not to hide her face. Everyone was puzzled. They could not make sense of this situation. Elira walked out without speaking. Jeta and his brother followed her. And others.

Things were complicated in Drita. Her assistant went to report the time and realized she wasn't there. Force revealed the truth. There were only 5 minutes left. They would manage the situation for now, but this situation was unfortunate because everyone loved her very much, except the criminals. Sometimes, even them. Management had to focus on all cameras now. Elira was the first person to appear on camera. First, light and then the sky appeared on her camera. Everything looked unique. Everyone knew Elira, but no one had time to get angry with her because they were in a new world. Elira knew that everything would change when they entered the forest. She took off her spacesuit and started walking towards the forest. Others were repeating what she did. Elira said that they should be quiet and move carefully. This time, one of them objected. He said they didn't have to listen to her. Elira tried to handle the situation, but there was a mess. A few people even tried to attack. Then Qiell suddenly shouted... He blocked the situation by saying" "Stop arguing! We don't know what will happen to us. Now is not the time." Elira gave her an appreciative look, and they continued walking. They stopped following him after a few minutes. Everyone seemed to be, they were under the spell of nature. They wanted to enjoy it. Even though Elira said it wasn't true, no one was listening. This time, Qiell couldn't stop anyone. There was a hot wind. Butterflies, birds, insects, and things they didn't know the names of. There was a colorful reality in front of them. It was better to breathe now. This feeling was like living. Everyone was surprised and happy. Qiell and Elira were worried. Jeta was touching the leaves with a big smile. A butterfly landed on her arm. Everyone looked at her. She was scared but watched her carefully. Its touch was so gentle. This was a perfect feeling. "This is real life," she said. This was something incredible. Elira looked in amazement. Then, a colored object came towards them. While questioning what this meant, they heard a sound and fell to the ground. Elira knew what would happen, but before she could move, the explosion occurred.

Time was the same again. Force and others were sure of Drita's death. It would take a lot of work to tell the public. Everyone was worried. Force was actually an ambitious and visionary person, but they were afraid of him. They had to get used to this situation. Elira opened her eyes. Others were unconscious. They were in a room, and voices were coming from inside. She didn't understand anything. Qiell was waking up too. Someone came in. It was a human. When she looked carefully, she realized that she recognized him. This was the previous day's traveler of hope. As the others began to wake up, Elira asked: "What's going on here?" Everyone had regained consciousness and was trying to understand what was happening. The person who entered was Era. Era started to speak. "I know you too, Elira. I don't understand why you're here, but I'm not angry with you anymore. Without you, I would never know how to live," said Era. Everyone started looking at each other. Then he continued to explain. "Actually, it has been a long time since the Earth has repaired itself. Of course, everything has not been the same. However, people can adapt now. To be honest, I am the previous passenger of hope. I'm sorry we did this to you, but it had to be done." said Era. Elira, why did they do this, and what was their first arrival time? Era continued. "The first passengers came across a herd of animals, and their cameras were destroyed. They saw many dead human skeletons. It was only when they survived the first day that they realized they had succeeded and began to fight for survival. And before you ask, let me tell you. It was because of the possibility of humans destroying the world again. We have to protect it. Now, welcome to the real world. Of course, if you follow the rules." said Era.

#### Zeynep Sena Yılmaz M3-12

### HOROSCOPES



## Mar 21 - Apr 19

You will shape topics related to relationships and the people you are in contact with soon. You will want to be decisive in your partner relationships. There will be topics that you want to manage. The history of your agreements and contracts can refer to these days.



## Apr 20 - May 20

Mental health and physical effects will be on your agenda. There will be developments that will motivate you in working life. You will find the search for balance between your work life and your social life.



## May 21 - Jun 20

You will achieve success in areas that require intellect and creativity. You are in a period when you are sensitive about children. You will find the peace and happiness you are looking for in your social life.



Jun 21 - Jul 22

You are going through an emotional period in terms of family and home. You will spend the spring days happier. You will experience moves to end family arguments.



## Jul 23 - Aug 22

You will go through a period in which you will be extremely strong in the field of communication. You can get support from your friends and close circle. This is how your connections will develop and new doors can be opened.



## Aug 23 – Sep 22

Your determination to finances, financial resources and common revenues will be remarkable. You can react to people who go beyond your value judgments. Your family and business partnerships may require strong foundations.



## Sep 23 – Oct 22

With the eclipse happening in your sign, you're opening the door to crucial events in your life. If you're single, someone new may enter your life. Marriage, moving, divorce, or partnership ventures could completely change your quality of life. You might make a changing decision on a matter.



## Oct 23 – Nov 21

You're entering a phase where the doors turned behind you or the ones you turned yourself may come to light. Nothing might stay hidden. You may need to protect yourself against future dangers and harmful gossip. You could find yourself in unexpected fateful events.



## Nov 22 – Dec 21

You may find an opportunity to achieve one of your dreams. People who bring you luck and recognize your true talents could enter your life. If you're in a social circle where compromise and harmony are difficult, you may encounter fateful crossroads. You might not expect everyone to understand you on equal terms.



### Dec 22 – Jan 19

Extreme changes are on the horizon concerning your career, future plans, and your place in society. Your marital status could change due to marriage or divorce. You may gain a new title as a parent. Your relationship with your partner might become more public. Some of you may need to pay closer attention to a family member's health issues or general well-being.



## Jan 20 – Feb 18

This could be a period where you're interested in long-distance journeys and foreign countries. You might start flirting with someone who has a unique personality, but shares similar views with you. If you're in a relationship, you may consider introducing them to your family. Education and learning could be important to you. You might want to improve areas where you feel inadequate.



## Feb 19 – Mar 20

You're entering a period where you need to be careful with your finances and calculate your ins and outs well. You might find yourself dealing closely with tax, insurance, inheritance matters... If you have a debt, you could pay it off, overcome a psychological obsession, resolve traumas, or closely escape a difficult situation.

Zeynep Ünler /Selin Akyüz M3-22



# DOWN

- 2. To be clear and easy to understand (idiom)
- 4. Pleasant and attractive (adjective)
- 5. A small, round container, often with a handle, used for drinking tea, coffee (noun)
- 6. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (noun)
- 7. A fight between armed forces (noun)
- 9. Symbol of radium (noun)
- 10. To find an answer to a problem (verb)

# ACROSS

- Shared interests, beliefs, or opinions between two people or groups of people who disagree about most other subjects (noun)
- 3. To defeat or succeed in controlling or dealing with something (verb)
- 8. The way that someone behaves (noun)
- 12. To succeed in finishing something or reaching an aim, especially after a lot of work or effort (verb)
- 14. Something that is successful, or that is achieved after a lot of work or effort (noun)Influence
- 18. A system of communication consisting of sounds, words, and grammar (noun)
- 20. To make something new, or invent something (verb)

# DOWN

- 11. Blank (adjective)
- 13. The ability to form pictures in the mind (noun)
- 15. The achieving of the results wanted or hoped for (noun)
- 16. A very important change in the way that people do things (noun)
- 17. The condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc. whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited (noun)
- 19. Connected with studying or representing things from the past (adjective)
- 24. İnvolving competition (adjective)
- 27. Too quick to criticize people (adjective)

# ACROSS

- 21. To sort and collect rubbish in order to treat it and produce useful materials that can be used again (verb)
- 22. Huge (adjective)
- 23. To think that something is true, correct, or real (verb)
- 25. An input device that allows a person to enter letters, numbers, and other symbols into a computer (noun)
- 26. The capital of Spain (noun)
- 28. Extremely good (adjective)
- 29. Able to use two languages equally well (noun)
- 30. The imparting or exchanging of information by speaking, writing, or using some other medium (noun)
- 31. The power to have an effect on people or things, or a person or thing that is able to do this (noun )



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#### SOKRATES UND PHILOSOPHIE



"Ein Leben, über das man nicht nachdenkt, ist nicht lebenswert." Sokrates Sokrates war ein großer griechischer Philosoph und einer der Begründer der antiken griechischen Philosophie. Er lebte zwischen 470 und 399 vor Christus. Sokrates wurde 469 v. Chr. in einer Stadt südlich von Athen geboren. Sein Vater war ein Steinmetz namens Sophoniskos, seine Mutter war eine Hebamme namensPhainarete.

Die antike griechische Philosophie, die als Grundlage der abendländischen Philosophie gilt, wird unter ihrem Namen als Ganzes kategorisiert. Man nannte sie die vorsokratischen Philosophen und die Sokratiker. Platon, der Begründer des ersten und eines der größten philosophischen Systeme, war ein Schüler von Sokrates; Aristoteles, der letzte große Philosoph der antiken griechischen Philosophie, war ein Schüler von Platon. Sokrates, der dem Fragen große Bedeutung beimaß, vertrat die Ansicht, dass in jedem Menschen einige Wahrheiten stecken, die darauf warten, ins Bewusstsein zu kommen, und dass diese nur durch die Methode des Fragens enthüllt werden können. Sokrates ließ einen Sklaven, der keine Ausbildung erhalten hatte, eine Aufgabe aus der Geometrie lösen, indem er ihm einfach Fragen stellte. In diesem Zusammenhang ist bekannt, dass Sokrates oft durch die Straßen Athens zog und versuchte, die Menschen zum Nachdenken zu bringen, indem er ihnen Fragen zu fast allen Themen stellte. Er hat in der Tat versucht, das Wissen, das in Menschen vorhanden den war. durch diese Methode zur Welt zu bringen. Sokrates, der stets für ein rechtschaffenes und tugendhaftes Leben eintrat, war der Ansicht, dass die Seele erzogen werden müsse, um diese Lebensweise zu verwirklichen. Äußere Errungenschaften und sogar das Leben selbst sind für ihn viel weniger wichtig als das gute Leben, denn es ist besser, ein unglückliches und elendes Leben mit einer kranken Seele zu führen als gar nicht zu leben; nicht das Leben ist lebenswert,

sondern das gute Leben. Diese Methode, die auch als sokratische Methode oder maotische Methode bekannt ist, ist eine Methode, bei der Sokrates "seine Unwissenheit eingesteht", um Wissen zu erlangen. Seine Aussage "Wenn ich eines weiß, dann ist es, dass ich nichts weiß" zeigt im Wesentlichen, dass "zu wissen, dass man nichts weiß" der Beginn des Weges der Weisheit ist. Kurz gesagt, Sokrates ist mit all seinen Gedanken und Methoden einer der wichtigsten Philosophen der Philosophie. Wegen seines Denkens wurde Sokrates 399 v. Chr. in Athen hingerichtet.

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## DIE DOMESTIZIERUNG VON TIEREN UND PFLANZEN



Die Domestizierung von Tieren und Pflanzen hat eine wichtige Rolle in der Menschheitsgeschichte gespielt. Die Domestizierung von Tieren und Pflanzen bedeutet, dass die Menschen von der wilden Natur bestimmte Pflanzen und Tieren nehmen und dann lassen sie diese Pflanzen und Tiere an das Menschenleben anpassen. Somit halten die Menschen sie unter Kontrolle und lassen sie verhindern, zu unkontrolliert vermehren.



Beispielsweise waren die Hunde, die zuerst im Mesolithikum domestiziert wurde, für verschiedene Ziele benutzt, wie die Gefahrlosigkeit, das Hirtenamt oder die Bejagung.

Die Pflanzen wie der Weizen, der Mais, der Reis wurden über Tausende von Jahren von den Menschen zu vermehren domestiziert.

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## **DEQ-TATTOO**



Das Deq-Tattoo ist eine Art Tätowierung, die normalerweise im Nahen Osten (Mittelosten) besonders in der kurdischen Kultur verbreitet ist. In der Türkei ist diese Art vom Tattoo meistens in Mardin, Şanlıurfa, Batman, Siirt, Diyarbakır, Van, Adana verbreitet.

In diesen Regionen werden keine modernen Technologien für Tattoos verwendet. Die Muttermilch einer Frau, die ein Mädchen geboren hat, wird mit verbranntes Kienholz gemischt. Danach wird die Mischung mit dem Stepp-Nadel in Motiv gestickt. Tätowierung ist permanent und sie wird nie gelöscht.

- Pflanzliche Motive: der Baum, die Blume, die Rose
- Tierliche Motive: der Vogel, die Schlange, der Fuchs, der Skorpion, die Gazelle
- Natürliche Motive: die Sonne, der Stern, der Mond
- Symbolische Motive: drei Punkte, ein Punkt, die Schere, Gegenteil Y

Diese Motive werden als eine visuelle Magie bewertet, um ein gesundheitliches und fruchtbares Leben zu segnen und schützen.

Außerdem sind diese Tattoos auch wie eine Identität, weil sie die Clans repräsentieren. Diese Tattoos werden heutzutage kaum gemacht. Anstatt dieser Tattoos werden moderne Tattoos von vielen Menschen bevorzugt.

## Hanife Caner M3.1

### ŞEBNEM FERAH

Je vais parler dans cet article d'une chanteuse importante pour moi à savoir Şebnem Ferah. C'est la plus jeune des trois filles d'une famille qui a émigré d'Üsküp à Yalova le 2 avril 1972. Son intérêt pour la musique a commencé vers l'âge de 5-6 ans. Comme il y avait des instruments

de musique dans tous les coins de la maison, elle a été préparée et initiée à la musique dès son enfance. Elle a commencé à prendre des cours de mandoline et de solfège à l'école primaire, et est devenue soliste dans l'orchestre scolaire. Pendant ses années de lycée, elle a travaillé avec le groupe "Pegasus". En 1994, Şebnem Ferah a commencé





à travailler en solo. Une nouvelle page de sa carrière musicale s'est ouverte avec la rencontre d'Onno Tunç et Sezen Aksu. En 1999, elle a perdu son père dans le tremblement de terre de Yalova. La perte de son père lui a inspiré des textes et des musiques plus profondes, contribuant ainsi au succès de son troisième album,

"Perdeler". Le 3 octobre 2001, elle est apparue devant ses fans avec l'album "Perdeler". Aujourd'hui, elle fait une pause dans sa carrière musicale. Quand j'écoute ses chanson, je ressents beaucoup d'émotions et d'inspiration.

### Süheyla Dikkaya – M2

#### LES DROITS DES FEMMES

Chaque personne a le droit à l'égalité, à l'éducation, de voter, d'avoir un salaire égal etc. Mais dans le monde, les femmes et filles sont, en général, les victimes de discrimination et de violence. La réalité est une déception. Il y a une inégalité contre les femmes. Je vais expliquer certaines des situations.

Dans certains pays, des pays africains particulièrement, les femmes rencontrent des



obstacles importants à l'emploi. Il y a plusieurs raisons à cela : les normes culturelles, les restrictions légales, le manque d'accès à l'éducation ( je pense que c'est le pire) Elles ne peuvent même pas aller à l'école ! Et plus encore...Ces obstacles limitent leur situation économique, leur autonomie et leur indépendance, d'ailleurs, ils contribuent à l'inégalité des sexes.

Supposons qu'elles travaillent, mais même dans ce cas, il n'y a aucune garantie qu'il n'arrivera rien en rentrant chez elles. Elles peuvent être harcelées par quelqu'un qu'elles ne connaissent pas vraiment ou être tuées par leur "ex" obsédé en pleine rue Cette loi, « le droit de protection »: C'est une des lois qui devrait être appliquée pour les femmes.



J'aime être une femme mais j'aimerais que nous puissions vivre dans un monde où les femmes sont également respectées

Azra Akyıldız – M3

## JUDAS PRIEST : LES LÉGENDES DU HEAVY METAL

Je vais parler dans cet article d'un groupe de musique très important pour moi car c'est celui avec qui ma passion pour la musique a commencé. Ce groupe c'est « Judas Priest », un nom qui résonne comme un écho dans l'histoire du heavy metal. Avec des riffs de guitare puissants et des paroles empreintes de rébellion, ce groupe britannique a marqué plusieurs générations de fans à travers le monde dès les années 80. C'est le premier groupe à utiliser deux guitaristes solistes.





Personnellement, je suis fasciné par l'énergie brute et la passion que Judas Priest insuffle dans sa musique. Leurs performances sur scène sont électrisantes, transportant le public dans un univers où le son rugit et les âmes s'enflamment. Le groupe utilise de nombreux effets pyrotechniques sur scène.

Que ce soit avec des classiques intemporels comme "Breaking the Law" ou des albums plus récents comme "Firepower", Judas Priest continue de prouver son statut de pionnier du heavy metal, inspirant de nombreux artistes et amateurs de musique à travers le temps.

Longue vie à Judas Priest, un pilier indéfectible de la scène musicale mondial !

Emre Koptagel- M3

## LA MUSIQUE JOUE UN RÔLE IMPORTANT DANS MA VIE D'APPRENANTE DE LANGUE ÉTRANGÈRE

Écouter de la musique est l'un de mes passe-temps préférés. J'aime écouter de la musique, analyser et regarder les paroles dans toutes sortes de langues. Je m'intéresse au messages que les

compositeurs veulent transmettre. Je pense qu'écouter de la musique contribue grandement à l'apprentissage d'une nouvelle langue car apprendre une langue étrangère c'est également découvrir une autre culture. Cela nous permet de





développer notre empathie et notre compétence interculturelle. Si je devais parler de mes artistes préférés, je commencerais par The Weeknd. Abel Makkonen Tesfaye est né le 16 février 1990, et est connu professionnellement sous le nom de The Weeknd. C'est un chanteur et auteur-compositeur canadien. Il est connu

pour sa production musicale non conventionnelle, ses réinventions artistiques et son utilisation emblématique du registre de fausset. Il a débuté sa carrière en 2009. C'est grâce à la plateforme YouTube qu'il s'est fait connaître, cela montre que les réseaux sociaux permettent de découvrir de nombreux talents.

### Nergül Kırmaz M2

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