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FROM WRITING TASKS TO
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Would You Like Such an Education?

School...School...School... School is the future of our children, which every parent must think about. Every mother and father wants their child to receive the best education their conditions allow. But circumstances do not always turn out the way we want.



Imagine you are a parent. It doesn't matter what grade your child is in. Your first task is to choose the right school. Public schools are either too far from your home, the classes are too crowded, or the quality of education is not good. What about private schools? They are also a heavy burden for your budget. You choose the school, but do you have the right to choose your teachers? Of course not. Meanwhile, the problems in the teacher-student-parent triangle haven't even started yet. Students always say that the teacher does not love them, she is mean, they deserve 100, but the teacher gives them 20. Mothers and fathers inevitably have problems with the teacher. Not to mention the service fee, clothing fee, food fee, educational aid expenses.

What if they ask whether you are ready to get rid of all this...? Both parents and students say, "It could be great, but how would it be?" I can hear what they're saying.

As you know, the pandemic has had a very negative impact on educational life, as in every field. However, it also introduced an innovation called online education into our lives. Inspired by George Orwell's book 1984, a question came to my mind as to what the new educational life would be like in the future. When Orwell wrote this book in 1949, the whole world was ravaged by a terrible war and the future did not look bright. Orwell tried to construct the next 40 years under these conditions in his book. So I thought, why not write a fiction about how the education world would be in the next 40 years. Which, I think, will happen not in 40 years but in a much shorter time, I guess in the next 20 years.

Yes, dear students: now imagine a world with a child's education program of 6 hours a day, even 30 hours a week. (I am in favor of the child choosing the side courses that are suitable for them and improving themselves voluntarily. But not with the pressure of parents but entirely according to her own desire and will.) Well then, you say... What if your children don't want to get up in the morning but sleep in the first lessons? What if your child gets bored after two lessons? Or if your child wants to get up early and have the afternoon to herself? No problem! In the system,

I think, your children will have the opportunity to take their lessons at any time and from anyone they want, without any restrictions. How? Thanks to hologram technology.

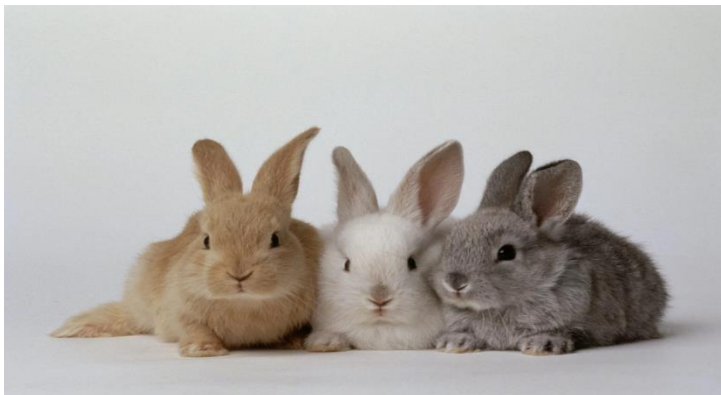
For example, your child wants to start class at 12. Then she wants to take a break for 1 hour. Then she wants 3 more lessons etc. Let's get to the most important part. Well, wouldn't you like your child to take Math lessons from Carl Gustav, Cahit Arf or El-Biruni? So, Einstein or Newton for physics classes? Biology from Mendel. Curie or Pasteur for chemistry? I wouldn't change Pythagoras in geometry. Hobby lessons would be chosen by the child. Wouldn't you like to have your child learn basic tennis skills from Venus Williams? Or car repair lessons from a good mechanic. We don't necessarily have to be highly selective. But still, I would like to take a philosophy course from Bernard Russell.

The child will listen to a 30-minute lesson at any time, from the person she wants, within a program given to her, and then will test herself with a small 10-minute quiz. She will learn the subjects she does not understand by seeing them in 3D on her computer. Imagine watching the Solar System in front of you as if it were real. She will also take her exams online and complete her class by taking her notes via computer without meeting anyone face to face. She will complete her class without blaming anyone, without nepotism, by taking what is her right. Again, with the help of the system, they will be placed in a program based on their abilities and grades according to the needs of the country.

Say what? Are you ready for such an educational world? Really, 2041 is not far away.

Davut Üstün M1-9

Rabbits



Rabbits are adorable animals. They have got colourful fur such as white, brown, grey. What else do we know about rabbits?

Rabbits sleep during the day, like hamsters. If we want rabbits to live happily, we must keep them away from noisy environments. Rabbits have big

eyes. Their back legs are longer than their front legs. They have got short, cute tails and long ears.

Rabbits generally live up to 5 or 8 years depending on their environment, but they can live up to 12 years. The length of rabbits is from 30 to 60 cm, and they weigh about 3 to 10 kilograms.

Rabbits can hear well. That's why they run away when they hear someone approaching. They have tactile cells on their noses. Rabbits have 20-25 sensory fibres that move up and down their upper lips. They try to learn more about the environment by using these sensory cells.

Rabbits are herbivores. They like eating radish, cucumber, lettuce etc. But they don't like eating carrots. Because carrots aren't very healthy for rabbits. In their habitat, they don't eat carrots.

İrem Çalışkan, M1-8

Native American Horoscopes

Graylag (22th December - 19th January)

These people are helpful and clever. They can be good mothers and fathers. They have got powerful intuition. Their children are so important to them. They get on well with the people whose horoscope is a woodpecker.



Otter (20th January - 18th February)

Their sixth sense is so powerful. They love nature and the kitchen. They like freedom, meeting new friends and helping other people.

Cougar (19th January - 20th March)

They are different from other people. They are sensitive but they don't show it. They are mysterious and difficult. They are romantic and they can see the things other people can't see.

Eagle (21th March - 19th April)

They change quickly. They can foresee the future. They hate lies and liars. They want power and energy forever. They are friendly and remarkable. They like trying new things.

Beaver (20th April - 20th May)

They are balanced. They don't like change. They like money. They are calm, but they are dangerous when they get angry. They take marriage seriously and become reliable partners.

Deer (21th May - 20th June)

They are clever people. In their relationship physical appearance is so important for the people whose is Deer. They love laughing, strong relationships and adventure.

Woodpecker (21th June - 22th July)

They need a loving partner. They should sleep well. They have got strong greed. They look for purpose in life. They love their country. They get on very well with other people.

Sturgeon (23th July - 22th August)

They know how to hide their real feelings. They are aggressive and at the same time soft and sensitive. They never forget the people who helped them. They always try to hide their feelings. They are helpful.

Bear (23th August - 22th September)

They love talking but they can be quiet sometimes. They have a strong sense of responsibility. They love to eat, but they can also go on a diet. Their life is comfortable and fun.

Crow (23th September - 23th October)

They're helpful. They know how to enjoy life. They love learning. Their home is so important for them.

Snake (24th October - 21th November)

They are so clever, sensitive and mysterious. They are sensitive to the sound of ghosts. They love secret things. They are shy. They can understand the feelings of other people.

Wapiti (22th November - 21th December)

They cannot make decisions easily, but they are so sentimental. Their feelings are very strong. They are friendly and lovely. They learn quickly. They hate injustice. They have got such a strong feeling of freedom.



İrem Kılınç M1-6

Fallen Star on The Neighbourhood

The Neighbourhood... A band that can make you addicted from the moment you discover it. This band was founded in 2011. They released their first album “I Love You” in 2013. The song “Sweater Weather” on the album became very popular so the band became known. The band originally consisted of six people. Backing vocalist Oliver Sammist left the band in 2014. Then they released singles, Eps, and albums. I met them in 2015 when I was a middle school student. My friend made me listen to the song “Daddy Issues.” The soloist's voice was so relaxing. I searched for them and listened to their other songs. They were great. They write songs, play instruments, sing songs... When you listen to these guys, you are disconnected from life.



I will tell you about their latest song. “Fallen Star” was released about a month ago on October 1st. Normally, this song was supposed to be released in their “Chip Chrome & The Mono-Tones” ' album in 2020. But their music company- Columbia Records- didn't want it. Their contract with the company expired this year. However, they decided to release it

anyway. Fans were so excited for the song. The band announced the song on their official Instagram account. They wrote in the post “This track was originally called ‘Further Apart’ but after a snippet of, it started floating around the internet. It was re-named ‘Fallen Star’ by our passionate fans, so to anyone who has been asking for this song, I hope you are listening to it today & understanding that you really made this happen. Thank you for your continued support through the past couple of years.”

Song was written by nine people. Some people in the band also helped write the song - Soloist Jesse James Rutherford, guitarists Jeremiah Freedman and Zachary Abels. The song is about love, distance, and passion. In this song, the band shows us their mastery of songwriting. It is easy to internalize the song. Because the lyrics are close to you and very fascinating. “You are in my DNA.” I think these words are the best. The song is 3 minutes 44 seconds long. We can hear a lot of guitar sounds. It’s not complicated, it's very relaxing. The producer of the song says it is a long road song. When you listen, you will know that this is true.

Good band, good song. Listen and make your day better :)

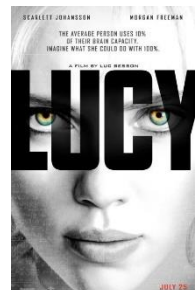
Mehmet CİGERLİ M1-2

Films



In this chapter I'm going to write about my favorite movie subject for movie watchers, WAR FILMS! You watch these types of movies because of excitement, drama, action and maybe to learn history. I have seen a lot of amazing movies and serials in the science fiction-war genre. I can suggest a few! ‘*The Tomorrow War*’ has been introduced this year. If you like this movie you will probably like;

Edge of Tomorrow, *Elysium*, *Prometheus*, *Alita: Battle Angel*, and *Lucy*. For the historical-war genre, I can suggest all day! *Plan A* is another movie which has



been introduced this year, too. It's so dramatic because it's about WW II and the murder of millions of Jews. Other movies that you'll probably like in this genre are *Saving Private Ryan*, *Pianist*, *Schindler's List*, *1917*, and etc. I hope you like my text and watch the movies I recommend.

Parisa Lotfi M1-5

Books



I love reading books because I like learning about other people's lives and mistakes. There are so many books in my room. When I was 7 years old, I started reading books. First, I read kids' stories. Later as I grew up, I began to read different kinds of books.

There are a lot of types of books. Action, science fiction, romance, classic, and historical. Of course, I can't read all types of books. But my favorite type of book is classic. Because they make me feel like an adult, and I like living in historical places. I love this feeling.

Finally, I want to finish with this sentence by Ernest Hemingway:

"There is no friend as loyal as a book."

Sinem Akçay M1-7

Classical Greek Mythology

Mythology is the combination of stories about heroes, gods, fairies, giants and Titans that old nations believed in. People who study and interpret these stories are called mythologists.

Let's read about one of the stories in Greek mythology:

After the universe was created by Khios and Gaia, she and her son Uranus united. In this way, Titans were born. Six of them were male and six of them were female. Their names were Okeanos, Koios, Krios, Hyperion, Iapetus, Kronos, Theia, Rhea, Mnemosyne, Phebe, Tethys, and Themis.

Uranus was scared of his children because of a strange feeling inside him. When his children were born, he imprisoned them in the depth of the ground. Because of this Gaia got angry and wanted to take revenge from her husband. She drew the glittering steel from her chest and made a scythe from it. After that, she told her children about what she had decided to do. Her

children were horrified by this ruthless plan. Only Kronos, the bravest of the children, agreed to kill his father.

When the evening came, Uranus and his wife talked to each other, and after some time, went to bed. When Uranus fell asleep, Kronos slaughtered his father without mercy with a scythe and threw the bloody parts of his father's body into the ocean. From these body parts a divine, virgin, young and beautiful goddess, Aphrodite, appeared.

After this incident, Kronos married Rhea, so Hestia, Demeter, Hera, Hades, Poseidon, and Zeus were born. Kronos hid his two sons, Hades and Poseidon, in his stomach after they were born, because he was afraid of



having the same fate as his father. Kronos's wife Rhea got mad about this, so she gave him a rock instead of her youngest son Zeus and in this way hid him from Kronos.

When Zeus grew up, he came out of the cave he had hidden, killed his father and saved his brothers from Kronos's stomach. Then he put his father in a place called 'Tartarus', which means 'hell' in Greek mythology.

Zeus moved to Mount Olympus with his wife Hera, his children, his siblings and other gods to protect them all. But this time the Titans, who are formidable enemies, arrived before him. These enemies were the children of Gaia and Uranus. They fought with their heart and souls at the foot of Mount Olympus. According to popular belief, this war was the main reason for the geographical formation of today's Greece.

Many people in history have been interested in legends like this one. One of these people was Ephemeras. He was a Greek philosopher born in the fourth century B.C. He interpreted Greek mythology realistically. In his opinion, gods, Titans and heroes in these legends are just humans, maybe important ones, and the events are just historical facts.

Since I was a child, I have been fascinated by myths, stories and old religions and I have read a lot about them. However, I have admired Greek mythology the most. One of the reasons for this is that it was epic and fair that the same thing Kronos did to his father was done to him by his own son.

Tuana Öztürk M1-4

Free Time Activities



I think the question “What do you do in your free time?” is a wrong one. If I do something, then this time is not free. My free time is when I do nothing. Briefly, it is just a phrase generated by people who don’t know how to use time.

We can talk about activities that we do when we don’t have an important task; for example, we can try a new recipe. Cooking is a vital need, but for me it is a free time activity. However, it is very difficult; for example, preparing the

ingredients, cleaning afterward, etc. Is it worth all this effort? I think yes – absolutely. My free time activity can fill both my stomach and my time. Also, it is a fun activity. If you are looking for a hobby, think about cooking. I am sure, you will not regret it.

Also, one of the best free time activities is doing sports. It has a lot of benefits. For example, it is very good for health. But most people don’t play a sport because they say they do not have any free time. This is not an excuse. We should create time to do sports.



There are a lot of free time activities we can choose from!

Yağmur Genç M1-1

Eskişehir, the Cradle of Civilizations

As most of you know, Eskişehir is known as a student city, but Eskişehir is more than that. Eskişehir has a deep historical background too. Eskişehir has been a residential area for a long time. First, the Hittites founded a state based in Şarhöyük, Eskişehir (It was called Dorylaion back then) in the 14th century B.C. When the Roman Empire split in two, Dorylaion was ruled by the Byzantine Empire. After them, the Seljuks conquered Dorylaion and named it Sultanönü. Then later, Eskişehir was dominated by the Ottoman Empire. And now, finally, Eskişehir is a city in Turkey. Because all these civilizations’ settlements left an old appearance, Eskişehir was called Eskişehir (“Eski” is old and “şehir” is city).

Eskişehir is a city that has welcomed immigrants in the recent past and now. Tatar Turks who suffered from oppression and cruelty after the Crimean War found shelter from Crimea on

Ottoman land. Turks from the Balkans came to Eskişehir because of the decline of the Ottoman Empire. These two groups contributed to the cultural diversity in the region. This has affected the local cuisine a lot. In fact, the Tatars' Çibörek is the first dish that comes to mind when someone says Eskişehir. Also, the Balaban Kebab, which is a Tatar dish as well.

As for how immigration is happening in Eskişehir nowadays, there is a big locomotive and wagon builder company named Tölomsaş. And there are also many mines. There are meerschaum (also known as sepiolite) and boron mines in Eskişehir. Sepiolite is mostly used for making jewelry and pipes. Unlike sepiolite, boron is a mineral that can be used in many ways, for example in jet and rocket fuels, sanitizers, detergents and even in the space industry! These two minerals are only found in Eskişehir in Turkey. People are coming to Eskişehir in order to work in these places.

Now, the following places are the “must visit” places in Eskişehir. First, Yazılıkaya. Yazılıkaya is the oldest historical place in Eskişehir. Also, Yazılıkaya is the center of the Phrygian Valley. The churches which were carved into caves are still there. Next is the Kurşunlu Mosque that is in Odunpazarı (an old residential place which is still used as a museum/ceramic workshop/café etc.), which was built during the Ottoman period. There is a glass arts museum and sepiolite museum in the mosque too.

As for museums, there are two which are well known and always crowded. The first one is the Wax Museum. The wax sculptures in the museum were made by the mayor, Yılmaz Büyükerşen. The second one is the ETİ Archaeological Museum. Inside this museum, there are historical artifacts found in Eskişehir.

If you come to Eskişehir, you are most likely to enjoy your trip. For example, if you want to relax, there is a street named “Barlar Sokağı” (Bar Street in English) where you can go and get yourself a drink and enjoy the live music. Do you want something else? No problem! Adalar area is full of cafés and restaurants and the Porsuk River is in the middle of Adalar so you can just sit near the river and enjoy the view. Eskişehir is a lively city both during the day and at night. If you want to go to Eskişehir, it does not matter what your lifestyle is, do not hesitate even a little bit and go there.



Rumeysa Dikmen M2-3

How to Beat Stress



I think stress is a very important problem. It can cause many diseases. Now I am going to tell you a few ways to beat it.

1- Get Enough Sleep

We don't need to sleep more or less; we need to sleep enough. Forbes says, 'Winging it on not much sleep has a

profound effect on how we experience the stressors of the day.' Plus, insufficient sleep can put you at risk of serious illnesses, such as diabetes, obesity and depression. Adults typically need seven to nine hours of sleep a night for the best night's sleep and also Forbes says, 'The more that our internal clock is closely aligned with the clock of the sun, the better it is.'

2- Stay Away from Negative People

We don't need extra negative ideas. Make friends with people who make you feel good and better. You have to get rid of negative people. Everything is going to be alright. Just take a deep breath. Don't think about what anyone is saying.

3-Eat Well

I think that this is really important because if you eat badly, you end up feeling very tired and looking for the same (junk food) to kick you back.' Forbes says. It is a lousy cycle of hunting for short-term comfort food or sugar highs that actually keep you feeling worse.' You should have a diet with vegetables, fruit and whole grains. It makes you feel more energetic and happier for the long term.

Senanur Oral M2-1

Cars of The Future

How is technology evolving so fast? Let's think about it. Karl Benz invented the first automobile in 1876. This invention was very important for those years. His invention ran on gasoline.

Fossil fuels were very expensive then. For this reason, they were not widely used. What is more, they pollute the air and are unhealthy for humans.

And today, we see hybrid and electric cars on the roads. Some of them run purely on electricity and others can also be powered by diesel. They are safer than gasoline powered vehicles. They are Cars of The Future.

Tesla Electric Vehicle Company was founded in 2003. They are particularly important for the development of electric vehicles. They manufactured their one millionth car in March 2020. Tesla Model 3 is very popular these days. It was Europe's Best-Selling Car in September 2021. It is the first electric car on that list. By the way, they are not developing just cars. Tesla Semi is one of their latest inventions. It is an electric truck. It comes in unique designs and looks like an alien vehicle.



Nissan Motor Corporation is another company that produces hybrid cars. They have been producing the Nissan Leaf since 2010. And it is the best-selling electric car now. Besides, it was the best electric car of 2018.

Other companies producing hybrid cars are Kia, Volkswagen, Hyundai, Renault, BMW, and Toyota. They had produced 4.79 million hybrid cars by the end of 2019.

Day after day those companies are producing more hybrid cars. And there is no doubt that in the future, we will not use gasoline or diesel-powered vehicles. We will see hybrid cars on the roads.

Umut Zeren M2-2