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NOAA—Saving Sea Animals

By Isabel T.

Dr. Rosalie del Rosario works for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA's job is to receive calls about endangered sea animals or about sea animals that are not in their normal sanctuary, and then to send a worker to learn more about the case and to figure out how to solve the problem with the animal. NOAA also works with sea animals or things at the bottom of the ocean and the stars in the universe

Dr. del Rosario has worked with the endangered



Hawksbill Sea Turtle. The Hawksbill Sea Turtle is killed for its shell to make jewelry or its skin to make leather boots and belts.

Dr. del Rosario has worked with cases like a

fisherman hunting for fish but instead a turtle swallowed 3 fish hooks thinking it was food. She has worked with turtles choking and dying because of rubber balloons the people have littered into the ocean.

Dr. del Rosario explained that turtles lay their eggs by digging holes with their flippers and laying their eggs the size of a ping pong balls at night. When the eggs hatch, they have to hurry back to the ocean safely and try not to get eaten by a crab or some sort of sea animal.

The SoCal Vocals Beatboxer

By Paola G.

At the USC PressFriends workshop, students got to hear from the USC a cappella group, the SoCal VoCals. Foshay Flash reporters interviewed one of its members, Henry Mattei. The SoCal VoCals practice two times a week, and won the 2018 International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella – the group's fifth championship win and the most of any collegiate a cappella group.

Henry is a student at USC. He is 21 years old. He

likes to beatbox, which is using your voice to sound like a drum. He said it's hard to breath when you beatbox but you can learn how to control it. He taught the Foshay Flash reporters how to make some sounds with our mouths. Henry also plays the piano. He practices on his own every day.

Henry's favorite singer is Michael J. His favorite movie is *Lord of the Rings*. When he grows up, he wants to be a lawyer.



Henry's favorite song for the SoCal VoCals to sing as a group is *Forever Don't Last*. They pick the songs they want to do as a group.

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The Communicator

At the USC Press-Friends workshop, Ashley Hawn gave us a presentation on global communications. She is a communicator who grew up in Baltimore and went to school at Johns Hopkins University. She grew up with a single parent .

When Ashley was growing up, she heard and saw all the wonderful conversations and ways to communicate. As Ashley made her own life decisions, she decided she wanted to be a student at the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism and was in its Masters program in Global Communication.



Ashley taught us about communication and how it can be represented in many kinds of ways. For example, McDonalds is the same name but different foods

in locations like France, China and Costa Rica. They each offer different types of foods like soups, pastries and Latin breakfasts.

By Isabel T.



The Water System

At the USC Press-Friends workshop, we learned about the water system. Did you know that in Cape Town, South Africa, there is not much water for people to drink, wash their hands, or even take a shower. Water levels are too low and Day Zero in South Africa will be when the taps are turned off and people will have to line up to get a water ration.

Around Cape Town, there is an ocean but it will take a lot of energy to make

the sea water drinkable.

We have water shortages in California. We should turn off water when we are done using it.

Learning about water was really fun. People treat water so it could become clean. The water purifying process is called Reverse Osmosis

Lauren Crawford also talked about water power. P.R.O means Pressure-Retarded Osmosis, and energy is created by separating water from sea

water. There are special tanks called surge tanks that hold water. They make energy to get water.

Lauren Crawford's lab box is extra salty water clean water a computer and membrane.

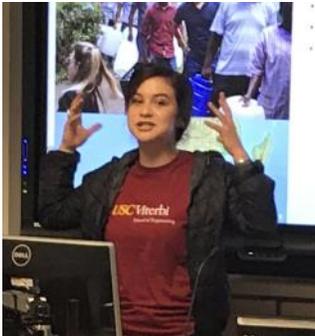
Turn off tap water. Lauren Crawford hopes that people in Cape Town will get the clean water they deserve.

If you don't know nothing about water there is a lot to learn.

By Alexis M.



Day Zero



At the USC Press-Friends symposium, Lauren Crawford talked to us about water power. She taught us that every year in Cape Town, South Africa, their water turns off because the water levels are too low. This day is called Day Zero.

We also learned that water can move from salty

water to fresh water with osmosis. And we learned that 70% of the earth is water and that 98% of water is salt water, and 2% is fresh water.

We were learning about water power, the topic we kept talking about was how we could save water all around the world. This subject is im-

portant because water is important and it is what everyone and everything needs. The current status of the water by the sea project is undergoing research. The water by the sea project has clean water, membrane, and extra salty water with and in the processing of it.

By Jordan P.

Water Crisis



Lauren Crawford taught us about water. She is a PhD student at USC and studies environmental engineering in the USD Viterbi School of Engineering. She works in a lab at the school.

Lauren told us that

Cape Town in South Africa was going to turn off the water. It is called Day Zero where they just turn off the water.

Lauren also uses a thing called a membrane. The membrane goes through retarded osmosis.

They turned waste water into clean water.

Lauren also told us about water power by using salt water and fresh water. Reverse osmosis is when the water goes up instead of down.

By Amy M.

The Smoke Hoax



Smoking is bad for you. Nicotine is a terrible, addictive drug, and cigarettes can cause lung cancer and other types of cancer. E-cigarettes are equally as bad. Vaping is also bad and these cruel, terrible, companies make flavors for e-cigarettes to appeal to children.

Most smokers start before they're 18, so that means that at 15 or 16, they are smoking.

Popular media may make smoking attractive when their favorite charac-

ter smokes, which basically shows children that smoking is done by kids. Also, most places you look, you will see something like "Smoke Shop."

Smoking can tar your lungs, clot your blood, and even secondhand smoke is really bad. There is hair-spray, nicotine, lighter fluid, and a bunch of other lethal chemicals in those items, which can cause death.

The moral of the story is, don't smoke unless you like getting strokes, heart

attacks, and other ailments.

Every 6 seconds, someone dies from diseases that come from those chemicals, and 6 times 10 is 60, so 10 people die every minute from those lethal chemicals or diseases influenced by smoking.

Please, don't smoke. You'll either end up sick or dead, and smoking takes 14 minutes off your life.

By David H.

The Dangers of Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping is bad for you. It can cause diseases in your body like mouth, lung, vascular, respiratory, ear, and heart infections. Nicotine is in most cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vaping devices. A lot of stuff like toilet-bowl cleaner, lighter fluid, batteries, nail polish include chemicals used tobacco products.

Most people smoke a lot, because nicotine makes smoking more addictive to people who do smoke. More boys than girls are likely to smoke. It is very hard to breathe while smoking or vaping. Most deaths in U.S.A. are caused by smoking-related diseases. Other people die from breathing in second-hand smoke. Secondhand smoke is when smoke that other people smoke goes into your air and you or someone else breathes it in. That person who breathes it in will get smoke in their body and they could die or get diseases into their body.

By Victoria G.

DON'T BREATHE SMOKE

At the USC PressFriends workshop, we learned that girls smoke earlier than boys, but boys smoke more than girls. We also learned that 8th graders smoke more than the 12th graders do.

If we breathe in smoke it's hard to breathe out. Our lungs will become sticky. 480,000 people die each year from cigarettes including 41,000 from second hand smoke.

Will you be unable to breathe when you blow out birthday candles? Don't use cigarettes. They are too dangerous because the smoke gets into people and they can't breathe out. Even if you don't smoke, get away from others who spoke, because if you breathe it in, you get second hand smoke.

By Daniel B.

SMOKING & VAPING

Smoking and vaping can cause not just lung cancer but can also cause high blood pressure, heart attacks, breathing problems

and more. Boys smoke more than girls, but girls are starting to smoke earlier. Smoking can make your lungs all black and dark. Smoking can cause death, and more than 14 million Americans are living with a disease caused by smoking.

Did you know that eighth graders smoke more than twelfth grader? Did you know that second-hand smoke can cause death because once we breath in smoke, the smoke can cause a major amount of damage.

A lot of people that smoke think that they look cool but actually the smoke can go into your lungs that go to your heart and can kill you, and you never get to see your family again! Smoke you breath can go to brain and heart and make you unconscious.

By Camila P.

STOP SMOKING & VAPING

Back then smoking was a big thing, boys smoked more than girls. Now girls are smoking at a younger age then boys are.

When you smoke a cigarette you take 14 minutes off your life. The more you are educated, the less you smoke. More than 50 chemicals are in one cigarette. Tar gets stuck in your lungs and it's hard to breathe. Blood gets clotted (it gets sticky). One in six people die each year from smoking.

Vaping is the new thing that eighth graders and ninth graders do more than 12th graders or adults.

There is a chemical called nicotine that makes you want more and more. There is a liquid in a vape that if it gets on your skin or inside of you, you can get poisoned. If you stop smoking, in 20 minutes your blood pressure will go to normal levels, and your chances of dying from lung cancer will go down.

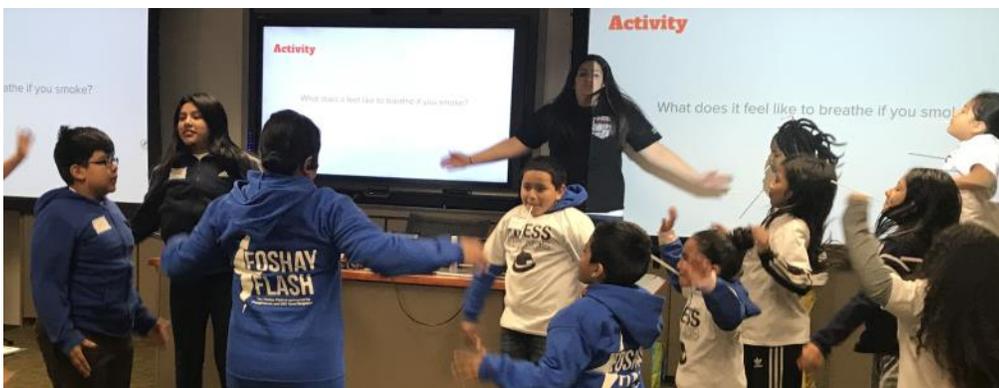
It's really hard to breathe if you smoke it's like doing 20 jumping jacks while breathing through a straw.

By Michael R.

SMOKING

Smoking is bad because people sometimes get cancer or heart attacks. Smoking makes the lungs black and ugly because of the tar. The blood clots by making it sticky. People die because of the smoke. Cigarettes have a lot of chemicals.

By Nathalie S.



Henry the Beatboxer



Henry is a beatboxer and a student at USC. He started beatboxing in sixth grade. He likes making beats for music.

Henry is also a member of the USC a cappella group, the SoCal Vo-

Cals. Henry practices two times a week with the SoCal VoCals. Henry goes to competitions with the SoCal VoCals.

Henry likes hanging out with his friends and he likes going hiking and to the beach.

His favorite singer is Michael Jackson. He plays the piano. Henry is twenty one years old, and his band performs every two months.

Henry's favorite song is *Forever Don't Last*.

By Lynette A.

Trip to USC



We went to USC for a PressFriends workshop. We learned not to smoke, about water, and about how to communicate.

We learned how the sea water could be

turned into drinking water. Engineers learned how to turn seawater into drinking water. And when they are done making the fresh water, the engineers throw the salt back in the ocean again.

We also learned how important this is, because we learned about a place where there is drought and they need water. Don't waste water because we need water too.

By Amy M.



Foshay Flash reporters with SoCal VoCals Henry Mattei at USC REACH (wRiting, Engineering, Arts, Communication, Health) Symposium for Kids. The workshop was sponsored by PressFriends, Pressfriends at USC Club, USC Viterbi School of Engineering, USC Keck School of Medicine, USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, USC Dornsife Joint Educational Project, USC Office of the Provost, and the USC Emeriti Center.

NOAA

Dr. Rosalie del Rosario is a marine biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). She taught us about sea turtles. People hunt animals for their skin to make stuff like boots. The boots felt like snake scales. It was weird but at the same time it was fun to see and touch.

Dr. del Rosario also brought a dead sea turtle for us to see. It looked like a statue. It had a marble inside of its eye because if there were real eyes, the eyes would get all stinky and rotten. We also saw pictures of what it will look like when turtles lay eggs.

Dr. del Rosario also told us that there is a kind of whale that is the size of a man. We saw some sort of tooth from a whale and it was big that looked really awesome and cool. One tooth felt hard but also it looked like it had some cracks in it. Another whale tooth was not so sharp but it was a heavy and it was the size of my hand.

We learned about different types of whales. Some don't have teeth. Dr. del Rosario showed us a baleen from whales that don't have teeth. It looked like a broom. It was a little spiky and is used to help the whale eat.

People should stop

hunting whales. I think animals should live and not be killed just so people can get their skin and then sell it so they can get money.

We also learned about California Sea Lions. People also try to hunt California Sea Lions.

We saw some sweaters made out of sea lions. The sweaters I saw were nice. The sweater felt soft and smooth and I did not want to take my hands off it because it felt like a blanket.

People should stop hunting animals but it will take a lot of work to do that.

By Alexis M.



Saving the Seas

Dr. Rosalie del Rosario works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA). She came to visit the Foshay Flash and taught us about sea life. She taught us about whales, sea lions, and more. She explained the different environment they live in and how it affects them.

People harm them with the trash they throw on the ground that ends in the oceans. As a result poor turtles and many other animals die in the sea. She also told us about different ways people hurt animals when

people go fishing. There was a turtle that had three fish hooks stuck in its inside but that wasn't what killed him. They found that the turtle had a plastic bag inside his stomach had made him sick, and a boat had damaged its shell, until he died.

She also taught us about whale teeth. They are very heavy, sturdy, and great for feasting. The whales are some of the biggest animals in the world. The blue whale is the biggest in the world. She also showed us the purpose behind some of the killing of animals.

Many years ago there weren't any heaters and good coats. People would take sea lions' soft fur to keep themselves warm. Today that is illegal, and there is punishment for anyone who tries it.

I really like being able to touch the dead turtle. It was hollow and tough. I also touched the salmon growth chart and soft sea lion. Dr. del Rosario also showed us leather boots made out of a Hawksbill turtle's skin. This was a great experience everyone should be able to learn more about it.

By Ronald S.



Sea Animals



The sea turtles die because of the bad actions people do that cause the pollution in the ocean.

Other reasons why sea turtles are at risk are from swallowing fish hooks and from getting caught in boat propellers. Species like this are losing their life because of us.

We also learned about the gray whales. The gray whales use baleen to capture the krill that they eat.

We also learned about sperm whales, which have teeth. A sperm whale only has teeth at the bottom of its mouth. We also learned that the blue whale is the largest mammal on earth and it has the largest brain the world. It weighs 20 pounds!

Dr. Rosalie del Rosario is the NOAA speaker who taught us about the turtles and whales. She also taught us about salmon. Salmon do not fully get their color until the 120th day, when it's considered a fully grown salmon.

It was really sad to learn how people use different sea animals like how they use sea turtle to make a cowboy boot. Yuck! People even use sea lion's fur to make blankets because it's so soft.

Dr. del Rosario brought a dead Hawksbill sea turtle. I felt really sad for it since I knew it had died because of humans. It also made me sad to think that the turtle was a parent because they lay eggs (which are the size of a

ping pong ball).

I liked this activity because it taught me about animals and to really be careful with my actions. I have polluted the ocean by littering before. But by seeing the animals that died from pollution, I'm going to stop because it is really sad.

Dr. del Rosario was a nice lady. She is the only person I've heard talk about sea animals and who allowed me to touch seal fur.

I think this was an amazing experience and I want Dr. del Rosario to come back and teach us more about sea animals. I had lots of fun laughing and learning with my friends.

By Sky B.

Learning about Sea Animals



When Dr. Rosalie del Rosario came to talk to the Foshay Flash, we got to touch many things. We touched 10 things and we saw what an egg looks like in 4 days, 40 days, 55 days.

We touched a turtle and learned that it lives around 80 years. We also touched a boot made out of sea turtle. We learned that sea turtles can eat a jellyfish like spaghetti and it can eat their stingers.

When the turtles hatch they go on their own and they will grow.

Sea turtle babies can get eaten right when their born in the night. The predators of the baby sea turtle have glowing eyes at the night to help them hunt for a snack.

We touched a seal fur and a California sea lion fur.

We felt two whale teeth, one is from a sperm whale and its point on the

end, and the other tooth was from another type of whale and it was shaped like a triangle but the points were round and they curved.

A whale can get in a fight with a squid, and the squid can bite the whale.

The whale has a blowhole to breathe air and it can blow water.

By Daniel B.

Some Endangered Animals

Dr. Rosalie del Rosario visited the Foshay Flash. She told us that she worked for NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations). NOAA is dedicated to saving some endangered sea creatures.

First off, she told us about the Hawksbill Turtle. It's named that because it has a hawk's bill. She showed us a dead replica of the turtle, and she also let us touch the dead turtle.

Next, she showed us this whale graph, and then showcased some sperm whale teeth. One tooth was heavy and sharpish, and the other tooth from some unknown whale was lighter and duller than the other tooth.

Dr. del Rosario also passed around boots made of from turtle skin, and then she passed around two coats, one of

which was grey, and another one was brown, and the catch is that they were also made of sea lions.

We also saw a dead Hawksbill sea turtle, and there were some hook wounds in the Hawksbill turtle's neck, but that's not what killed it. It also had a gash over it's body, and she told us that the only reason the gash was there is because the hooks didn't kill it; someone sailing a boat did. The turtle got caught in the boat's rotor. NOAA preserved the turtle for education purposes and replaced its eyes with black marbles.

Dr. del Rosario also told us about how salmon grow up in an estuary and then when they grow up, they go away from the estuary. Then they go back to lay their eggs. Dr. del Rosario showed us these little samples of dead salmon, and each little tube had a day count on it,

like 1 day, 1 month, 2 days, 2 months, or something like that,

In addition, Dr. del Rosario passed around a whale brush which is called baleen, and she said that it felt like fingernails, and it actually did compared to my fingernails.

Dr. del Rosario did tell us about some other animal that were endangered. Killing endangered animals is actually a crime and highly illegal. Dr. del Rosario said that humans unintentionally kill sea life when they litter. Sometimes sea life are found stuck in those little 6-pack plastic drink holders you buy at the store or with plastic in their stomach from eating plastic thrown away.

PressFriends gave us a little notepad to write down everything we were learning at the presentation.

Then, when our PressFriends session was wrapping up, Dr. del Rosario had these little bookmarks with endangered sea creatures on them that she gave us. She also gave us some of those tattoos you put on with water. (Also, try to see if you can spot the pun in the title. Hint: Look at the first letter of every word in the title and see what it spells out.)

By David H.



LESSONS FROM NOAA

TURTLES & WHALES

We learned about leatherback sea turtles and whales from a marine biologist with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), Dr. Rosalie del Rosario taught us about these sea creatures. The Hawksbill Sea Turtles are the largest of all sea turtles. They also have been around for quite a while because they survived extinction from when even dinosaurs were alive!

We also learned about sperm whales. They are mammals and carnivores. Also, according to scientists, they have the largest brain in the world and there is something in their brain called spermaceti. The spermaceti in their brain is something that is white and waxy. Spermaceti is how the sperm whales got their name! A fun fact about sperm whales is that the book

Moby-Dick has a whale which is a sperm whale.

By Jordan P

SEA LIFE

Dr. Rosalie del Rosario, a NOAA scientist, came to teach us about sea life, and to teach us what we can do to protect the animals in the sea. She also brought some dead animals to use as an example. That is messed up!!!

She taught us about sea turtles and how they mostly die from fish hooks or rubber balloons. For an example, she showed us a dead, and dried up Hawksbill sea turtle.

Second, she showed us a dead sea lion's skin used as a coat. One coat was a regular one, and the second one was one that lived at the arctic.

Next she showed us some whale teeth. One whale tooth was the size of my whole hand! The other tooth was the size of my whole finger. We also learned that the whales



have teeth at the bottom of its mouth. It is called baleen. Baleen is also shown in the movie Finding Nemo. It is shown when Dory and Marlin are swallowed by a whale. Marlin tries to bust out, but the baleen is blocking him.

Next, we learned about salmon. In 40 days the salmon is not fully grown and it gains color. In 55 days it gets eyes. In 70 days it gains more color. In 90 days it gains all of its color. In 170 days it becomes a fish.

By Delilah R.

ENDANGERED SEA LIFE

When Dr. Rosalie del Rosario came to speak to the Foshay Flash, we got to touch an animal that was dead and that was an endangered animal. The animal that we touched was a Hawksbill Turtle. It is in danger because people were killing them for their skin to make boots.

Another thing we talk about was salmon. it

takes one day to be in an egg, and it takes 40 days to come out of an egg and 55 days to start growing. It takes 100 days to be the size of two quarters.

Another thing we got to touch was two different types of whale teeth. The first one was pointy and hard but when you put your hand at the top and go down, it is smooth. The second one was smooth as well and it was also kind of round both of the teeth were pretty heavy.

The other thing we touched was baleen from a baleen whale. It was hard at the bottom and sort of brush-like at the top.

By Paola G.

PROTECT SEA ANIMALS

I was really sad to learn that people kill animals. Especially beautiful animals like the blue whale, sea turtles, and salmon. Dr. Rosalie del Rosario, the NOAA speaker, brought us dead animals that we were able to touch. I was really scared to touch part of a



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whale tooth. It was really hard, pointy, and sharp. I was a really weird feeling.

The tooth wasn't the only thing I was able to touch that day. I also got to touch the outer shell of a turtle. One thing I didn't know before that made me sad was that some boots are made out of sea turtle. People actually like this; it's sick!

I also learned about salmon which are so small it takes one day to lay an egg, It takes 40 days to come out, and 55 days for it to start to grow until they are an adult.

By Nathalie S.

SEA ANIMALS

Dr. Rosalie del Rosario, who works for NOAA, taught us about sea animals. First we got notebooks so that while she was speaking to us we could write down notes. Then when she got to Foshay, she told us that many turtles have gone extinct because of pollu-

tion, hunting other animals, and by being taken to aquariums on land. Then when she was done talking about sea animals, she showed us turtle skin, baleen and seal leather. She let us touch all of the animal stuff. First my group got to touch the baleen and some whale. The teeth felt smooth and the baleen felt dry and also like a broom.

Second we got to touch a dead turtle; the shell felt bumpy.

Dr. del Rosario talked the most about was the Hawksbill turtle because it is also a type of turtle that is going extinct.

Next we got to touch seals. I have learned that seals have been used for leather clothing, rugs, and other materials. When I touch the sea lions and the seals fur, it felt like a dog or some kind of cat. The California sea lion was a brown color and it felt very soft and it was like a blanket.



When I moved on to the Arctic seal, it was a different shade of gray color and it felt spikey.

It was a very fun presentation and we got to meet marine biologist from an organization that saves animals' life.

By Mia S.

NOAA SPEAKER

Dr. Rosalie del Rosario, the NOAA speaker, told us about sea animals and what people used to do and might still do today that hurts them. Dr. del Rosario showed us a whole bunch of sea animal parts from dead sea animals. We got to touch baleen, a big whale tooth, a smaller whale tooth, boots, turtle shell, a pelt made of seal fur, a pelt made of sea otter, and a salmon growth chart.

It was extremely fun because I had never touched those animals before but it was also sad that they had been killed by people.

Some of these animals felt weird to me. The baleen felt like human nails. The big whale's tooth had a smooth surface. The smaller whale's tooth was smooth but just a little lumpier. The boots felt like normal boots. The turtle shell was hollow, smooth, and lumpy all at the same time. The seal pelt was both rough and furry. The otter pelt was really soft and furry. The salmon growth chart was in tubes so they felt like plastic. I do not understand how people could use objects made out of animals.

Though some of the items were soft, their smells were pretty bad, especially the baleen. The baleen to me smelled like mold. The big tooth smelled like something dead, as did the smaller tooth. The turtle smelled like a kind of seawater that got moldy, and the pelts smelled really bad.

Overall I feel the presentation was good, and it



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opened my eyes to the problems facing certain species.

By Leilah L.

SALMON AND NOAA

A salmon has a very small egg on the first day and it continues to grow for 120 days. At 120 days, it's much bigger than the day it was born.

There were boots made out of turtle skin. Plus there was a big heavy whale's tooth, but it was almost the size of my head.

We also we saw a very soft but a little smelly whale tooth. And there was little tiny fur shirt, there was a blue fury one, and another brown one that looked like a brown polar bear and that was also a little smelly too.

And I also learned that sea turtles live only for seventy or eighty years and sea turtles get killed for their skin

If I see anybody hunting an animal, I would tell them to stop. I wouldn't get emotional but I might get mad and call the police so next time animals don't get extinct ever again.

If we were animals and we were getting hunted, we wouldn't like it. I would just tell the hunters nicely to not do that but if they didn't, I would cry very hard for the animals that are killed.



I am glad that NOAA is trying to save sea animals.

By Kristopher M.

SEA ANIMALS

Sperm whales are called that because they have this thing in their head is called spermaceti. Spermaceti is a waxy substance.

Male sperm whales weigh up to 35-45 tons. Females weigh 14-16 tons. The sperm whale has the largest brain in the world. Sperm whales live 60-70 years. Their favorite food is squid or giant squid. They look for food up to depths of 3,000 feet

A fun fact is that the whale in Moby-Dick is a sperm whale.

Leatherback sea turtles are they are the largest turtles. They also have been alive for 150 million years. They got their name because of their shells which are leathery

By Katelyn M.

RIP SEA TURTLE

Press Friends went to the

Miami room to hear a speaker. Her name is Dr. Rosalie del Rosario. She is a marine biologist with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). She brought a dead sea turtle. After that she talked about whales, and one of the whales that she talked about was the sperm whale

By Aaron X

HAWKSBILL TURTLE

The Hawksbill sea turtle is an endangered sea turtle. It's mostly endangered, because they are prey to most big animals in the sea. Most crocodiles, large fish, big sharks, oc-

topi, and sometimes humans eat Hawksbill sea turtles or their eggs.

One easy way to save this particular sea turtle is to minimize beach lighting. The big reason why they are endangered is because people eat their eggs. People also catch them for their shells, and sometimes they get caught in fishing nets while swimming. Other ways you can save Hawksbill sea turtles is by being aware if a turtle is nesting or if turtle eggs are hatching.

Other ways you can save the Hawksbill sea turtle is by cleaning up at the beach or when you throw away stuff, think about if some stuff could be recycled.

Overall, the Hawksbill sea turtle is endangered, but with everyone's help, we can save the Hawksbill sea turtle from extinction.

By Victoria A.

ENDANGERED ANIMALS

What I learned about this project is that female tur-



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tles go on land and lay their eggs. They get as far away from the water so the waves don't get the eggs and kill the baby turtles.

When the female turtles get their eggs, they dig a hole and put the eggs in there. Then they go in the water. While the baby turtles are in the sand, they stay there overnight and have to struggle to get out of the egg shell.

The reason why they have to hatch overnight is so that no predators will attack them.

The Hawksbill turtle is 24 to 45 inches long and they are reptiles. They are 100 to 150 lbs. when they are fully grown.
By Tayler W.



NOAA

When Dr. Rosalie del Rosario came to speak to the Foshay Flash, we learned that the Hawksbill turtle stays in the water because it is resting. People used to hunt the sea turtle for its skin or shell, which they could make into clothes or jewelry and sell it for people to wear.

We also learned about whales. A female whale's brain weighs 20 pounds. Whales need clean and cold water to make eggs.

California sea lions skin is so soft that it was also used for clothing. People kill California sea lions for their skin.

The salmon takes 120 days to hatch.

Dr. del Rosario showed us what sea lion fur and sea otter fur looked like. She also showed us a whale's tooth, and it was very large and it felt rough and smelled.

By Andres A.

POLAR BEARS

A Boar (adult male) weighs around 350-700 kg (1,532 lb). Ice and open waters are places a Polar Bear hunts. Polar Bear means, "Maritime Bear".

Polar Bears hunt their preferred food of seals, often living on fat when no sea ice is present.

Polar Bears are endangered animals. Polar Bear are going to become extinct because of GLOBAL WARMING!!!

By Michael R.

How Tigers are Endangered

Tigers are endangered mostly by humans because we are cutting trees in Asia, and displacing tigers. People cut down the trees because they need homes to live but they don't know that animals like tigers live there. Sometimes tigers fight back once humans cutting down the tigers and his or her family's home.

These animals need

real help to save their homes and the environment from humans.

I've read a book that there was a man cutting down a tree from a tigers home, and the tiger snuck up on him and attacked him. The man had to call his team to look for the tiger that attacked him. This is why we need someone in the presidency who could help the animals and environment.

These animals need real help. To find more about how to help endangered animals, you can download the World Wildlife Fund app for free. The app icon shows a panda on it.

If you find the app, please download the app to find more about other animals that are endangered and how to help these animals.

By Camila P.



SHREK THE MUSICAL

PressFriends held its 9th Annual Conference for Elementary Student Newspapers at Wilderness Park in Redondo Beach, where all the reporters received trophies for their achievements. Later all the PressFriends programs went to the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance and saw the MET2's production of "Shrek the Musical."

HOW SHREK MOTIVATED ME

The Foshay Flash went to see a play called *Shrek the Musical* with Press-Friends. My favorite part was when Lord Farquaad was on his chair and did not care about Shrek being ugly. There was a lot of singing and dancing in the musical. I really enjoyed those parts.

What I really noticed was how the show flowed and how prepared everyone was. I know that the group really practiced a lot and practiced well because there was a scene where they painted Fiona's face green. They painted it really quickly, and she was back on stage in a few minutes, so I know they really practiced.

This musical made me want to give acting a try again. One day I am going to try to learn how to

be fast at costume and stage makeup changes and also learn my lines. I hope I do not have stage fright because if I have stage fright I could mess up the play for the people watching it.

This musical reminded me of a play that I was in when I was in 2nd grade. I learned my lines from the book *The Lion and the Mouse*. I loved being the narrator because I felt like I was expressing my feelings to everybody in the audience.

If you are in a play, you have a lot of responsibility for yourself, for the other people in the cast, and to the audience. I enjoyed being in a play because it helped me get better at reading. I really worked on my pronunciation of words and speaking clearly, so that the audience can understand what you are talking about. This musi-

cal reminded me of how I felt when I was in a play. I am looking forward to being in a play too so I can express myself and do well like the cast did in *Shrek the Musical*.

By Kristopher M.

MY FAVORITE SCENE

My favorite part of *Shrek the Musical* was when Donkey and Shrek were hired by Lord Farquaad to rescue Fiona from a tower guarded by a dragon. Donkey and Shrek arrive at the tower and Shrek finds a helmet and puts it on. He tells Donkey to stay behind and Shrek charges in. When Donkey wanders inside, he discovers a room full of people with some on the floor and some in weird wooden traps.

After meeting with Donkey, Shrek fights and disables the dragon. They then escape and tell Fiona that they were hired by Lord Farquaad who needs a princess to be a King.

I really liked just about every character. I liked this production because it was dramatic, true to the movie, and funny. I would recommend others to watch it, and wish that more people could have seen this production

By David H.

FUN AT SHREK

Shrek the Musical was really fun to watch. The performers did a really good job at performing the story and making me laugh. This music was very funny to listen to.

My favorite part of the musical was when Shrek and Fiona faced off with their life stories and who had it the hardest growing up. After they stopped fighting with words, Shrek accidentally farted and Fiona joined in. Both were farting and burping. The scene was very funny.

My favorite character in the musical was Fiona. Fiona was my favorite because she was a very mentally strong person who knew how to get what she wanted. I also liked the songs that she sung.

My favorite song was when Fiona was growing up in the tower. I liked this song because we got to see Fiona at three different ages. One was a little girl, the second was a teenager, and the third was an adult Fiona. It was really creative how they went through the different ages in her life.

The play was very fun to watch because I have seen the movie and I could picture the scenes from



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the movie in my head to compare.

I would recommend this musical to families because I know people like to laugh and this musical will make you laugh. In addition, if you know the story of Shrek through books or movies, it is a good to compare the book, film and stage versions.

By Leilah L.

SHREK ON STAGE

When I watched *Shrek the Musical*, I thought about the many people that auditioned for roles in the musical. There were a lot of children who were able to participate in the show. There was a lot of singing and dancing.

The main characters in the play were Shrek (of course), Princess Fiona, Lord Farquaad, Donkey, and Dragon.

Other characters were Pinocchio, Wicked Witch of the West, Big Bad Wolf, Gingerbread Man, Peter

Pan, Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre and many others.

My favorite character was Donkey. He was my favorite because he was really funny and if I were Shrek, I would actually be friends with him and never, ever regret it. In addition, my favorite parts of the parts of this play were when Fiona had to yell at the person so she could get what she wants.

By Karysma A.

PRINCESS FIONA

My favorite character in *Shrek the Musical* is Fiona. She is my favorite character because she is independent and gets her way. My favorite song she sang was when she was growing up. I like that she is a princess and that she always thinks positively. She is one of the best princesses ever. Before we watched the show, she was the character I really wanted to see. I was not disappointed. The actress who played Fiona, did a

really great job in acting and singing.

Shrek is another character I really liked in the show. I liked him because he is hilarious and a great person under that grumpiness.

By Katelyn M.

FIONA CARES

My favorite character in *Shrek the Musical* was Princess Fiona because she looked the best. Fiona was a nice and caring character, and her voice was on key and she had a nice voice.

In the musical, Princess Fiona had been locked away in the castle since she was seven. It was a secret that she was locked up in the castle until Lord Farquaad told Shrek to rescue her so Lord Farquaad could marry Fiona. Lord Farquaad didn't want to fight the dragon himself. I liked that Shrek went to Lord Farquaad to ask for his swamp back.

I was looking forward to seeing Donkey in the show. In the movies, Donkey was really funny. In the play, his jokes were not as funny. Overall, I would still recommend people to come see the play because some people may like it.

By Sky B.

A SHORT LORD

My favorite scene in the musical is when they introduced Lord Farquaad. I have never seen the movie before so I was not expecting him to be really short. I think it was interesting how they made a man look short by him being on his knees the whole time. His costume had fake legs so that he would look like a really short man.

The musical was really pretty funny and I liked it. There was a bunch of Lord Farquaad's goons and the action scenes with Donkey and Shrek were fun. I recommend watching this musical.

By Ronald S.



The PressFriends reporters that attended Shrek the Musical at the Armstrong Theatre.

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FUNNY COMPETITON

My favorite scene in *Shrek the Musical* was when Shrek and Fiona were in a burping and farting competition. Shrek and Fiona were the only characters in that scene. In the same scene where Fiona and Shrek were burping and farting, they were also singing. They were getting to know each other but in a very weird but funny way. They were farting to the tune.

The character I liked the best is Donkey. I liked that character because he was very funny.

I would recommend this to friends and family because it is kid-friendly and funny. Another reason why I would recommend this musical is because there is a really good moral or theme to it. The moral is that you should not be judged by how you look but by your inner personality. I also really enjoyed that it is like watching a movie with real people in it.

I would highly recommend this musical to families.

By Mia S.

THE AMAZING SHREK

There were many characters in the play, *Shrek the Musical*. Some of the characters in the musical were Shrek, Fiona, Donkey,

Lord Farquaad, Gingi the Gingerbread Man, Peter Pan, Dragon, Pinocchio, Shrek's parents, the Big Bad Wolf, and the Wicked Witch.

The play starts when Shrek was a little Ogre and was seven years old. His parents kicked him out of the house.

Fiona was also seven and she was locked up in the tower and there was a fire breathing dragon who was guarding her. Fiona was waiting for her knight in shining armor.

Lord Farquaad sent all the fairy tale creatures to go live on Shrek's property. Lord Farquaad wanted



to marry Princess Fiona because he just wanted to be king.

Shrek went to go get Fiona out of that tower so Fiona could marry Lord Farquaad and Shrek could get his swamp back.

There were a lot of funny things in this musical. There was a lot of singing and jokes. I really liked seeing *Shrek the Musical*.

By Amy M.

MET2's SHREK

Shrek the Musical was performed at the James R. Armstrong Theatre in Torrance. The group that performed for us was a group called MET2. We have been to this theater before and it is a really nice theater. The theater is about an hour away from our school, Foshay.

Shrek the Musical is a great musical. It is funny and interesting. They sing about every 10 minutes.

The part I liked the most was when the dragon comes. It is a large puppet but takes a lot of people to operate.

By Michael R

AFTERNOON AT SHREK

Foshay Flash reporters went with PressFriends on a field trip to watch *Shrek the Musical*. We went first to Wilderness Park to get awards, eat and have a scavenger hunt. After that, we went to the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance to see the musical.

All the characters reminded me of the characters in the movie *Shrek*. In the beginning of the musical, Shrek's parents sang a song to him on his seventh birthday and told him he would have to live on his own.

A few years later, Shrek found a swamp to live, but his swamp became filled with fairytale characters that got kicked out of their kingdom by Lord Farquaad. Shrek goes to Lord Farquaad to ask him to let the fairytale characters back into the kingdom so they will leave his swamp.

Shrek ran into Donkey on his way to Duloc. Donkey was being chased by guards and Shrek saved him by scaring off the guards. Lord Farquaad tells him that he'll have to rescue Princess Fiona and then he'll give him the swamp.

Lord Farquaad found out from Gingy, the Gingerbread Man, where to find Princess Fiona. Gingy told him to find Fiona at the surrounding tower

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Shrek the Musical was a really good play. My favorite part was when Shrek and Fiona were farting to see who could do it the best. It was really funny to me but also nasty.

I would recommend this musical to my family and friends. I think people of all ages would really enjoy it.

By Alexis M.

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with lava and a dragon. Shrek had a hard time getting up to the tower to save Princess Fiona. Fiona was so happy she pretended to be in deep sleep.

I'll skip to the end. Fiona almost marries Lord Farquaad but then Shrek comes and spills out his feelings to Fiona. Lord Farquaad tries to kick Shrek out but Fiona comes running in as an Ogre and the Lord Farquaad's daddy came in too.

Lord Farquaad soon was running for his life because the dragon was chasing him. So Shrek and Fiona lived happily ever after.

By Camila P.

SHREK AND FRIENDS

All the fairy tale characters came to Shrek's swamp when they are kicked out of the Kingdom of Duloc by Lord Farquaad. They would not leave Shrek's swamp un-

less they got their place back. Donkey met Shrek on his journey to the Kingdom of Duloc to try to get back his swamp. Shrek said he did not need help on his quest, but finally let Donkey come along.

Lord Farquaad said that he would give Shrek the swamp if he saves Princess Fiona. After Shrek and Donkey saved Princess Fiona, the princess wanted Shrek to take his mask off and he did and the princess did not want an Ogre to save her. At night, they set camp but the princess turns into an Ogre like Shrek and she told Donkey not to tell Shrek. Shrek heard what they said and he thought they were speaking badly about him.

At the end, the dragon came, and Lord Farquaad ran away and Shrek and the Princess got married. All the fairytale characters went back to their old places.

At the end of the play, everyone in the story came on stage and sang. We took pictures with them

By Daniel B.

THE STORY OF SHREK

First, there lived three Ogres. One day, on Shrek's seventh birthday, Shrek's mother and father told him to go and leave. So he left. Every time he ran into people, the people would yell for help. Then he found a swamp where he could live in peace.

Once day the fairytale creatures came to Shrek's Swamp. Shrek got mad. The three little pigs told Shrek that Lord Farquaad told all the creatures to go to Shrek's swamp. The fairytale creatures gave a map to Shrek. Along the way, Shrek found Donkey. Shrek and Donkey went to the Kingdom of Duloc, and Lord Farquaad told Shrek that if they went to

get Princess Fiona, he would give Shrek his swamp back.

Shrek and Donkey went to rescue Fiona. They spotted the dragon and ran. Finally they got Fiona out of the castle.

When they got to Duloc, Shrek and Donkey took Fiona to Lord Farquaad. They almost got married but then Fiona turned into an Ogre. Shrek stopped the wedding and told Fiona that he loved her. Shrek, Fiona, and Donkey went to live in the swamp.

By Nathalie S.

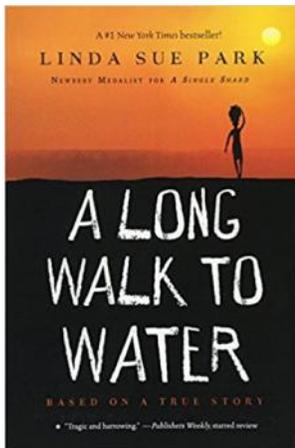
THE AMAZING SHREK

One scene in *Shrek the Musical* that I really liked was when Princess Fiona was a little girl, then she was a little bigger, then she was older. The funniest part was when Fiona was an Ogre and Lord Farquaad did not want her any more. I would recommend this play to anyone.

By Lynette A.



Foshay Flash reporters with their trophies at Wilderness Park for PressFriends Annual Conference.



Book Review: A Long Walk to Water

A *Long Walk to Water* is a book about sacrifice, family and change. Another big part of the book is the fact that water in the world is scarce.

This book is about one character named Salva. Salva has to leave his family. He travels with other people from his

tribe. His tribe is the Dinka tribe.

When they are traveling, Salva finds his uncle. Sadly his uncle dies in a painful way.

He gets to the camp and then he goes to another camp. When he is at camp, he gets picked to go to New York and now has

a new family. When he gets to New York, he finds something that is really important. But I am not going to spoil the end of the story, because you really should read this book. This book is really interesting and I know you will like it.

By Leilah L.

Book Review: A Long Walk to Water

A *Long Walk to Water* is a book about two main characters. One is named Nya and another is named Salva.

This book is about sacrifice and survival. They move around a lot because there is a war going on.

Salva finally settles but needs to move after a compromise. Salva is forced to move.

He soon gets nominated to go to America. There he makes a difference.

Salva shows sympathy for others and is able to

help everyone in Africa.

I recommend this book because it was a great experience the whole time I was reading it.

If you read this book, have fun.

By Ronald S.



Book Review: A Long Walk to Water

A *Long Walk to Water* is about a boy named Salva and a girl named Nya.

This book had two different parts to it. Nya is a girl who has to get water for her family. Salva is a boy that goes to school and used to work with the caddie.

Nya has a sister that has a disease from the water she drinks. Salva's school was attacked by their rivals, the Newer tribe. They were

part of the Dinka tribe.

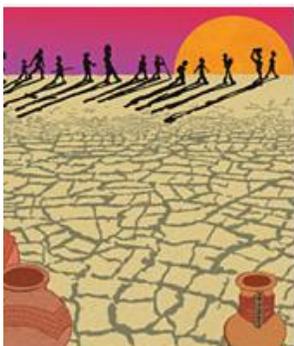
Nya and her mom had to take her sister to the nearest doctor. Salva had to leave and then he ended up in a ladies barn. They recommended boiling the water. Then they thought that the water would leave the pot and then she would have a tiny amount of water.

Salva wanted to travel with people that were from

his tribe. Salva traveled with the people from his tribe and then he met a boy named Merrial. He asked Merrial where they were going and then he said "we are going to Ethiopia" so that they would have enough water to drink.

They didn't even have enough food to eat but they were still walking.

By Katelyn M.



Book Review: Dork Diaries #10

The *Dork Diaries #10* is about a girl named Nikki who has to take care of puppies and has to keep it a secret.

This book is funny, exciting, and good. The book starts out when she is with her friends and then she finds the pups.

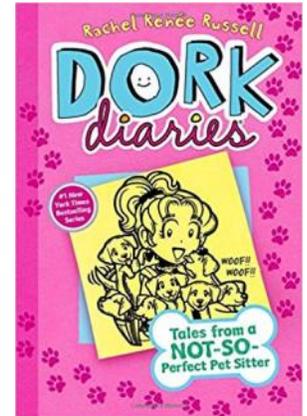
After that she has to go take care of them but her parents did not let her, because they never let her.

Someone also wants her to get Nikki in trouble, because she don't like her. After that she has come to a lot of problems.

In the end she did it, the puppies were alive and she got to keep one. After that, her enemy had to take care of the puppies that she did not like.

Then they lived happily ever after.

By Victoria G.



Book Review: Diary of a Minecraft Zombie

Diary of a Minecraft Zombie is about a scare of a dare #1, who is a zombie. He is friends with a human named Steve.

This is a fun book about a zombie's life and has a lot of monsters in it. Minecraft is a video game and my brother plays Minecraft with two of his friends and I play Minecraft sometimes. One day,

my brother and one of his friends were fighting and chasing another friend who has a dog named Sheila.

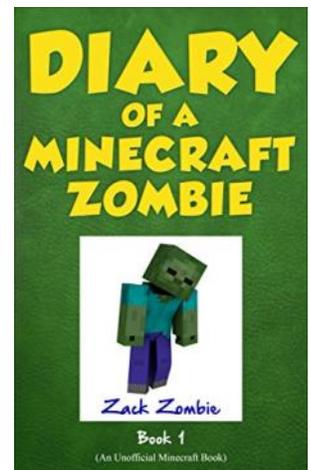
The book has something like 70 pages. I read the whole book so I'm not telling the ending.

The game is on Xbox One, Xbox 360, and on the computer on Steam. Everybody plays Minecraft and they think it's

interesting and you can play mini-games with friends. In Minecraft, you can go to your world and invite your friends any-time.

You can get a collection of a Minecraft Zombie books and maybe there will be a new book of a Minecraft Zombie soon.

By Daniel B.



Book Preview: Dog Man

Dog Man is a book about two kids. The author of the book, Dav Pilkey is also the author of *Captain Underpants*. In third grade I read *Captain Underpants*.

There's a kid in my class that has read *Dog Man*, and he said it's a good, but he didn't spoil it for me because I am go-

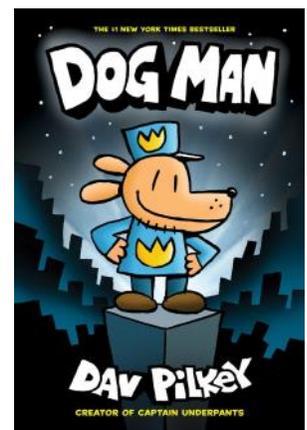
ing to read the book.

I have most of the hardcover books because I got four from the book order, and I started to read book one.

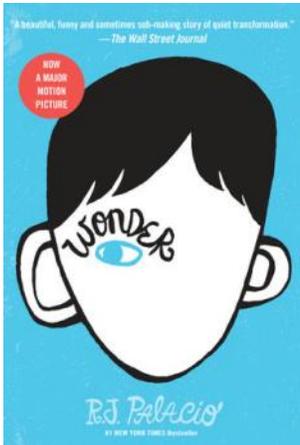
I will really enjoy the book *Dog Man*, because it's like a comic book. I think I can finish these books quickly, even though the book is 217

pages. My friend Pablo inspired me to read this book because he has book 1 and another *Dog Man* book too. I forgot what was the other book he has but he only has some of the three packet. The three packet are the first three books in hardcover.

By Kristopher M.



Book Review: Wonder



The book *Wonder* is a very interesting book. There is also a movie based on the book that you should watch.

Some parts of the book are funny, but it can also be sad. The movie and the book are different in some parts. In my opinion I really liked the movie and the book.

If you don't like the book or the movie it is okay, because people

have different opinions. I will not tell you so much about the book, but I will tell you that there is a main character named August or Auggie.

I feel the moral of the book and movie is "There are two sides to every story." That is personally what I think.

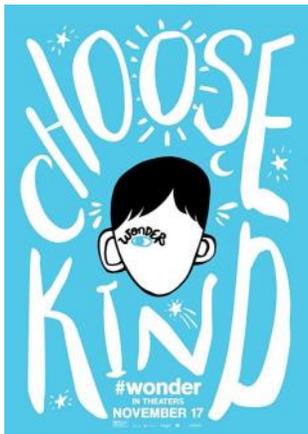
There are three people that Auggie meets. The only thing I will tell you is that there are two boys

and one girl, but one of the boys is mean and the other one is nice. The girl talks a lot about nothing.

I felt like the book was better because the book tells you more about Auggie and it explains more about it. Some people like the movie better but that is their opinion. The book and the movie are both interesting.

By Alexis M.

Book Review: Wonder



Wonder is a story about a 10 year old boy, who has craniofacial differences. He had never been to an actual school before, and he has been homeschooled.

Once he started his new school, he made 2 friends, Jack and Summer. While being at his new school he was getting bullied by one of Jack's friends. At the time, his friend was backstabbing

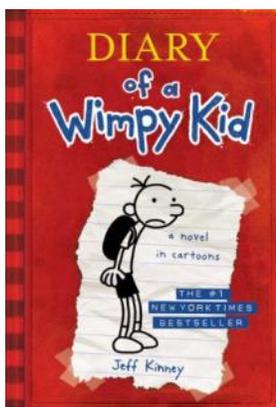
him. But, one day Jack stood up to the bully, Julian, and Jack fought with Julian.

I would recommend this book because it is very interesting. My class read it, and they thought so to! If you also can, watch the movie it is very good, but it brings out some details. My favorite character is summer, she is the main character's friend, August, and is very

nice,. While other people were choosing to be rude, summer chose kind. This book taught me a lot to be kind and choose kind.

There is another book after that called, *Auggie and Me* and I read it. That book has the perspective of Julian, Charlotte (one of August's friends), and Christopher (one of August's old friends). I would recommend that book also.

By Jordan P..



Book Review: Diary of a Wimpy Kid

There is a book called *Diary of A Wimpy Kid The Getaway*. There is a series for the book and movie. It is really an interesting book (from my opinion). It is a little funny

for a reason that I can't tell you. There is over 200 pages in the book you can finish the book in like two or three days. I would recommend it to my friends because it is

funny, interesting , and a little humorous romantic. The author is Jeff Kinney I don't really know if he makes any other books .

By Daniel B.

Book Review: Eragon

There is a 15 year old boy, named Eragon, who lives in a farm on some continent called Alagaesia in medieval times. His home village is called Carvahall.

He goes out hunting in the mountain range, known as "The Spine", and then he finds a somewhat large polished blue stone which he believes might be worth of value, due to him living in poverty with his Cousin and his Uncle, Roran and Garrow,

As nobody really knows what happened to his parents, Eragon and Garrow

go to Carvahall, his village, to see if the stone is worth of value, and it was not, as proved by Sloan, the village butcher.

The next morning, the egg splits in half, and a dragon appears. The night before, the so to be believed village storyteller, Brom, tells stories of the Dragon Riders, other wise known as Shur'tugals in the ancient language, and Brom tells stories of Alagaesia's so to be believed evil king, King Galbatorix. However, he also tells tales of a Dragon named Saphira, and then when the egg hatches for

Eragon, he names it Saphira, because why not? However, he also gets a silvery mark on his hand, the ancient symbol of the dragon riders, and also, the opposing, traitorous dragon riders, The Forsworn, in which Galbatorix led, and also included Morzan, who was slain by Brom. However, in the future of this book, there is combat, conflict, and other things. If you're interested in Fantasy and Dragons, then you will surely enjoy reading this book.

By David H.



Book Review: Middle School Just My Rotten Luck

One of my favorite books is *Middle School Just my Rotten Luck*.

I suggest this book because it's a lot like the books the *Dork Diaries* and the *Diary of A Wimpy Kid* because it kind of is a diary.

I have just started to

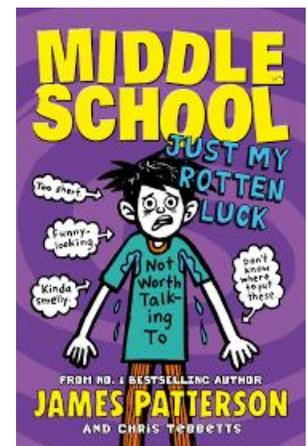
read this book, and I am really liking this book to the point that I want to buy more.

The reason why I love this book is because this book is funny, cool, and it is a great chapter book for starters.

The main characters I remember are Rafe

Khatchadorian, Georgia Khatchadorian, Maya Lee Dee-Dee, Johnny Hernandez, Flip, Mr. Edward Fanucci (which is pronounced fuh-noochy), Miller Killer, Junior (which is Rafe's dog), Jeanne, little Justine Bieber (Jeanne's dog.), and more.

By Karysma S.



TV Review: Cheetah Girls 2

Cheetah Girls 2 is a Disney original movie. *Cheetah Girls* is a 2006 sequel on Disney Channel. Its a movie that has a lot of karaoke and songs. The *Cheetah Girls* is about 4

girls that want to be in a contest so bad that they asked somebody to help them with dancing to win the trip to New York.

If you like karaoke and dance you should watch

Cheetah Girls because it has a lot of that kind of stuff in it. I also recommend this story, because it's a good book and a good movie.

By Sky B.



Movie Review: Captain Underpants



You should watch the movie *Captain Underpants* because it's a great movie. There is a principal, and there are two friends.

The principal is going to split them into different classrooms because whenever they are together, they always do something funny when no one is looking so that is why

they are going into different classrooms.

Before the principal finishes writing the slip to split them up, one of the friends got this ring that he found in a cereal box and he hypnotizes the principal. The two friends made the principal do anything they wanted by snapping their fingers and to turn him back to the mean

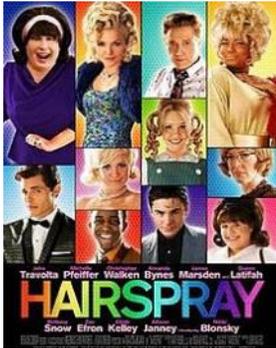
old principal, you need to splash water on him. The boys told him to turn into the amazing Captain Underpants.

My favorite part is when it was Saturday, and the boys were singing that they could pee in his underwear.

You could watch the movie on Netflix.

By Amy M.

Movie Review: Hairspray



Hairspray is about a teenage girl named Tracy Turnblad that is in love with the Corny Collins Show, featuring the "nicest kids in town." Tracy is always coming home from school with her number

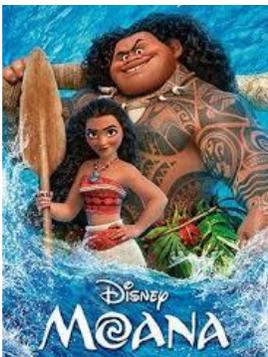
one best friend Penny. Penny is friends with Tracy because Tracy's mom does her mom's laundry. Penny is always there to encourage Tracy through anything like including getting on the Corny Col-

lins Show to star as "Brenda" the role of the nicest kids in town .

The story is about family, friendship, music and love.

By Isabel T.

Movie Review: Moana



You should watch *Moana* because the movie is about humor and bravery. This story is based on a girl named Moana. She has a good personality

to others, but I am not going to tell you all the details or the whole movie. She lives on a big island that has a lot of food, homes and villagers. There

is a chicken name HeiHei and he's the one animal who will make people laugh so much that they start crying.

By Camila P.

How to Play Minecraft



First, to play Minecraft, you, get the game from the App Store, Xbox Store, or Steam. Then you open the game and make a new world (name it what you want). After that, you will go to a tree and hold left

click until you break it then pick it up; then break some more. Then press E and then click and drag to the 2 by 2 crafting place. Then take one wood, put it in the crafting place to get oak planks. You will get

four planks to do it. Then drag four oak planks to the 2 by 2 crafting place to make a crafting table. The crafting table is better than the inventory crafting place.

By Aaron X.

How to Make Loom Bands

To make normal loom bands, you make an x with the bands. Then you place them on your fingers and add another band but not crossed. After that you take the band you first started with and put it over the other. If you continue to do this process you can make rings, bracelets, and even necklaces.

Another type of bracelet you make is tighter and a better model. First you

start off with a crossed band. Then you place it on your fingers and add two more bands. You place the bottom band on the top one and add another band. When you continue this process, you can make bracelets but have them not fall apart easier.

You can also make clothing. I wouldn't recommend it because you would not look good walking around with clothes

made of rubber bands. You also might have one of them break and you will be exposed.

I also don't recommend making chokers because you will end up having a mark on your neck for how long you kept it on for .

Now that's all you need to know about how to make loom band since those are the only things I know about making loom bands. Have fun with your loom bands and show your friends what you can do at school, at home, and everywhere else . This is a fun hobby and you can make anything you literally want.

By Ronald S.



How to Make Pancakes

To make pancakes, all you need is a stove top, a pan, pancake batter, a plate, a thing to flip the pancakes, and something to carry the pancakes, oil, syrup, eggs, milk, a spoon, a spoon to stir, and some butter.

STEP 1. First, you would put the pancake batter in the bowl and mix up the eggs and milk together so the batter will be all wet. Then you need to put some of the oil into the pan and put the pan onto the oven.

STEP 2. Next you need to turn on the stove top to the right heat. After that you need to put the right amount of batter on the pan so the pancake won't be all wet or your pancake will just fall right off.

STEP 3. Next you need to wait a few seconds or minutes. After you check on the pancake to see if it's ready, and once its ready you can flip the pancake over one or two more times. You can tell that the pancake is ready when little bubbles form in the

batter and the batter looks set.

STEP 4. Now that your pancake is ready, you can put the pancake onto the plate and put some syrup on the pancake and start eating the pancake as soon as you're ready.

But if you can't eat the pancake I'm on my way! And this is how you make your very own delicious pancake! And also if you want you can add blueberries, strawberries, or whipped cream.

By Camila P.



How to Make Eggs and Bagels



First, for the eggs you need to put oil on a pan and then turn on the stove. Then you get the eggs. Then you need to wait a minute for the oil to dissolve.

Next, you crack the egg on either your stove or counter in the kitchen. Then you need to put your finger into the egg to get the inside of the egg onto the pan. Also, use as many of eggs you want.

You need to put your wooden spoon onto the

yolk or if you want sunny side up, then just wait for 2 minutes. But if you want scrambled, then you crack the yolk (but you need to mix the eggs) and turn off the stove and there are your eggs.

Next up, is the bagels. You get a whole bagel and carefully pull it apart. You can get any type, but just put one type of cream cheese to make sure it tastes right. Then you put it on the bagels with a knife but if you are under

the age of 8, then you need a parent or plastic knife.

Put them on top of each other or beside each other. Then you put them inside of the toaster or you can eat it like that. For the toaster, put it in for about 5 minutes and at about 350 degrees. Then with care, you get the bagel out and put it on a plate for about 3 minutes to cool off. Finally it's time to chow down!

By Damion M.

How to Make Spinach Dip



STEP 1: Get all your ingredients ready such as one bag of spinach (or more because it shrinks), shredded mozzarella cheese, one half head of garlic, a half onion and a bit of butter.

STEP 2: Put a piece of butter in the pan, then chop up your half onion and your half head of garlic. Stir it for 5 minutes in a pan.

STEP 3: When that is done, do the same with your spinach and mix it up.

STEP 4: While that is cooking, preheat the oven to 350 F

STEP 5: On your pan put one coat of shredded mozzarella cheese then add the spinach, garlic and onion then more cheese. Repeat the process until you have reached the top.

STEP 6: After the oven is done preheating, you can finally put in the dip now 30-40 minutes or until the cheese is melted or golden brown.

EXTRA SIDES: An extra side is bread with butter or garlic spread. You can start by spreading any spread onto your bread, then you can toast it by toasting it on a pan or inside an oven.

By Isabel T.

How to Make a Turkey Sandwich



First you get two breads. Then you get mayonnaise.

Then get a knife but ask an adult to help you,

Put on the mayonnaise.

Next you get the turkey.

Put it on the sandwich. If you want cheese, you could add it to your sandwich, and you could also put some avocado in your sandwich.

Then get lettuce, place it on your sandwich then put

some ketchup on your sandwich. Place the bread on top, and now you've got a good sandwich.

By Amy M.

How to Make Clay

There are a lot of ways to make clay. People also call it Play-Doh.

You can make clay using a lot of the ingredients below:

- 1) Water
- 2) Cooking oil
- 3) Flour
- 4) Measuring cup
- 5) Table salt
- 6) Mixing bowl
- 7) Food coloring (optional)
- 8) Any other decoration (optional)

You can't mix the ingredients all at once. You need to do it one by one. You first need to get the mixing bowl and add one cup of cooking

oil. Next add one cup of flour, and last pour in one cup of water and a little bit of salt.

You mix it with your hands or a big spoon (it's way better if you mix it with your hands and more fun). It will start to get a little sticky while you mix it. You can add whatever you want to it.

If you want it to last, put it in a Ziploc bag after two or three weeks. It will smell bad and that means that it's not good any more.

The ingredients are non-toxic, so it's edible but it's really salty. It depends what you put into it.

You can look up different recipes for making clay on YouTube, Facebook, the Internet, Google, etc., and if you ask Siri, she will give you options and ingredients.

Most of the ingredients you can find at the 99 Cents Store or Dollar Tree. You are making your own Play-Doh.

You can use molds to shape it and it doesn't stick to anything no matter how long you leave it. Do not add too much water after you mix it, or it won't stick anymore at all.

By Michael R.



How to Play Basketball on Xbox 360

First you have to pass the ball by pressing "a." You shoot the basketball by holding the "x" until under the player shows green but if it has red, you won't make the basket but if it shows yellow, you might make it or miss it.

To play defense, you have to press "x" one time and then you hold it.

To block a player, you have to hold "y" when he shoots, because he might make the three or two pointer.

If you foul and he makes the basket, you have to press "y" if you're close to the rim.

Don't shoot from far because you might miss

even if someone is guarding you. You might want to pass to someone wide open for they could make a basket. How to get an a on career mode, you have to pass good, shoot at a great selection which means to get open to shoot. You will probably make it most of the time if you keep on doing it a lot.

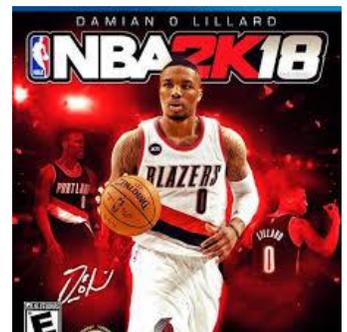
To get assist, you have to pass at the paint when it is not light brown. Do not stay at the paint or else you will get a 3 off second violation.

There's a shot clock, and it's red when it gets to one. You literally have to shoot the ball no matter whether you are half court

or at the three point line or even at mid range shoot it. Mid range is at the middle of the half court line and in the middle of the three point line if. If you're also at the line of the three point it counts as a long two pointer. A free throw line is where you shoot to make your free throws. It depends if you're at the two point, its two free throws. And one is when you shoot and make it when they fouled you at the two point line then that will be a three point play.

My goal in basketball is to at least get three triple double and achieve over thirty-five points .

By Kristopher M.



HOW TO MAKE SLIME

UNICORN BUTTER SLIME

First you have to buy white glue, which you can get at the Dollar Store. You probably need 2 bottles of glue.

Then you have to buy Tide, which you probably could get at Food for Less.

To make actual butter slime, you have to buy clay. You can buy any color of clay that you like but I prefer Playdoh in rainbow colors.

I suggest you also buy foam beads to give it more texture. You can get those at Michaels.

When you arrive at your house you need to gather all of your slime ingredients. Then you have to get a bowl, a mixing spoon, and measuring cups.

To make it you have to pour your glue in the bowl and it's your choice to add food color. Then you have to add Tide little-by-little and mix thoroughly until it's the slime texture you want. When that's done you add your rainbow clay in to make it unicorn butter slime.

By Sky B.

BUTTER SLIME

In order to make slime, you have to get the ingredients for slime. You will need Elmer's glue and borax or detergent to mix with the glue. Other ingredients and appliances that

you will need are a spoon, stick or maybe a straw. You will need at least one or two bowls to mix in. When you've got your ingredients, you first mix your glue and borax in your first bowl. When you cannot feel any more borax in your glue, you can add glitter or food coloring in the slime. If the slime is too sticky, you can add more borax. When you add the borax, put hot water in it so it can dissolve in the hot water. You can wait and then if it is still not that buttery, you can just play with the slime and it will probably turn to butter slime. If you want more texture, you can add foam beads.

By Mia S.

CLEAR & FLOAM SLIME

First, you have to buy clear glue which is at Staples, and it probably costs \$2.99 - \$3.99. Then you have to buy contact lens solution, which you can get at Target for \$9.00.

Last if you want to put food coloring in it you should go to Target because it probably costs about \$3.00.

When you get home you need a big bowl and a mixing spoon, or whatever you use to mix things with. Then you have to pour your clear glue inside the big bowl. Then you have to pour the food coloring inside and mix it up until it

looks nice and pretty. Last, you put however much contact solution looks good to you and mix it together. Then you have slime!

You can poke it stretch it, but just don't eat it!

To make the floam slime, you have to buy white glue at the Dollar Store. Then you need Tide which is at the corner store for \$1.99.

After that, you have to get floam which is at Michaels. You then do the same procedures in the first slime recipe, just add the beads and you have floam slime!

By Delilah R.

FLUFFY SLIME

To make fluffy slime is really easy. First you might want to get a bowl you don't need. You can use a table but if you don't want to get messy, you should put some newspaper under your bowl. Next you should get a mixing tool like a spoon or a plastic stick. Then, you can use any glue from any brand but Elmer's Glue is the best glue to use.

Now that you have your glue you are going to get your detergent. Finally get shaving cream. Foam beads to make it crunchy and food coloring and also glitter are optional— you don't need it. Now that is all the ingredients you will

need to make fluffy slime.

Now put your glue into your bowl. Next if you have food coloring, add your food coloring to the glue in the bowl. If you also have foam beads, this is the time to add your foam beads to the glue. Also add your glitter. Add the shaving cream and then mix that up together. After you mix up your glue, add anything from the extras and mix them in. Put in the detergent you don't want to add a lot of detergent or else it will become hard. After all of that mixing grab it stretch it. Then after you play with it, should have a nice texture. That is how you make fluffy slime.

If it did not become fluffy or it was too sticky, you might have missed a step. If it is easy to play with than you have fluffy slime.

By Alexis M.

FLUFFY SLIME

The ingredients you will need to make your fluffy yet slimy creation will be the following. You will need glue, shaving cream, and food coloring. Now put all of these ingredients together and now you are almost finished, but just one more thing. Time for the fun part making your slime form. To make your slime form you can either use detergent or if your

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using Elmers, you can also use contact solution or multi-purpose solution.

Now you pour whatever you're using into your mixture. Now just mix it with a spoon or fork or even a popsicle stick.

When it is not sticking to your container and now sticks to whatever your mixing with take it out and start kneading it with your hands. When you are done with that, you are done with your slime. Congrats! You have finished your slime and now you can play with it, stretch it, fold it and just have fun.

The last thing is if you want to keep this slime longer than a day, get a container and save your slime for more fun days to come.

Have fun with your slime and I hope you continue making slime. You also can try to make different kinds of slime. Have fun on your slimy adventure.

By Leilah L.

SLIME

The ingredients to make slime are:

- 4oz bottle of PVA Elmer's Glue

- Lotion in a pump dispenser
- Food coloring optional
- Glitter
- Scents

In order to make the actual slime, you could use Tide, Borax, contact solution, staflo for the activator.

To make your slime, you'll use a bowl and spoon. Mix in your glue and add four pumps of lotion. Mix well, then add any color to your mixture.

After you finish mixing the glue, lotion and food coloring, add glitter to make the color brighter

and prettier. Add scents to your mixture and add activator; you could use one out of the four I listed above.

By Lynette A.

SLIME

To make slime, first you need any size bowl to put the Tide One Heavy Plash inside. Then you mix in the glue.

Afterwards, you mix shaving cream and if you want you could add your favorite food coloring. Then mix it all together and you get slime.

By Amy M.

How to Swim

Here is short guide to swimming. But the best way is to get lessons. You can get them from the local YMCA.

First you need to get in the water. Make sure the water is the right temperature for you (either cold/warm). Then you need to start moving your hand gently up and down in the water to float.

After that, you need to lay down on your stomach and move your legs and arms back and forth to move forward. Then to go backwards you got to lay on your

back then move only your arms backwards to go back. Do practice, and repeat. Now you know how to swim.

There are different types of ways to swim. Doggy paddling is when you curl your hands and flap them in the water to move.

There is also the butterfly stroke and you do it

by going flat down on the water and put your arms out then push them to the front and it move your body forward.

There are also different levels for swimming, like beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Different levels require different ways to train, like beginners might use floaties, intermediate might use a dive board, and advanced swimmers may do competitive practice and they also use a diving board for competitive diving.



By Victoria G.

How to Play Roblox



To play Roblox, you have to make an account since they removed Guests. You may look like an actual noob, but if you buy some ROBUX, then maybe people won't call you some dumb noob.

First, you get onto your PC. Go to your standard browser, and go to ROBLOX.com. Then you sign up.

Once you are signed up, go to GAMES, and then you pick some game, for example, MeepCity, Phantom Forces, or Jailbreak.

Now, when you load up a game, you'll get a spinning Cheez-It logo in the corner, and then an X to exit the game if you don't like it at all, but most of the games are :okay.

Now, once your stuff loads up, you'll see the game you joined, and then you can chat by pressing "/" or tap the little chat bar.

If there's vehicles in the game, jump into the seat, and HOLD W! If there are no vehicles, then just walk around and make some friends, that is, if somehow nobody

calls you ugly or a noob.

Also, if you happen to buy some ROBUX, then go to the catalog and buy something in your price range, and make sure not to waste it on some trash item.

There's also Builders Club, which I had for about a month, but you have to buy a membership.

Here's some recommended games to play that are most likely on the front page, JAILBREAK, THE PRISON LIFE RIPOFF, MEEPCITY, SOME BAD OBBIES, ADOPT ME (EXCLAMATION MARK), PHANTOM FORCES, AND A BUNCH OF OTHER GAMES!

There are also obbies, which I mentioned before, and obbies are super bad games that are basically obstacle courses and have terrible plots like "FIDGET SPINNER OBBY."

If you click the store tab on a game, there will most likely be gear or game passes for that said game, and there's also badges which can be achieved by doing some incredible feat in said

game, for example, finishing the game, or even meeting the creator of the game. There's also tycoons, which, are really boring, even though they have epic names like Call of Duty, infinite Warfare, and Tycoon.

The tycoon games are basically, for example, City Tycoon, where you get a money generator and then you save up money and then you buy some buildings or stuff like that with that money from the generator.

You can also get advanced Money Generators, but moving onto the next genre of games, Driving. First, you hop into the game and then you buy or hop into a car, and mash W.

Now, the controls, WASD, or, W-A-S-D. Anyways, there's some driving games that if you drive around, you actually get money just for driving around.

There's also role play games. A droplet of advice, Do not fall for those dumb Robux scams. They are fake and will steal your account.

I am really fond of role play games. I play one called "After The Flash."

ROBLOX is available on XBOX and PC, and mobile devices such as your phone and tablets. This is a fun game for everyone.

By David H.



How to Play Cuphead

To play Cuphead, start with a tutorial to show all the controls and after you have done the tutorial go outside and fight bosses to earn soul contracts, but if you play simple mode you don't get soul contracts.

Use run and gun to earn coins from the shop. You can get new weapons and get supers and upgrade your charms. Since you got all the soul contracts, you fight King Dice

and his friends you can fight The Devil.

There is a decision if you pick yes. Cuphead and Mugman will be evil and join the devil.

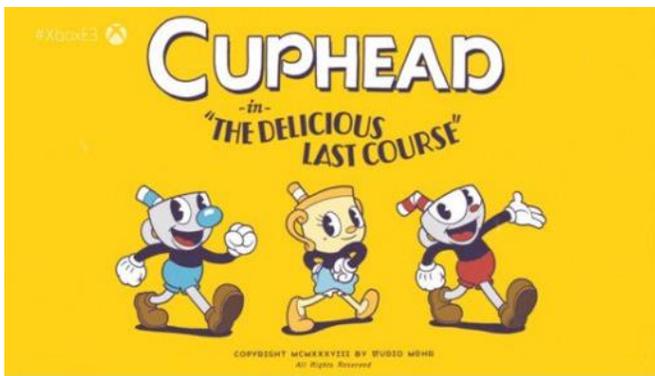
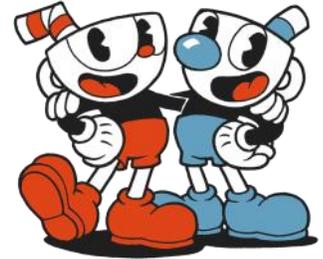
If you pick no, you fight the Devil. After you defeat the Devil, Cuphead and Mugman burn the souls and free the bosses they fought and everyone cheers for Cuphead and Mugman about defeating the Devil and King Dice and his friends.

To beat the Devil, he has little friends and he claps his hands then his head is like a snake. Then he turns into a skeleton and jumps into a hole.

After you jump in the hole there are five platforms. He starts crying and then there are three platforms. Then he cries again, and there is one platform left. Try using your super powers to survive and keep shooting and you defeated the final boss, the Devil.

When everything is over, you go to the menu and play again. You can redo all the steps I have taught you. Also some bosses are hard, so be careful and don't rage because that sometimes happens to everyone.

By Daniel B.



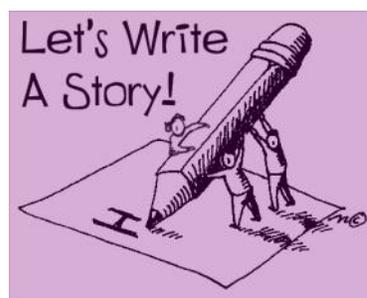
How to Write a Story

The way I write a story is I think of a way to start it and to end it.

For example, when you want decide on the subject that you want to write about, let's say a story about animals, you have to make sure it's about that topic.

Then you write about its features and what animal you really like and why you like them.

Make sure you don't talk about yourself in the story and stay focused on your subject.



Then last, you end it with a surprise. Add a happy ending or a sad ending. Either way, you can also add a lesson to the story to teach people to stop doing something bad or tell them something that they should do daily.

Now you know the basics of how to write a story and how to create a valuable lesson.

By Karysma S.



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