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The Holiday Savers By Nare Aghanian

It was Valentine's Day and most people would say, "Love is in the air." But this Valentine's Day, the only thing in the air was sadness. There were no red roses or big red boxes of chocolate. All there was were pools of tears. That's when the Holiday Savers got an alert from a few kids. They dressed up and got ready to save the day. The Holiday Man was the biggest fan of Valentine's Day. However, the Holiday Woman did not really care about it. When they reached the little kids' house, they looked around and saw that there was a big problem. The Holiday Man was happy that these kids called him. He questioned the kids. The kids told him that there was so much holiday cheer the other day. The stores were filled with chocolate, flowers, and everything that had to do with Valentine's Day. The Holiday Man started thinking about what he could do to save Valentine's Day but it was hard for him because the Holiday Woman usually made the plans. And the Holiday Woman did not think Valentine's Day was a real holiday. She said, "We're the Holiday Savers. We don't save just any day so I will not help you with this mission." This left the Holiday Man to plan by himself. He thought and thought but he just couldn't think of a plan. About 30 minutes passed when one of the kids said, "I think I have a plan!" This made the Holiday Man's eyes widen as he said eagerly, "WHAT?!" She started to explain her plan. First, they had to find the cause of the problem and then try to solve it. To find the problem, they could question a few people who were not feeling the Valentine spirit. So they set off to question their neighbor first of all. The neighbor said, "I do not know why I am so sad. I just am." While they were walking to their next destination, one of their other neighbors walked with them and told them that she had seen weird looking cupids shooting arrows at people in the Town Square. This gave the Holiday Man and the kids some hope. They rushed to the Town Square. Instead of making people happy, the cupids' arrows were making people cry. They caught a cupid. He told them that an evil witch cursed the bows and arrows that made people cry. The only way to reverse the curse was to beat her in a war. The evil witch lived in the high mountains. The Holiday Man and the kids hiked and found the witch's house. They got ready and started to fight with her. Luckily, they won. The curse was reversed. Happy Valentine's Day to you all!

Groundhog Day By Melanie Shahverdian

Groundhog Day comes one time a year on February 2. The event takes place in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania every year. About 40,000 people gather together to see this event. When the event is started, a groundhog will pop out of the ground. When it comes out of the ground, people watch it. If it looks like it is checking out its shadow, winter will last for 6 more weeks. If it doesn't see its shadow, it will be an early spring. According to known records, the earliest mention of Groundhog Day is an entry on February 2, 1899, in the diary of James L. Morris of Morgantown, Pennsylvania. This tradition has been going on for 123 years and the last time I checked, that's a lot of years. This is the basic information for Groundhog Day.

George Washington By Mane Galstyan

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. As a young man, he worked as a surveyor, then fought in the French and Indian war. George Washington was the first president of the United States of America. George Washington was also an American soldier.

George Washington is often called the "Father of His Country" because he played a great role in the founding of the United States. He not only served as the first president of the United States, but he also commanded the Continental Army during the American Revolution, which happened on April 19, 1775 to September 3, 1783. He led the Colonial Forces to victory over the British and became a national hero.

George Washington served two terms as the first U.S. president from 1789 to 1797. Realizing that the way he handled the job would impact how future presidents approached the position, he handed down a legacy of strength, integrity and national purpose. Then in less than three years after retiring from the presidency, he died at his Virginia plantation in Mount Vernon, at age 67, from a throat infection.

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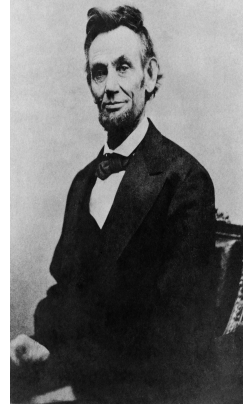
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Lincoln By Mane Galstyan

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. He had 4 children whose names were Robert Todd Lincoln, Edward Baker Lincoln, William Wallace Lincoln, and Tad Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States of America. He was president from 1861 to 1865. He led the United States during the Civil War of 1861. He worked to bring the country together. He stopped the states in the South from separating from the United States. People say he saved the Union. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the Southern States. Soon after the war ended in 1865, a supporter of the South shot and killed Lincoln at the age of 56.

Some of Lincoln's important achievements was that he successfully waged a political struggle to preserve the Union, end slavery, and create civil and social freedom for all Americans. As president he built the Republican Party into strong national organization. On January 1, 1863, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation that declared forever free those slaves within the Confederacy.



Best Friends By Melanie Shaverdian

There once was a girl named Rose that was always lonely. But, there was a reason Rose was always lonely. She didn't like anyone. Also, she was afraid to make friends. One day at school, it was "Bring your best friend to school" day. On that day, you would talk about your best friend and how the two of you met. Everyone brought their friend except for Rose. Everyone laughed at her and shouted mean comments. So, she decided to change a bit. She stopped hiding from people and opened up. The next day, a girl named Lilly walked up to her and asked if she wanted to be friends with her. With a huge smile on her face, Rose jumped off her chair and said yes. And just like that, they stayed friends for a few years. Later on, Lilly stated that they had been friends for 4 years and should be best friends. Rose agreed with her and they became best friends. A month later, it was "Bring your best friend to school" day again. This time, Rose had someone to bring with her. She was so excited when it was her and Lilly's turn. When the two walked up to talk, everyone was shocked. They were whispering and asking questions. How did Rose get a friend? She was so shy! The story ended with everybody cheering and clapping.

My Hill to Climb By Ryan Issagholian Hadany

My goal is to become a footballer. To achieve this, I will need a lot of things. Some of the things I need are equipment, dedication, cooperation, and much more that I can't describe. This will also take a long time to accomplish.

I was 6 years old when I first joined a soccer team. I can't remember everything but I know that I loved the sport. At 8 years old, I started playing in a league. Back then, I had no idea what I was doing but I still managed to play well. It was my dream to become a professional soccer player someday. During the Pandemic, I joined a club team, Farewest, which I'm still a part of to this day. This team has given me many opportunities to excel. I think it's a great team. We have overcome many challenging opponents and managed to keep a good winning record.

When I turn 13, I want to at least be in an academy. So far, my journey has been going pretty well. I have been selected to an Armenian academy team. I have to work hard and participate in the tryouts. I won't give up no matter what. I must handle the pressure and have confidence in myself. If I want to be able to play well, I will need to believe in myself. Hopefully, by the time I turn 17 years old, I will be playing in a pro-environment.

My goal is to become the best soccer player in the world and to be able to inspire others into becoming anything they want to be. For me it doesn't matter how much talent you have. If you work hard enough you will be able to accomplish your goal.

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The G.O.A.T *Partie Un*

By Areg Hakhverdian

Michael Jordan is the best basketball player of all time in most people's opinion. He played on the Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards, wearing the number 23. His story is much more than that though. He went through a lot when he was young. His dad worked as a supervisor while his mom worked at a bank. His father taught him to work hard and not to be dragged into gangs. Michael played basketball, but his first love was really baseball. His father loved the sport of baseball, that's why he played baseball when he was young. Later on, his dad's friend, James, built a basketball court in their backyard and Michael fell in love with basketball. When he was in high school, he couldn't join the team because he was too short. That summer, he grew 6 inches and made the team. He played really well. He learned his signature tongue-wagging move while dunking from his dad who did the same thing while working. He joined the University of North Carolina basketball team in college. He played well, averaging 18 points, 5 rebounds and 2 assists. After 3 years of college, he was drafted 3rd by the Chicago Bulls, an NBA team. At the time, some people thought that it was a bad decision to draft Michael Jordan. But that quickly turned into one of the best moves the Bulls had done ever. In his first year, he won Rookie of the Year, averaging 28 points per game. He was also an All-Star in his first season! He made it to the playoffs but lost to the Milwaukee Bucks in the first round. But that didn't stop Michael. He practiced year after year, made it to the playoffs, then lose over and over again. In 1987, the Bulls drafted Scottie Pippen, who became Michael's right hand man. They still didn't have much success despite winning the MVP award and the dunk contest. His basketball career took off in 1991. He won MVP for the second time and was the first seed in the NBA Eastern Conference, winning 61 games. He dominated his way through the playoffs, reaching the NBA Finals and faced the Los Angeles Lakers. The Bulls played against an older Magic Johnson and James Worthy, and easily won the NBA Championship. They went to the NBA Finals again the following year, although the journey was much harder. That just meant that other teams played hard against them. After several close battles in the semi and quarterfinals, the Bulls went up against the Portland trail blazers. They had Clyde Drexler, the first pick in Michael's 1984-85 draft. Michael wanted revenge on the Portland Trailblazers and prove them wrong by not drafting him. He went all out on them, averaging 35 points per game. They won the NBA championship again that year. And in 1993, the Bulls, led by Michael Jordan, finally completed the 3-peat. Michael was so happy but he couldn't decide what to do next.

Finn's Adventure in the Land of the Lapis Lazuli, *Part 2*

By Samuel Johnson

We left off with Finn talking to a spider about the Arachno Wars. The Arachno Wars were a war between arachnids and the Evil Fire Princess's minions. It was the most important war in the history of the Land of Lapis Lazuli. There was a lot of fighting. Somehow, the arachnids lost and the Princess won. Back to the present time, Finn was speaking, "What should we do first?" Then the spider said, "Go to the Crystal Caverns to get the arachnid gem so the rest of my kind can come back to life. The gem looks like a spider." Finn said, "Which direction are the Crystal Caverns?" The spider replied, "Four miles up, one mile left, seven miles up, then you are there!" Finn said, "Great! Let's go find this place and get the gem so we can stop the evil Fire Princess and bring the spiders back!"

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Why I Won't Ding-Dong-Ditch Ever Again

A Short Story

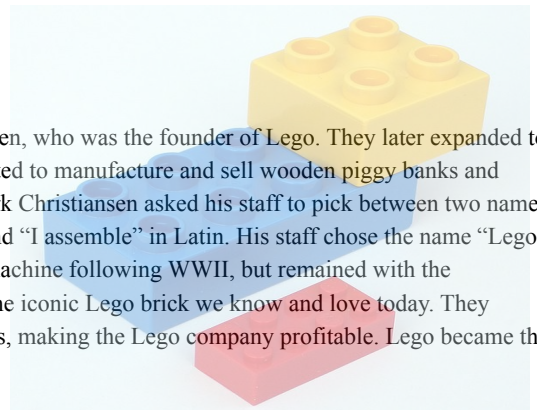
By Areg Hakhverdian

Hi everyone! My name is Derek! On the weekends, my friends, Alex, Joe, Noah, and I liked to go ding-dong-ditching people and laughing at their confusion. But that all changed 5 years ago. We were just on a normal session of ringing the doorbells until we saw a broken house. Its windows were shattered. There was no door. And there were so many rats! The house had its lights on so we rang their surprisingly working doorbell. An old grandpa came out. He had a mug in his hands, I would guess he was drinking some dark coffee. He slammed the door and went back inside. We went up to the door and rang the doorbell again. As we turned to run to the bushes, we tripped and got knocked out.... When we woke up, we were in a dark room. There was a table with a steak and some milk. On the table was a note saying, "Enjoy!" We were all weirded out. Naoh said, "The door is unlocked. Let's get out of this place." The old grandpa came and chased us with a frying pan! We all ran away and got out of the house. No more ding-dong-ditch for us after that! We all agreed to play at the arcade instead.

LEGO

By Raffi Avetisyan

The Lego group began in the carpentry workshop of Danish carpenter Ole Kirk Christiansen, who was the founder of Lego. They later expanded to a woodworking shop in Billuden, which later burned down in 1924. The company later started to manufacture and sell wooden piggy banks and houses, but it was not profitable because of the great depression. During this time, Ole Kirk Christiansen asked his staff to pick between two names for the company... legio, as in legion toys, and Lego, that meant "play well" in Danish, and "I assemble" in Latin. His staff chose the name "Lego." After the ups and downs of the great depression, the company bought a plastic injection machine following WWII, but remained with the manufacture of wooden toys. They later switched to plastic Legos in the 1960s, creating the iconic Lego brick we know and love today. They followed the industrial steps that led to mass production of sets and individual mini figures, making the Lego company profitable. Lego became the leading brand in brick sets and toys, an iconic household name known around the world.



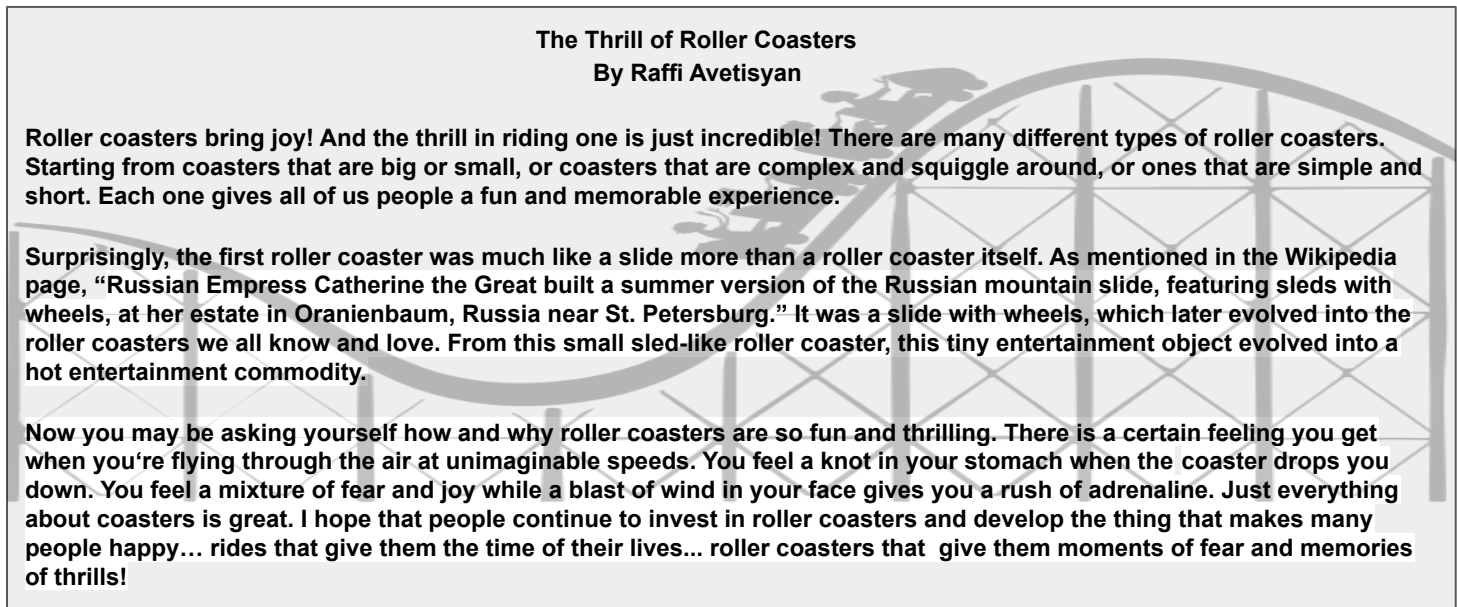
The Thrill of Roller Coasters

By Raffi Avetisyan

Roller coasters bring joy! And the thrill in riding one is just incredible! There are many different types of roller coasters. Starting from coasters that are big or small, or coasters that are complex and squiggle around, or ones that are simple and short. Each one gives all of us people a fun and memorable experience.

Surprisingly, the first roller coaster was much like a slide more than a roller coaster itself. As mentioned in the Wikipedia page, "Russian Empress Catherine the Great built a summer version of the Russian mountain slide, featuring sleds with wheels, at her estate in Oranienbaum, Russia near St. Petersburg." It was a slide with wheels, which later evolved into the roller coasters we all know and love. From this small sled-like roller coaster, this tiny entertainment object evolved into a hot entertainment commodity.

Now you may be asking yourself how and why roller coasters are so fun and thrilling. There is a certain feeling you get when you're flying through the air at unimaginable speeds. You feel a knot in your stomach when the coaster drops you down. You feel a mixture of fear and joy while a blast of wind in your face gives you a rush of adrenaline. Just everything about coasters is great. I hope that people continue to invest in roller coasters and develop the thing that makes many people happy... rides that give them the time of their lives... roller coasters that give them moments of fear and memories of thrills!



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What I Will Do On Valentine's Day By Melanie Shahverdian

This is what I will do on Valentine's Day. First, I will arrive at school and get started with the day. Next, I will get started with our usual Valentine's Day card projects. I will always write a card for my parents, my best friends, and the people that sit next to me. Then at recess, I will buy a few Valentine's Day cards that the 6th graders are selling. **(There might not be any this year because of Covid!)** Later on, I will come back to class and fill them in for the people I want. And that's what I will do on Valentine's Day.

The History of Valentine's Day By Ellen Karamyan

The first Valentine's Day was in the year 496! Having a particular Valentine's Day is a very old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival. The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February - officially the start of their springtime.

Boys are said to have drawn names of females from a box as part of the celebrations. During the festival, they'd be boyfriend and girlfriend, and occasionally they'd marry. Later on, the church sought to make this festival a Christian celebration, so they chose to incorporate St Valentine's Day into it. People began to use St Valentine's name to show their thoughts to individuals they cared about over time.

Valentine's Day By Nare Aghanian

Some consider Valentine's day a holiday while others don't really care about it. Valentine's is not a national holiday but that doesn't mean you can't celebrate it. Valentine's Day is a day that people express their love for other people. These people can be a family member or just a friend. During Valentine's Day most people exchange gifts -- for example, flowers and chocolates. A cupid is usually associated with this holiday. Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 every year. The 6th century BC was when Valentine's Day originated.

National Love Your Pet Day By Ethan Nazari

February 20 is National Love Your Pet Day. It is a holiday when people give their pets extra love and appreciate them. A lot of people have a very strong bond with their pets, so that day is all about loving them. National Love Your Pet Day is about making all pets feel special, whether they are cats, dogs, fish, birds, or reptiles. It doesn't matter! This day shouldn't be confused with National Pet Day, which is on April 11. Even though we are not sure who created this day, it has been celebrated since the early 2000's. An interesting fact is that humans have had pets for thousands of years. This shows us that the bond between humans and animals has been strong for many years. So make sure you spoil your pet on this day. And if you do not have a pet, this is the perfect chance to possibly adopt a pet!



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Aquarius by Nairi Hakopyan

Introduction -- If you were born between January 20 to February 18, you are an Aquarius. In this article I will tell you everything about Aquarius.

Personality -- Aquarius is the most humanitarian astrological sign. These revolutionary thinkers fervently support "power to the people," aspiring to change the world through radical social progress. Every Aquarian is a rebel at heart: These water signs despise authority and anything that represents conventionality. Free-spirited and eccentric, they can often be identified by their offbeat fashion sensibilities, unusual hobbies, and nonconformist attitude. Aquarians are big thinkers, but mustn't forget their immediate surroundings. Like Taurus, Leo, and Scorpio, the other fixed signs of the zodiac, Aquarius can have a bit of a stubborn streak. However, Aquarians also need plenty of space and time on their own to reflect, form ideas, and plan their role in the revolution. Ultimately, freedom is of the utmost importance for Aquarians, who view challenges to their independence as power-hungry attempts to control them. To win an Aquarian's trust, don't try to reign in their quirks or keep them from flying their freak flag high — Aquarius thrives on shock value.

Diet - Aquarius eats ocean fish, lobster, tuna, oysters, spinach, radishes, celery, cabbage, lettuce, corn, squash, lentils, almonds, walnuts, apples, peaches, pears, lemons, and oranges. Aquarians should follow a diet that limits fattening foods and is high in protein.

Random Facts

Naturally, a strong, yet delicate-looking flower like the orchid makes the perfect gift for an Aquarius

The exotic shape of the plant aligns with the eccentric personality of an Aquarius.

Prometheus, God of Forethought And Humankind.

The Aquarius animal, based on zodiacal worship that people use to make decisions and find a compatible love connection, is the owl. This is because owls are shy but extroverted at the same time, which fits perfectly with Aquarius.

Lucky number for Aquarius (Born between 21st January and 19th February) In 2021, Aquarians will find the numbers 3, 9, and 7 as their lucky numbers. These numbers can fetch you excellent results throughout the year in addition to the two-digit numbers that sum up to these numbers like 12, 16, and 18.

Aquarians like extreme sports and biking is something they really enjoy. They also take interest in paragliding and bungee jumping.

Thought to be one of the most intelligent zodiac signs, Aquarius aligns with Nerds candy in practically every way.

Aquarius women are honest, curious, creative, and altruistic. However, their personality is unpredictable, extreme, mysterious, and they have a tendency to lose their cool.

Aquarius is apparently the rarest star sign out of the 12 signs in the zodiac, and the theory makes sense. February is the shortest month and so people assume that Aquarius season is shorter.

If you are an Aquarius, your favorite color is Blue!

The most likely enemies for Aquarius are Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn.

Aquarians struggle to see things the same way, with Taurus appreciating rules and Aquarius preferring to do their own thing.

Being friendly and affectionate in nature, Aquarians are very attractive and popular among other signs.

Their element is water, their planet is Uranus, their symbol is a water-bearer

And finally, their birthstones are Amethyst, Sugilite, Garnet, Opal, Jasper, and Moss agate.



John F. Kennedy By Areg Hakhverdian

John F. Kennedy was born on May 29, 1917. He was the 35th president of the United States until the time he was shot (after 3 years into his term).

He was born in Brookline, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard in 1940, served in WW2, and won a Marine corps medal because he saved some of his crewmates from a sinking submarine. Later in his life, he represented the working class district of Boston in the House of Representatives. He was elected to the Senate of Massachusetts. During his time as a senator, he wrote a book that won the Pulitzer Prize. Senator Kennedy participated in the 1961 presidential election and barely won against Richard Nixon. His funny and charming personality was a great way to persuade people to vote for him. He was also the first Catholic President. He was also highly known for his actions during the Cold War.

John F. Kennedy increased the number of American military advisers in South Vietnam. The Strategic Hamlet Program started in Vietnam during his presidency. He attempted to overthrow the Cuban government in the failed Bay of Pigs Invasion. He signed the first Nuclear peace treaty in October 1963. On November 22, 1963, he was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald. Oswald got arrested and was shot later by Jack Ruby. John F. Kennedy was a great president and a good leader with a good personality.

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The Father of Black History

By Nane Galstyan

In February, people in the United States and Canada celebrate Black History Month because of Carter G. Woodson. Many people call him the Father of Black History. Carter G. Woodson was born in 1875 in Virginia to formerly enslaved parents. Mr. Woodson was not able to go to school at a young age because he had to work at a farm to earn money for his family. But this didn't stop him from learning. He taught himself many subjects -- for example, math, art science, geography, language arts and many more. Woodson got his high school diploma in less than two years. He graduated high school, then became a teacher, then a principal, and he kept on studying hard. He never stopped. In 1921, he became the second African American to get a PhD at Harvard University!

Woodson believed in many things, while the rest of the people didn't. For example, people didn't believe in the importance of education and history, but Woodson did. The people didn't recognize Black people in American politics, but he did. So he wanted to change that. Since it is a hard job, he worked with a lot of his friends. They created the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Now the organization is known as the Association for Study and History. The organization has been researching and speaking about Black life, history, and the culture to the rest of the world. Carter Woodson also created The Journal of Negro History, a resource where Black scholars can publish their research.

Favorite President and why (Interview with my teacher)

Hi, I am Silvi Galstyan and today I have decided to interview my teacher, Mrs. Avagian. As you read in the title I am going to tell you about my teacher's favorite president and why. So let's get to it!

Q: Question

A: Answer

Q: Who is your favorite president of the United States?

A: My favorite president is Abraham Lincoln.

Q: Why is Abraham Lincoln your favorite president?

A: He is my favorite president because he is ranked number one and for stopping slavery.

Q: What did he do for America?

A: As I said before, he had stopped slavery and racism against different colored skins.

Q: Did his plan work?

A: Fortunately, his plan did work, as you see.

Q: Did the Americans support him?

A: Not everyone supported him because the nation was divided. The Southern part wanted to continue slavery, while the Northern part wanted to end it.

Q: Did he do something else besides freeing slaves? If yes, what did he do?

A: There are a lot of things that he did for America, but one of the most important ones was that he tried to unite the nation and he succeeded.

Q: At last, do you want to say something to children that Abraham Lincoln might have wanted to say?

A: Yes. I think he might have wanted to tell children to always be determined, pursue their dreams, to not be shy and hold in their temper.

Me: Thank you, Mrs. Avagian.

Teacher: You're welcome.

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Survive, A Short, Short Story

By Kaylee Mehrabi

My name is Noah and let me tell you about the time my family and I escaped the Great Britain War. The war started. Everyone was terrified, including my family. We had to think of a way to escape, but the thing is, the soldiers were blocking every exit in the country. We found a way out but it was a long and risky journey. The plan was to go over the mountains and find the nearest harbor to sail to Massachusetts in North America. Massachusetts is pretty far, but very safe. On the other hand, New Jersey was closer, but not that safe. The closest one of all was New Hampshire, but my family thought it was too dangerous since it was too close to the war that was happening. It was the day we had to move. I wasn't ready to move on though. But I knew I had to. We started the journey over the mountains. When we got down the mountain, we saw a harbor in the distance. We snuck our way to the next ship going to Massachusetts. We didn't have much to eat for the journey. When we got to Massachusetts, we stayed there for a while until we got the news that Great Britain won the war. This meant we could go home.

Mr. Groundhog Day

By Nairi Hakopyan

On February 2, a groundhog is supposed to come out to tell the people if winter is going to continue or spring is coming. But have you ever wondered what the groundhog thinks and does before the special day. Well, in this interview, we will answer all your questions about the groundhog.

Host- "Hello Mr. Groundhog."

Groundhog- "Hi. But please, call me Phill."

Host- "Okay, Phill, umm we know that your family has been around to tell the humans what the season will be. But how does this all work?"

Phill- "Well, my family has been very special. But like a human, we retire and give the job to a new generation: to our young."

Host- Ahh, I see but how do you guys know when to come out?"

Phill- "We have a weather system, a map, a lab to figure out the temperature, a computer, a clock, and a calendar. Oh, and we have this all underground."

Host- "Wow, okay, that is really interesting. One more question cuz I know how busy you are, but what do you want to say to the people that say you are a fraud or science has an explanation?"

Phill- "I just want to say to you people that.....have a bit of imagination, bit of belief. You humans think you know everything and science has an explanation. But look over here, clearly you were wrong! See you suckers later!" Phill dug underground and disappeared.

Host- "Okay so umm, bye? Uhh, see you next time."

My Mount Everest

By Matthew Chirinian

At some point in our lives we've all dealt with a hardship we had to overcome. Throughout my life, I have overcome many difficult challenges. I find challenges as opportunities to grow as an individual and become the best version of myself. In the future, I want to accomplish being a cardiologist.

First and foremost, a cardiologist is a doctor who specializes in treating diseases targeted towards the heart. For example, they treat chest pain, high blood pressure, and heart failure. Cardiologists help save lives, by identifying and treating these issues.

Second of all, you will need many things when trying to successfully be a cardiologist. It takes many years of schooling. For example, a degree and about fourteen years of schooling at a prestigious medical school. For instance, Harvard Medical School, USC, or Dartmouth. You would also need to take the medical college admissions test. In addition, you would take the United States Medical Licensing exams and spend three to four years completing a residency. Above all, becoming a cardiologist will require diligence, perseverance, and dedication.

Finally, I chose this challenge because I really want to help people in pain. Cardiologists are modern day heroes and I aspire to be a cardiologist so I can be able to have the knowledge to help others. In addition, I am really fascinated by the medical field and eager to learn more about it. It is amazing how our bodies work and can heal themselves.

Almost everyone has dealt with hardships throughout their life. I have overcome many difficult obstacles. In the future, I want to be a cardiologist and have a positive impact on society.