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ما أجمل العلم! وما أروع دمج الفن به! هذا ما تمكنت مدرستنا الصحافة العالمية من تحقيقه.. وبكل فخر نقدم دعم هذه المجلة التي هي من صنع طالباتنا المبدعات, لإدخالكم إلى عالم مليء بالابداع والثقافة, فنتمنى لكم رحلة رائعة ومشوقة في مجلتنا!
لارا عثمان, سما خالد, جود مرعوش, زينة أبو الهدى

العلم مصباح يخبىء في طياته فقه الحياة. فالعلم الترفيهي مليء بالنشاطات التي تحفز وتشجع الطالب على الدراسة والاستيعاب بصورة أكثر وضوحاً. مجلة مدرسة الصحافة تحتوي على جميع هذه الأنشطة الترفيهية التي تقدمها المدرسة والمعلمات... أنشطة تساعد الطلاب على توسيع مدارك تفكيرهم. لكنّ منا الشكر والتقدير إدارة ومعلمات.
آية بني هاني, سلمى ابو زيد, غزل عمران

ما رأيك بأن نستطلع المجلة المدرسية؟ لقد حصلت العديد من الأحداث المشوقة الى الآن مثل اليوم الاسباني الذي قامت المدرسة كلها بالمساهمة فيه لجعله يوماً لا ينسى, بالإضافة الى ذلك قلم الصف الثالث ثانوي بتحضير نشاطات توعوية عن سرطان الثدي. وهذا جزء بسيط من الأحداث التي قامت المدرسة بتفعيلها هذه السنة. فها بنا نتمعن أكثر بجميع الأحداث المشوقة.
سارة عسكر, سيرين السامرائي, هيا المط, منة النبتيتي



Exclusive Interview

If you were a genre in a movie or series which genre will you be?

Mrs. Ola: "Any kind of mysteries and suspense. I always look for something that is related to mystery. I also like everything that is related to philosophy."



"Whom do you look up to? Who is your role model?"

Mrs. Ola: "The prophet may peace be upon him because he has been through a lot and he overcame everything in a very difficult time."

Going to Canada and continuing my studies there, I was raised as a proud Muslim in addition to accepting and respecting everyone else. That is why I follow rules a lot. For example, if wearing the hijab is a rule from Allah, I am an obedient person and very passionate about what being obedient does to yourself in all kinds of religions. I've studied all kinds of religious studies and realized that most of them follow similar rules. Even the way we pray and fast is all a part of how we accept to be obedient to a larger power which is Allah (SWT). There are reasons why our religion is the last and why it is the end of all religions. It's the last one because it doesn't only have the spiritual part, but also the law that shows you where to go in every step in your life, alhamdulillah."

"If you could travel to any year in a time machine, which year would you choose and why?"

Mrs. Ola: "It is a good question. I love the age I'm in. For example, I am not very nostalgic about being in the past. I like the Google and the technology part, and I don't see myself living in a place where I don't have this much access to knowledge."



“What is one thing that motivates you every day to wake up and go to school?”

Mrs. Ola: “What motivates me is the love of knowledge, my work, and being passionate about seeing the kids. Even if students are not here in the weekends, you will always find me every Saturday at school out of passion.



“So, if you weren’t a principal would you want to be anything else?”

Mrs. Ola: “I’m sure I am a principal since the day I was born.”

“What makes you angry in general?”

Mrs. Ola: “Being angry is one of satan's traits that is not related to a believer. If there is something I can do, I shouldn’t be angry about it because I will be able to solve it. If it is something out of my hands, so it is related to a larger power. I might be upset about a few things like seeing some injustice in the world, but I won't be angry. For example, if students do not follow rules, there are many ways to make them love to follow rules. For example in grade 1C, the students create their own rules. They have a very good teacher, and she’s someone who creates the rules by the students. If someone does something bad in the class, they would have a meeting as a whole class and have a discussion to come up with a rule. Giving freedom is essential for a principal. It’s not a “one” size that fits all. Freedom is necessary to enhance creativity in schools.

“As a child were you the shy and quiet kid or more outgoing and more of an extrovert?”

Mrs. Ola: “I was shy and quiet most of the times. I used to think a lot and read a lot. By the age of thirteen I’ve read all the classic books in Arabic, English and French.

What is your greatest accomplishment?

Mrs. Ola: “Building this reputation and building this school in Saudi Arabia when not only foreign people couldn’t do this, even women couldn’t do this easily. When I came to Riyadh everyone would say, “What? Saudi Arabia? What would you do there? You can’t even drive a car there!” I said I can do anything. If I can do it here, I can do it anywhere. So I believe that my accomplishment is this school.”



“Are you planning to open any other schools somewhere else?”

Mrs. Ola: “I’m willing to move to a very good campus. After that yes, I will think of opening like two or three more schools, but only girls’ schools, that’s what I want. I would always keep it a small school, for I don’t like big schools. So we’ll keep it this way but I think in a different campus.”

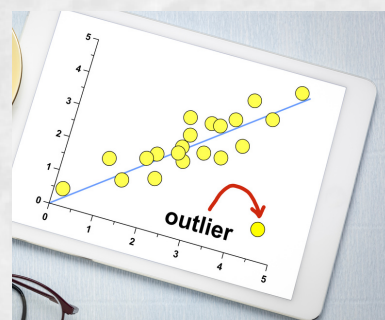


What do you view as your important contribution to the daily operations of your school?”

Mrs. Ola: “Being here all the time, and being involved. If you come at five o’clock you will find me here. I’m the first to come and the last to leave. Even though I can come, leave and take a vacation whenever I want, I want to set an example and a model for everyone that we can do this every day. Do you see this book? It is a book that I give every year to my seniors, it’s called Outliers. Do you know what’s an outlier?”

- “Yeah, it’s someone who’s different”

Mrs. Ola: “In statistics there is a regression line and the statistics spread points for anything that you’re talking about. *An outlier is someone who stands out from all the people that are here.* So, outliers are the successful people. What makes you successful is that you can never do something the same way and you’re not excellent about it. For example, waking up early every morning for three hundred sixty five days a year makes me someone who loves to wake up early and it’s something that you will learn and prepare yourself for. They say you can never wake up before dawn for three hundred sixty five days a year and not be rich!”



“ Why do you consider "Outliers" an important book?”

Mrs. Ola: “ It’s a book that truly changed my life. It was published in 2008. I read it and I realized that there are many things in it that resemble me. That’s why it’s the book I give every year to my seniors.”





OUR MORNINGS AT AL SAHAFA

In our school, an assembly is required to begin the school day, either by giving a speech or by presenting something beneficial to the entire school. For example, significant occasions such as the holy month of Ramadan, national day, and breast cancer awareness and some of the special occasions are celebrated with music which a great source of pleasure for everyone. Assembly is an excellent way to start our day with because it helps youngsters wakeup and focus, as well as providing joy for everyone.

NOTHING'S LIKE THE SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENTS!

One of the most memorable days for seniors 22' has to be March 22nd, when four of their students brought back an English linguistics competition trophy to school in celebration of a victory, Bushra Altahhan, Batoul Chalhoub, Lynn Bassam, and Malaka Hasan are the names of the students that came back to school with victory against many other schools and gave our school a name in the Prince Sultan University environment.



Our deserving winners described their experience as follows: “We felt extremely honored to be asked to participate in the First Young English Linguist Competition hosted by Prince Sultan University. As high school students, this was a humbling experience, for we got to



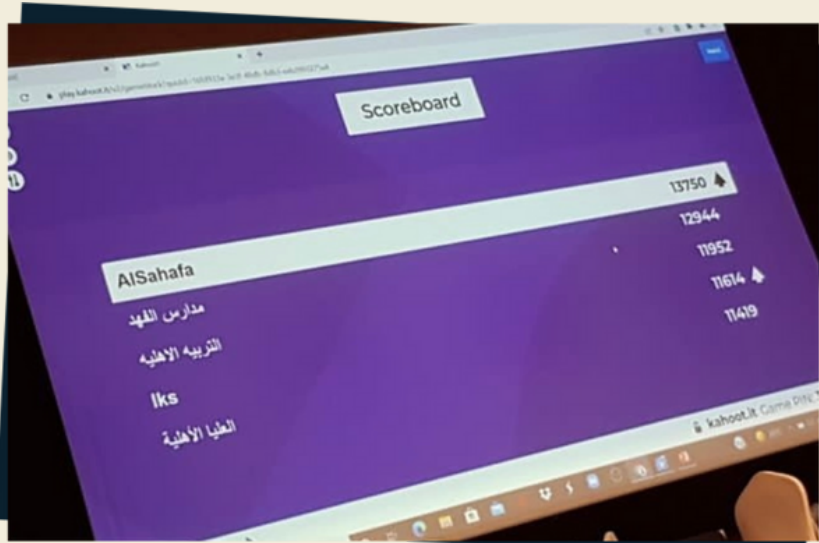
proudly represent Al Sahafa International School as well as ourselves. Although it was nerve wrecking to be chosen to compete in the first round, with the support of our teachers and classmates we got to be qualified to the final round. As the final round approached, we realized our teamwork and clear communication played a major role in guaranteeing the first place as we aced the round with only one mistake.

The moment they announced that our school won, we felt an indescribable happiness penetrate through the auditorium. We thank our school for putting their full trust and believing in our capabilities

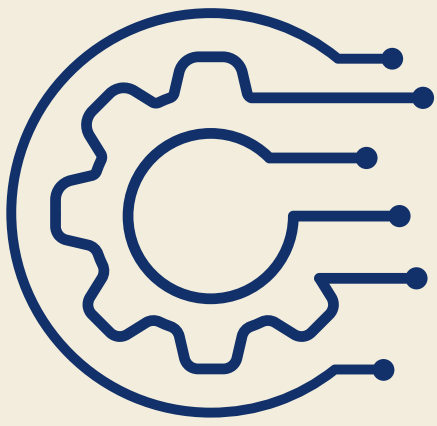




Lara Bassam, Tia Matar, and Maha Shaheen were nominated to participate in the Prince Sultan's math competition. The competition was also divided into different rounds and a final round. Despite the fact that our students did not receive a math trophy, they were able to win the first round and rank first. Their participation in the competition and hard work was outstanding. We are very proud that both grades were able to represent our school in such an important event.

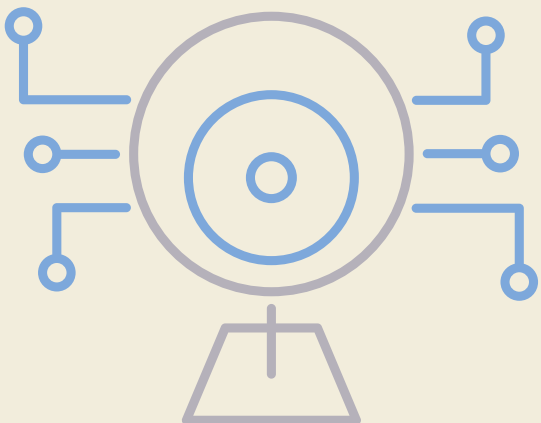


In addition, we would like to thank PSU for allowing us to experience such a competitive yet delightful event.” We congratulate our winners and thank everyone who contributed to their success.



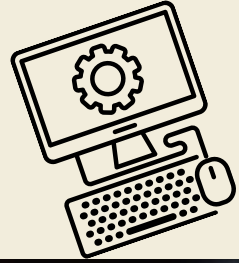
Go IT

Driven by the school's vision and Saudi Arabia's 2030 Vision, Grades 5 and 7 students successfully completed the GoIT program and presented their work to **TATA Consultancy Services**. Our students made us proud with their projects and presentations, and TATA group awarded them with certificates and trophies.





Go IT



Grade 9 students visited **TATA Consultancy Services** to present their technological and innovative projects to TATA team including HR consultant TCS Saudi.

Their work was impressive, and our students showed a high level of self confidence, awareness of global problems, in addition to distinguished presentation skills.



A Story of Strength & Success

Hind Al Rasheed embodies the meaning of strength and will power to overcome obstacles. Her hearing aid devices were a boosting agent to show her authentic identity and to make the definition of herself that she desires. She has been at Al Sahafa International School since grade 2, where she was embraced and encouraged throughout her journey.



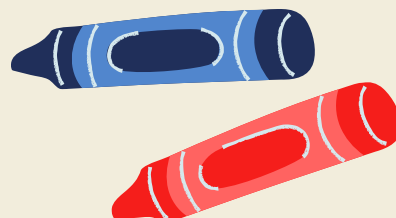
*Hind is a role model. She is someone I speak about at the beginning of every year whenever someone comes to school thinking that they cannot make it for any reason. She is a proof that anyone can be very strong whenever they have the will. She deserves the award of the strongest lady she will ever become." - **Mrs. Ola Mourad***

*" As time passed by I felt extremely frustrated at a certain point in my life that I asked myself why should I hide what defines me and who I was born to be? So, I stood on my feet with passion and determination to make the difference that I need rather than pushing it inside because this is my definition." - **Hind Al Rashid***



BACK TO SCHOOL... IN PERSON!

On January, 24 of 2022 teachers for grades 1,2,and 3 had an extra helping hand from grades 12 and 11. The girls had the opportunity to welcome grades 1,2, and 3 back to school and show them around the playground after being online for 2 years and more.



January 23 , 2022



Grades 12 and 11 students prepared games and activities for the kids to enjoy. Kids learned about the rules of covid 19 and social distancing. Both grades 12 and 11 relived their childhoods with the kids while dancing and singing around with the children.

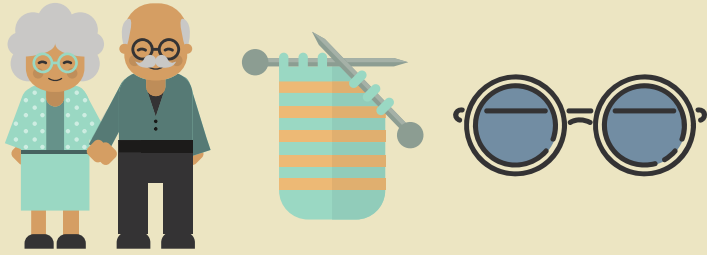


Breast Cancer Awareness

On October 7, 2021, a Breast Cancer Awareness event was held in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with students wearing pink and passing out pink ribbons and brochures with disease facts. Students in grades 11 and 12 also gave an informative speech on the symptoms, diagnosis, and progression of the diseases. Grades 11 and 12 also took part by displaying their artwork and cardboard presentations about breast cancer. To demonstrate the students' cooperation with the event, a large pink cardboard with a drawing of the ribbon was also filled out with paint fingerprints from the students. This event was definitely beneficial for all students and teachers because it helped many people learn more about the disease and ways to comfort those who are affected by it.



GRANDPARENTS'DAY



Acknowledging and celebrating the great contribution made by the grandparents to the well being of children, Al Sahafa International School's lower graders sought an opportunity to show their respect and gratitude for the older generation by dressing up like them.



**“Grandparents, like
heroes, are as
necessary to a child's
growth as vitamins.”**



*A garden of
love grows
in a Grandparents
Heart!*





Spanish Day



Our students celebrated a Spanish day at our school where they demonstrated their knowledge of the Spanish language and culture in addition to some fun dances and activities.





A DAY TO REMEMBER



School is a nuisance to all of us. If you deny that, then you are fooling yourself. That's why so many schools organize activities to lift students' spirits and encourage them to step out of their comfort zones. Usually, they opt for field trips. Due to Covid, however, all schools try to avoid that idea. What about an open day? It's certainly entertaining, but isn't it overused? We are all looking for something new. For this reason, our school has hosted a sports day for all grade levels. So what's in store for us?

Stunning decorations greet you as you enter the school. Booths served popcorn, ice cream, and cotton candy. Students who excelled in a variety of sports, such as gymnastics, could showcase their talents. A punching bag was also hung from the ceiling. In addition, several tournaments were held, starting with a dodgeball game in which students from all grade levels competed against each other.





After that, the students' speeds were put to the test in a race, with their classmates cheering them on. A jumping rope competition followed this. First, it was a matter of who would trip first, then a slightly more difficult race ensued, but everyone performed marvelously. Next up was a hula hoop competition to see who would drop their hoop first. This contest ended quickly because, believe me, hardly anyone lasted over twenty seconds. Still, it was exciting to watch. The egg spoon race was the last tournament, and it exceeded expectations, assuming that everyone would drop the eggs immediately.



After a much-needed break, it was time to wrap up the day's activities with dance and Zumba. Dancing was mainly freestyle, with each student following her own movements rather than dancing in lockstep with the others. Later, two girls performed a dance that they had either choreographed or learned. Either way, they were more than impressive. The PE instructor then began dancing to random tunes as others, from teachers to students, followed her every move. Finally, everybody's favorite and most anticipated portion of the day, lunch, arrived. All teachers gathered their students in a circle around them.



The fact that both teachers and students were involved in all of these events was very beneficial, as it gave a tremendous chance to bring everyone closer together while also demonstrating the need of teamwork. Furthermore, we were unable to meet up with friends or go out owing to our tight schedules, so this made up for it. Aside from a friend of mine getting wacked in the face with a basketball, everything went off without a hitch, and I'm fairly sure no words can properly describe the level of excitement this event has awarded.





Meet The Class Of 2022!



Get to know us better!!

Adeeba Al Hayek



Taurus

" I knew exactly what to do . But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do"

Aya Mizari



Capricorn

" I always choose to have a positive mindset no matter what kinds of challenges I face."

Batoul Chalhoub



Gemini

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light"

Bushra Altahhan



Cancer

"I'm not great at the advice. Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?"

Farah AL Ani



Libra

"من توقع على علة تبين ملته"

Ghina Kassasir



Cancer

" A poet's guide to healing:
write the things that hurt"

Haneen Shehab



Pisces

"I'll punch my walls, stay out at night, and I do karate"

Haneen Haddad



Libra

"Winners never quit and quitters never win."

Hind AL Rasheed



Scorpio

"If you are always trying to be normal you will never know how amazing you can be."

Hoor Bani Hani



Leo

"Appearances are often
misleading "

Joud AL Darwish



Gemini

"Happiness is not by chance but
by choice."

Lynn Bassam



Taurus

"Progress not perfection"

Lujain Khater



Malaka Hasan



Aries

"Fake it till you make it"

Maysoun Kabbani



Gemini

" Sorry I couldn't hear you I have my headphones on!"

Nasmah AL Yatim



Scorpio

""When your work speaks for itself, dont interrupt"

Nour Housam



Sagittarius

" Wasn't worth the hype but I'll give
it a 21/22 "

Raghad Al Babbtain



Libra

"دَائِمًا فَكِّرُوا بِقُوَّةِ اللَّهِ
لَا تَفَكَّرُوا بِقُوَّةِ الظُّرُوفِ"

Rama Sannufi



Pisces

" People said follow your dreams, so I went back to bed."



QUESTIONS FOR OUR SENIORS!



Lynn Bassam:

-I am Lynn Bassam, a senior at Al Sahafa International School and I am ready for this interview!

-What is one good and one bad quality about yourself?

- One good quality is that I work well under pressure and one bad is that I tend to be short tempered.

-What would you say is your proudest accomplishment?

- I still have a long way ahead of me , but for now by proudest accomplishments would probably be graduating from Al Sahafa International School, getting accepted to the colleges I applied to and wanted to get in, and lastly winning the English and Literature PSU competition with my three other classmates.

Bushra Al Tahan:

-Hello I am Bushra Al Tahan, a 2022 graduate, and I am ready to answer your questions.

-What is one pet peeve you have?

-When someone keeps calling my name repetitively and I am busy talking to someone else.

-What would you say is your proudest accomplishment?

-Winning the PSU competition first rank, I felt important since the whole class was there watching and cheering for us!

Adeeba Al Hayek:

-Adeeba Al Hayek is a 2022 graduate from Al Sahafa International Schools. Get to know more about Adeeba from the question she got asked.

-What is one good and one bad quality about yourself?

-One of her good qualities is forgiving people no matter what they do to her, and her bad quality is always being lazy.

-If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

-London because she likes the lifestyle there.

Batoul Shalhoub:

-Batoul Shalhoub is a 2022 graduate from Al Sahafa International Schools. Get to know more about Batoul Shalhoub from the questions she got asked.

-What is one good and one bad quality about yourself?

-Batoul considers being a procrastinator a bad quality of hers where she leaves things to the very end. Trying to perfect everything even if she was pressured outweighs this bad quality.

-If you could live anywhere where would it be?

-She would love to experience living in New York City because she enjoys living in crowded and busy cities.

- Interviewed by Merdy Al Saydawi and Lara Bassam



OUR STUDENTS' WRITING TALENTS

Poem

I am smart and clever
I wonder what could stop me ever
I hear what makes me better
I see A+ on my tests for ever
I want my future full of success
I pretend to climb high up the books
I feel the way it looks
I touch the words with my hooks
I am smart and clever



By: Janna El Gendy 5A



Janna El Gendy - 5A

SPACE

Space, filled with millions of galaxies
Shining with the stars
And the planets spinning around the sun.
The sun glows like no other
And stars twinkling in the sky.
The galaxy is yay big
That the space is infinity and never ending.
All the rockets launching from earth
Trying to make it to mars
And studying about stars.
The space is brilliant and beautiful
With the place where planets do their work .



Lea Al Mohtar-5B



Happiness

Little did just one soul know that tiny elation or exhilaration drops often lack their blood. For some, smiling can be a key to opening the obscure door of something called "happiness." While on the flip side, any average fellow could get their nerves and brain used to depression. This is why they think that happiness and contentment are mountains they can't reach their peaks or even have a glance at it. Therefore, happiness is then known as preposterous and unpractical.

To let my nervous system understand the unique and rare hormones for happiness, I might have suffered a bit until I got it. Notwithstanding my puberty, there is a clear ornament-like difference between teenage hormones or emotions and my choosing not to be happy. The drawbacks and challenges I faced during the age of 11 significantly impacted happiness, although it was not on my consideration list to be cured.

Considering my IQ or intelligence quotient, two different ways could solve the enigma math equation of how I wasn't happy. I chose not to be thrilled physically and mentally. Social media was a sharp tack that impacted my happiness physically. It might be unbelievable to some, but it left me thinking about how it truly affected contentment. How did it affect me physically?

Videos that include relations of how hard parents treat their teenage kids were a factor that played a significant role here. Such videos affected how I felt toward my mom and dad, impacting how I treated them. The littlest things they wanted me to do were tough arguments. "It isn't fair" and "you don't have the right to control me" are small samples of what I used to say. This made me feel that they loathed and were careless about me. I even got addicted to social media, which made me choose to be depressed and reckless about everything. This misunderstood war was because of some futile videos that included adverse relations about others' lives. Day after day, melancholy and gloom got worse. It was as if I was trapped in a room filled with complete blackness and sorrow till the trim. The chip on my shoulder and negative thinking reigned in my brain and soul. My emotions of misunderstanding are what controlled me, not my nervous system. I thought that I would have the best life if my parents didn't interfere with me at all, not knowing that I just lacked acknowledgment and happiness. I threw away almost a year in the bin because of how I was and how I used to think. Regardless of

hitting puberty at ten years, this is different from choosing social media addiction over my parents and happiness. Elation hormones didn't start to get secreted until my phone was taken away. It didn't entirely flip things to the other bend, but I did feel what I had missed out the last year. When my parents finally quashed my terrain of social media addiction and thoughts in my head, I commenced perceiving a straightforward meaning of happiness and contentment.

Mental settlements that gave birth in my mind later grew to be unassailable decisions that permanently chose never to feel gratitude or jovial. It was like tumors that took over my brain. I never understood the true meaning of happiness because of some mental decisions. The central question here is how I chose not to be happy in a mysterious mental way? I was an abnormal person who liked to act with sorrow. My intentional goal was to think that I was always blamed, hated, and left out since I was a weird-minded person. But what made me believe in that way?

Hardness in making friendships was the invisible rope that kept on escaping whenever I tried to find it. Logically, this makes no sense to me today. Whenever I built a friendship, it would directly erode. That's what truly affected me. Any sage person would move forward and never let lousy history pieces run their future lives. Unfortunately, I wasn't that person. It's elusive to describe how much I insisted on not being happy, although I had and still have a fascinating life. I was always depressed for groundless reasons. Whenever my mom used to ask, "Why are you sad," I always used to say, "Nothing." Then she would get frustrated as I would freeze with silence and then walk away. As these situations frequently occur, mom would always come to me explaining that my negative energy always reflects her positive energy and thoughts. I wouldn't say that I got induced by what she said; instead, I thought that she was reckless about me. Every adverse letter that roamed around my head impacted me negatively without noticing an atom. Things continued to stroll the same day by day until one night. My mom couldn't handle me. Even my dad got included in how I had been acting and took mom's side. He kept on talking to me until he mentioned something related to therapy. Mom wanted me to go to a therapist for help! I froze with tears as the tumors started to lose their cells and nuclei. My soul and heart began repenting everything I could imagine in the universe. But most importantly of all, mom told me something that entirely flipped my mentality to the other bend. She said, **"Happiness is a decision. If you decide to be happy, you will be happy."**

Flashbacks took over how I was then remorse started. As I left the room in tears, I couldn't stop blaming myself. I have been more than exaggerating and stupid for an entire year. It's as if you adopted somebody and gave them the world, but they get sad because they didn't finish reading a book in a short period. What drove it worse was how I felt so awful toward my mom because of the amount of remorse. My brain itself couldn't try to imagine how did she try and get along with me every single day. Of course, I tried my superlative to apologize and make it up to her. Mom is more than understandable, sympathetic, and full of mercy, so it didn't take time until what happened became nothing and vain. I promised it wouldn't happen again, and I would always talk to her whenever anything ran inside me. Whenever anything not the best took place, she would always say, "Move forward, don't look backward." My days since then have always flown with content and thrill. I finally experienced happiness. Because of what happened, now I'm always content with everything, even the bad.

Happiness always comes to souls who deserve it and tend to be content no matter what.

In contrast, depression, melancholy, and gloom come to souls who genuinely insist on resisting the scent of happiness. Even if the vigorous word "happy" seems easy, think double the time you take to answer and act. Happiness is the rare feeling you encounter when you want a particular moment of you and your surroundings to freeze, continue, stop time, and stay the way you are.

Contentment is not a word you say that determines your mood or a smile that you show. As Robert Kiyosaki said, "It's not what you say out of your mouth that determines your life, it's what you whisper to yourself that has the most power!" Unnoticed obstacles could occur anytime if you weren't wise enough to perceive them. But what affects you is when you don't learn from these sudden obstacles. Life is what teaches you major lessons, not schools or teachers: wisdom plus acceptance powered by willingness equal to overcoming obstacles.



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The Lion's Birthday Party



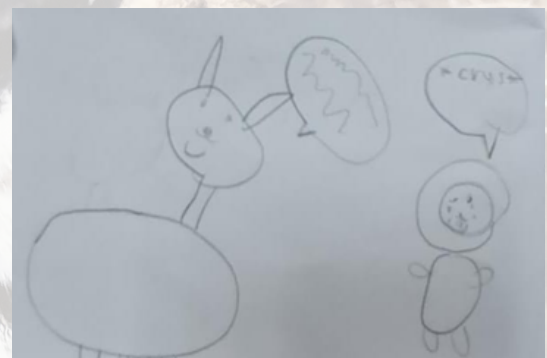
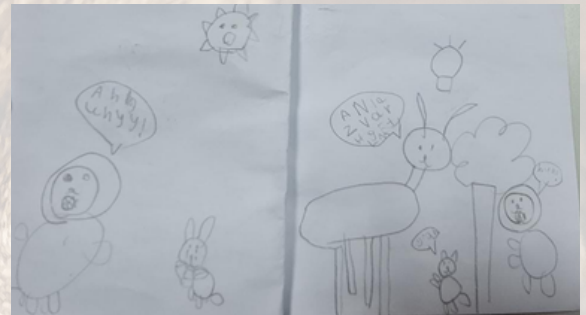
Once upon a time there was a lion who was mean, so he was not invited anywhere.

One day he wanted to scare his friends, but he heard them talking about a big party.

His friends were kind enough to throw him a birthday party that is what they were talking about.

They wanted to throw him a party, but when he came to scare them he ruined it.

"Hopefully you learned a lesson", said deer.



By Haia Fatthelah
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Women's Rights

Women's rights are human's rights

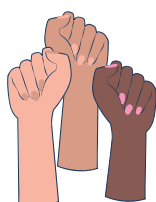
"Justice is about making sure that being polite is not the same thing as being quiet. In fact, often times, the most righteous thing you can do is shake the table" - Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Back in the days, women and men were not treated equally. In fact, women still face a lot of gender inequality till today. Women are treated better nowadays, but are far from being equal with men. Women deserve their full justice and equality. That's the purpose of the women's rights movement.

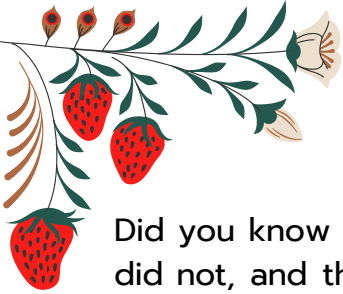
The women's rights movement, which is also referred to as the women's liberation movement, is a social diverse movement that started in 1849 in the United States of America. The leaders of the movement back then mainly focused on securing votes for women. Women and even some men had been fighting for women's suffrage for over a century. They directed speeches, marched in parades, signed petitions and often argued about how women deserve all the rights and responsibilities of a citizen just like men do. Some of the leaders of this movement were Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul, Lucy Stone, Ida B. Wells, and Lucretia Mott. They were great women's rights activist that a statue of Elizabeth, Susan, and Lucretia stands in the rotunda of the U.S Capitol. They had helped build a movement dedicated to women's suffrage and pushed lawmakers to guarantee their rights during Reconstruction.

There are 12 countries that give women their equal rights, and they are Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden. But equality under the law does not equal equality in sentiment, and just because the law gives women equality doesn't mean we are completely free to do what we want. Women get treated differently based on their race, religion, size, and many other things which is not fair because you determine what type of a person they are based off their personalities, not their beliefs and physical appearance.

Back in the days, women were viewed as nothing more than housewives, and they had no to little rights to do anything. Despite that it's been over century since women in the United States got their right to vote, they are still far from being equal with men. Some people believe that women are already equal to men, or they just haven't worked as hard as men have to get to where they are. While others may disagree by saying that society does not view men and women equally, and that yes, women are always going to be underestimated. Women generally work harder than men do according to Hive.

Although a woman sports player may be as successful as a male athlete is, if not more, but she still will face gender inequality. Usually, common sense suggests that we judge an athlete by their performance and not by his or her gender. Or some people may determine what type of person they are by their actions outside of the sports world. Unfortunately, that is not how most of society thinks. Men in the sports worlds get more attention than women do. A source has proved women earn less than half of what men earn despite winning more games than their men team did.





Did you know that the home security system was invented by a woman? No, you probably did not, and that's probably because it is not talked about much. Mary Van Brittan Brown invented the home security system in 1969 when the crime rate in her neighborhood in Queens, New York was very high. She was afraid, especially at the night since her husband had long night shifts on most days which made her alone. The police were too slow to respond to her calls, so she got sick of waiting and created the home security system with a closed circuit television. The laser cataract surgery, the caller ID, the medical syringe, the electric refrigerator, and the heating system were all created by women. Great inventions deserve to be appreciated and valued, not based off the gender of their inventors, but based off how useful they are to us.

Women face a higher risk of domestic violence. Domestic abuse is a kind of violence caused by someone in the victim's domestic circle. According to the United Nation's web site, domestic abuse, also called domestic violence or intimate partner violence; can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. The World Health Organization reports that 30% of women worldwide faced physical violence all throughout their lifetime. The National Domestic Violence Hotline revealed that 81% percent of the women that have been reported to face domestic violence suffer from a PTSD disorder (post-traumatic stress disorder) or severe injuries.

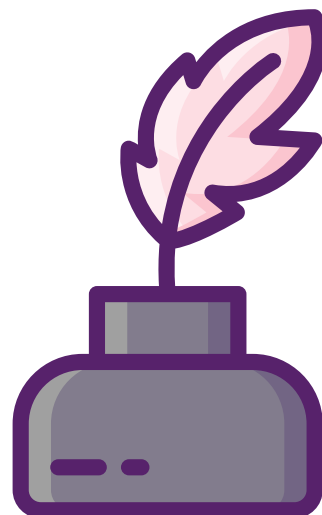
"Women's freedom is a sign of social freedom." – Rosa Luxemburg. I believe that women deserve their full rights, including justice and equality just like everyone else. Neither men nor women should be treated differently based on their genders, but their mindset and talents. Gloria Steinem once said, "A feminist is anyone who recognizes the equality and full humanity of women and men." I agree, and I think all of us deserve to be treated as what we really are, human. Let us keep fighting for women until we get what we deserve!

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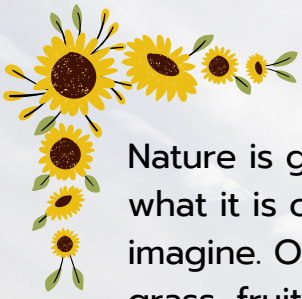
Nature and Life



Nature and Life are two very important things. Life could be full of love or hatred. Nature could be full of life or cruelty. They both have some downs and upsides. They both have everything from my perspective. But unfortunately, not all people. Lots of them could be very cruel or bad to nature, animals, and life. Lots can be negative; they could easily bring you down. But those are just the obstacles, and that's why you need to persevere or in other words, never give up. You are strong, brave, and loved even if you don't know it. Nature could also show you that but in many other ways. There are millions, trillions, or even billions of ways to find that out. Don't just follow one. There are many ways. So, if you just follow one; the other could be getting farther. As you chase one, the other would be just right behind you. As Dolly Parton once said; "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." I love that quote because it shows that failure is the key to success. Even if you go through lots of hard times. Just know that you're putting up the rain to make the rainbow or in other words the miracle to happen.

Life is beautiful. Although it could be full of love or hatred; sadness or hope; and cruelty or kindness. Just know there is always a way to know that you are strong, brave, and loved even if you don't know it. I know that because I have experienced many things in life. Some of them are sad or full of hope. Others could be, full of love or hatred; or filled with cruelty or kindness. I know that it could be as hard as a rock, at some points in life that you would just feel like you just want to end it already. But I promise that it is always worth it in the end, and I never break a promise. Life is like everything; it may be everything. But I don't want to assume, I know that there is an afterlife, and we don't really know what's waiting for us at the end. I think of it as if nothing is real, and it's like we are putting up a street show. While you are taking actions, which can be bad or good deeds. While you are putting up that street show, you would also get paid in anything you would like. Kindness, love, money, or anything you want. You would get paid based on your actions, whether it's good or bad. When you do something great or good, you would get paid more. But if you do something horrible or bad, the payment that you got would decrease or get less. So, what I'm trying to say here is that "What comes around, goes around." As Dolly Parton once said; "The way that I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."





Nature is gorgeous. Although it could be very scary on the outside. That isn't what it is on the inside. On the inside, there are places that you can't even imagine. On the Inside, it is beautiful. There are animals, insects, plants, trees, grass, fruits, and vegetables. There is basically everything. "Never judge a book by its cover." This is an amazingly famous quote made by George Elliot. To me, it's an amazing quote that can easily describe nature. As it may seem dark and scary on the outside. It would be very nice and calm on the inside. Lots of human activities affect it, and it's absolutely terrible. I would love for the world to change for the better. But hopefully, it will. I'm hoping that when I grow up. I will save most of the world; or at least some of it. I want to try and help save the environment. I will go vegetarian, and I'm already going to be soon. But I can't really right now because of my age. But I will try. Nature is beautiful, and I feel an amazingly strong connection to it. I feel like nature is my home, and it is.

Nature and life are both absolutely amazing. They both have lots in common. Although they both could be full of love or hatred; hope or sadness; and kindness or cruelty. Just know there is always a way to know that you are strong, brave, and loved even if you don't know it. Nature is beautiful, and I feel an amazingly strong connection to it. I feel like nature is my home, and it is. As Dolly Parton once said; "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." I love that quote because it shows that failure is the key to success. Even if you go through lots of hard times. Just know that you're putting up the rain to make the rainbow or in other words the miracle to happen.





Saved By The Bell

Short story by Lor Baghdadi

“ALRIGHT. WHO WANTS TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION?” Mrs. Nell asked. I of course did not raise my hand but everybody has their hands swinging up in the air as usual. “Ah! Nick why don’t you tell us?” Of course, I’m the chosen one. I scoot down my seat sweating trying to look for someone to tell me the answer. Who am I kidding of course they wouldn’t! I was terrified I even forgot the QUESTION! I was like a deer in the headlights! Oh thank god. I was DREAMING!!! I have never been lucky in my entire life. I went back to sleep with a huge relief. The second day I woke up expecting a better day I got out of bed with my dad yelling at me “HURRY UP KID EVERYBODY IS READY EXCEPT YOU!” It was a hurricane in my room. Clothes everywhere, I found all my clothes except the ones I should wear. I ended up stealing a shirt and a pair of jeans from my older sister. Finally, the second we went in the car my sister’s eyes dragged themselves onto the clothes I’m wearing “Nick... THAT’S MY SHIRT! AND MY PANTS!” we basically dragged the hurricane in the car. I came to class stumbling on the huge pair of jeans that I was wearing, pulling my bag from the floor AND BOOKS. My hair stood up when Mrs. Nell came in with a big smile on her face looking at me like I’m the only person who knows the answer to the question. She asked, “Ah! Nick why don’t you answer this question?” Guess what? It was the same old horrible question she asked me last night during my horrible dream.

I turned as red as a tomato “come-on Nick you know it!” She shouted. Thousands of thought went through my head. Like come-on! You asked me this last night in my dream why would she come up with it right now? Suddenly, everybody was looking at me especially at my ripped socks. RIPPED SOCKS? I forgot my shoes... How though? I remember wearing them. Maybe it slipped off? Maybe... I wore my older sister’s shoes which were to big? At that time I wanted the ground to open up and swallow me. WHICH HAPPENED, but while it was swallowing me up... I heard a faint alarm clock ringing from a distance.

“Boy wake up YOU'RE 30 MINUTES LATE SON!” I gasped while saying “MY SHOES MY SHOES WERE ARE THEY?” “WHAT? They are out the door.”

I realized I WAS DOUBLE DREAMING!

That’s how I got saved by the bell.

THE END

About The Author



Lor Baghdadi is a 6th grader who decided to write a short story that everyone can relate to. She describes how going to school without shoes is a common dream for all students. This had happened to her several times, so she wanted to draw attention to it.

خاطرة

باستخدام الأساليب النحوية

ما للإنسانِ إلا بعضُ الفرصِ
ليستريحَ ويُبَعِدَ نفسه عن همومِ الحياةِ،
فما أحسنَ الذهابِ إلى مكانٍ
فيه الطبيعةُ الخلابةُ والهدوءُ التامُ

فيا للكونِ العجيبِ هذا،
المليءِ بأشجارٍ وأزهارٍ وحيواناتٍ مُتنوّعةٍ الأشكالِ،
وكلُّ هذهِ المناظرِ الخلابةِ التي تُشعِّرُنَا بالطمأنينةِ و الهناءِ !
فشجرةٌ واحدةٌ، ظلّها يُشعِّرُنَا بالدِّفءِ والأمانِ.

ويا بحرُ، يا بحرُ أزرقُ عظيم
أنتَ تُذكِّرُنِي بأحلامي؛
فهيَ كبيرةٌ.. واسعةٌ ... ومِثْلَكَ لا تنتهي،
عندما أتأملُ كل هذا أفكر
ما على الإنسانِ سوى الحمدُ والشكرُ لله وحده

يا ربي، أنت الذي أكرمتنا
و رزقتنا بكل هذه النعم،
فيا عابداً الله، اذكر ربك كلما
رأيت الطبيعةَ أو مُنِحتَ نعمةً
من نِعَمِ الله.

بقلم: هنا طافش

Brown Eyes

Jeanree was a small, tranquil village near the coast of Argentina. They grew juicy cherries and played football any time they can. Peaceful it was, until the witches of the neighboring village came to Jeanree, with a great desire in their hearts. They were seeking the indigo eyes that only the people of Jeanree were blessed with.

They needed them, and fast.

So the people of Jeanree had to act. They couldn't risk losing their beautiful eyes. So, they asked for their eyes to be coated with the rich drops of honey that came from a river in the clouds, turning their eyes brown.

And our story ends there. Nobody knows what happened to them afterwards, but all we know for now is that they were the first people to have brown eyes. So, if you have brown eyes, always remember what they were in the past.

Hala Jum'aa
Grade 6



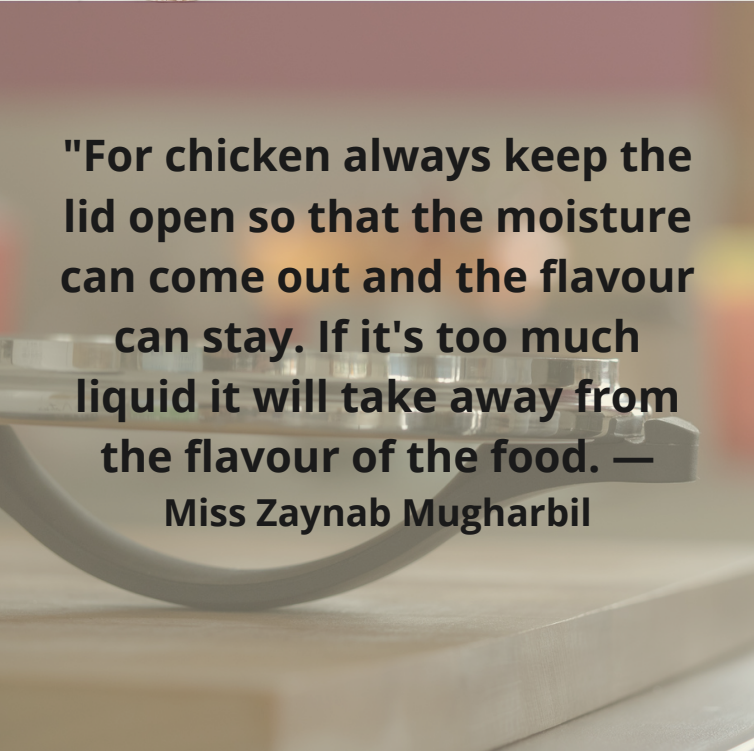
Cooking Advice from our Teachers



"Good food is not by the amount of spices you add but by the type of spices you use"— Miss Samar Hassan



"To cook meat or chicken properly it should be at room temperature for it to cook evenly"— Miss Zaynab Mugharbil



"For chicken always keep the lid open so that the moisture can come out and the flavour can stay. If it's too much liquid it will take away from the flavour of the food. — Miss Zaynab Mugharbil



"Put a timer so you won't burn the food"— Miss Zaynab Mugharbil



Cooking tip for Molokhia

**"Once it's fried and ready to be cooked squeeze some lemon to make it taste better and to add some texture"
— Miss May Kayyal**

Teachers' Brief Interviews

-If you would break any school rule what would it be?

Mrs. Zaynab Mugharbil: As a teacher, I don't think I would honestly.

Mrs. Marwa Taha: School starting time

Mrs. Zainab Deeb: Coming at 6:30. I'd make it 9:30

-How many chickens would it take to kill an elephant?

Mrs. Zaynab Mugharbil: A hundred? I don't know.

Mrs. Marwa Taha: As many as it takes to kill me

Mrs. Zainab Deeb: Not less than five-hundred.

-Which zodiac sign do you think you're most compatible with?

Mrs. Suzan Sinno: Capricorn because my best friend and husband are Capricorns. (She's a Scorpio)

Mrs. Noor Wehbe: Aries. (She's a Taurus)

Mrs. Zainab Deeb: Pisces, like my husband. (She's a Sagittarius)

Mrs. Marwa Taha: Taurus and Virgo

المعلمة سمية معتوق: مع برج الثور (هي برج العذراء)

-If you weren't a teacher right now, what would you be?

Mrs. Zainab Deeb: A dermatologist.

Mrs. Marwa Taha: A scientist/pharmacist

-If you were an actress, which show would you star in?

Mrs. Marwa Taha: X files

Mrs. Zainab Deeb: Princess. I'm like my daughter, I get impressed with these kind of stuff.

المعلمة سمية معتوق: اي مسلسل تاريخي

Is there a limit to how intelligent a person could be?

Mrs. Zainab Deeb: I don't think so. The harder you work, the more you read makes you smarter and more intelligent. I think people partly have it, but can improve it by working on it.

Mrs. Marwa Taha: Definitely No

المعلمة سميرة معتوق: لا. الذكاء نعمة من الله و كلما كان الإنسان مبدع بشيء معين و يعمل على تطويره و يكتشف أشياء لم يكن يعرفها عن نفسه... و كلما طوّر من نفسه يفتح له رب العالمين آفاق جديدة.

-If you had a country, what would you name it?

Mrs. Noor Wehbe: Happiness

Mrs. Zainab Deeb: Country of love

Mrs. Marwa Taha: Alexandria

-Were you the shy, quiet kid or the loud extrovert?

Mrs. Zainab Deeb: I was the shy and quiet kid

Mrs. Marwa Taha: The loud extrovert

المعلمة سميرة معتوق: التلميذة الهادئة

What would you do if you found a dead body in a hotel room ?

Mrs. Noor Wehbe: I would panic

Mrs. Zainab Deeb: I would run away. I think this is the first thing I would do, because I'm scared of dead bodies

Mrs. Marwa Taha: Panic and call for help

JOKES AND PUNS YOU CAN ONLY UNDERSTAND IF YOU KNOW SOME ARABIC.

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HOW CAN'T YOU
JUST LOVE ARABIC
WHEN ITS ALPHABET
HAS A SMILEY FACE

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**ARABIC SPEAKERS
DON'T SAY GOODNIGHT.
INSTEAD, THEY SAY:**

نصبحوا على خير

**WHICH TRANSLATES TO:
"MAY YOU WAKE UP
TO GOOD NEWS."**

No pain no

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NEED HELP TO STUDY !

THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE[®]

A SIMPLE METHOD TO BALANCE FOCUS WITH DELIBERATE BREAKS



1 PLAN YOUR TASKS
How many pomodoros might you need ?

2 DO 1 POMODORO
Time for 25 mins then take a 5 min break

NO SNEAKY
WORKING !

PROTECT
YOUR POMODORO !



3 REPEAT X 4 POMODOROS
Then take a longer break



The Pomodoro Technique

Study Efficiently Using the Pomodoro Technique:

If you find yourself struggling to finish assignments before the deadline or getting to exams wishing you had found the time to study more you are not alone. Many students struggle with managing time for their studies, and in today's interconnected busy world it is no wonder.

The method is based on studying in timed intervals. In fact Cirillo named it after the timer he used which happened to be shaped like a tomato (pomodoro in Italian). Cirillo found that breaking large tasks up into smaller manageable timed units (called "pomodoros") is the most effective way to study.

How it Works

The Pomodoro Technique works like this:

- 1) Decide what you want to accomplish and estimate how long you will study for. Then break your work into pomodoros.
- 2) Set a timer for 25 minutes, and start studying. (There are many pomodoro apps available for your phone, or follow along with someones study session on YouTube).
- 3) Minimize your distractions during the pomodoro interval. If a thought pops into your head write it down. If a friend calls let them know you will call them back later..
- 4) After 25 minutes take a short 5-10 minute break. Grab a coffee, go for a walk, call back your friend, or do something else relaxing.
- 5) Repeat. After 4 pomodoros take a longer break for 20-30 minutes.

OTHER STRATEGIES!

WITH THAT SAID, HERE ARE SOME OTHER TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY:

- **PARETO ANALYSIS (A.K.A., THE 80/20 RULE) ...**
- **EISENHOWER MATRIX. ...**
- **PARKINSON'S LAW. ...**
- **TIME BLOCKING METHOD. ...**
- **GETTING THINGS DONE (GTD) METHOD. ...**
- **RAPID PLANNING METHOD (RPM) ...**
- **PICKLE JAR THEORY.**
- **EAT THE FROG TECHNIQUE.**

CHOOSE WHAT YOU FEEL IS BEST AND MOST PRODUCTIVE TO YOU, BUT ALSO KEEP IT FUN!



Studying Tips

1

Become a Teacher

TEACHING OTHERS ABOUT THE SUBJECTS YOU STUDY IS A GREAT WAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM. EXPLAINING A CONCEPT OUT LOUD HELPS YOU UNDERSTAND IT BETTER AND REMEMBER THE DETAILS. WHILE THIS IS A FUN ACTIVITY TO DO WITH CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS, IT CAN ALSO BE TAUGHT TO A FICTIONAL AUDIENCE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU EXPLAIN THE MATERIAL TO, AS LONG AS YOU EXPLAIN IT WELL AND CLEARLY.

2

Find the Perfect Place to Study

FINDING YOUR "SPECIAL" PLACE TO STUDY CAN HELP WITH NEURAL RETENTION. FIND A QUIET PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BE ALONE AND FOCUS ON YOUR STUDIES WITHOUT BEING DISTRACTED. KEEP AN EYE ON THE PLACES THAT INSPIRE THE GREATEST PRODUCTIVITY, WHETHER IT'S THE LIBRARY, A COFFEE SHOP, YOUR BEDROOM, OR ANYWHERE IN BETWEEN. BY DESIGNATING THESE AREAS AS AREAS OF STUDY, YOUR BRAIN WILL RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS TIME TO FOCUS AND BECOME MORE RECEPTIVE TO NEW INFORMATION.

3

Put your Phone Away

CELL PHONES ARE PROBABLY THE MOST DISTRACTING FACTOR FOR STUDENTS TRYING TO STUDY. WHILE TEXTING AND SOCIAL MEDIA ARE GREAT COMMUNICATION TOOLS, THEY DON'T PLAY A PART IN LEARNING. ONE STRATEGY IS TO SET A TIMER ON YOUR PHONE AND AGREE NOT TO LOOK AT IT FOR THAT TIME. INSTEAD OF LETTING YOUR PHONE CONSTANTLY DISTRACT YOUR ATTENTION FROM WHAT YOU'RE LEARNING, MAKE IT A REWARD FOR STAYING FOCUSED.

4

Snack on Brain Food

YOU MAY THINK YOU DESERVE A TREAT OR THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO COOK, BUT WHAT YOU EAT HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON YOUR ENERGY LEVELS AND FOCUS, SO LIMIT YOUR JUNK FOOD INTAKE. TO KEEP YOUR BODY AND BRAIN ENERGIZED, EAT NUTRITIOUS FOODS PROVEN TO IMPROVE FOCUS AND MEMORY, LIKE FISH, NUTS, SEEDS, YOGURT, AND BLUEBERRIES. ON THE DAY OF THE EXAM, DO THE SAME: EAT A GOOD MEAL BEFORE THE EXAM, BASED ON FOODS THAT PROVIDE A SLOW RELEASE OF ENERGY AT ALL TIMES. SUGAR MAY LOOK TEMPTING, BUT IT WILL CRASH YOUR ENERGY LEVELS AN HOUR LATER.

5

Practice on Old Exams

ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO PREPARE FOR EXAMS IS TO TAKE PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF THEM. THIS ALLOWS YOU GET USED TO THE LAYOUT OF THE QUESTIONS AND, IF TIMED, MAY BE PROPERLY EXERCISE FOR MAKING SURE YOU SPEND SUFFICIENT TIME ON EVERY SECTION.

6

Make Sure you Have Enough Time to Study

DON'T LEAVE ANYTHING FOR THE LAST MINUTE. CREATE A STUDY PLAN THAT WILL HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR TIME. MAKE A LIST OF YOUR TESTS AND THE DATES WHEN YOU NEED TO TAKE THEM. THEN ORGANIZE YOUR RESEARCH ACCORDINGLY. YOU MAY WANT TO DEVOTE MORE STUDY TIME TO SOME EXAMS THAN OTHERS, SO FIND A GOOD MIDDLE GROUND.



Cooking Recipes

Fudgy brownies

1. Melt together the chocolate and butter.
2. Once melted add the brown sugar, coffee, and eggs.
3. Add the dry ingredients.
4. Pour the mixture into a greased and floured pan lined with parchment paper.
5. Bake the brownies in a preheated oven at 180 °C (350 °F) for around 35 minutes. Do not overbake. See the toothpick test in the video to understand exactly when to take the brownies out of the oven, so they end up perfectly fudgy with a crackly top.
6. Cool for 30 minutes then cut into bars.



Ingredients

260 g (2¼ sticks) Butter

350 g (13 oz) Chocolate 70% cocoa

1 or 2 tbsp Unsweetened coffee depending on preference

4 large eggs

150 g (1 cup + 2 tbsp) All-purpose flour

30 g (3 tbsp) unsweetened cocoa powder

½ tsp Salt

400 g (2 cups) Sugar

1-minute Chocolate Chip Cookie

Method

1. Melt the butter in the microwave.
2. Add the brown sugar and room temperature milk, and mix to combine.
3. Mix the dry ingredients together in another bowl - the flour, baking soda, and salt.
4. Stir the dry ingredients together with the wet ingredients until a dough forms.
5. Add chocolate chips and bring the dough together with your hands.
6. Form an 8 to 9 cm (3 - 3.5 inch) diameter cookie and press it down onto a piece of parchment paper. It's important to make the cookie this size to cook correctly in the microwave.
7. Place the cookie on the parchment paper in your microwave and cook on high for 1 minute.
8. Allow the cookie to cool for 5 minutes or it will fall apart. During this time the cookie will be set up slightly.

Ingredients

20 g (1½ tbsp) Butter

25 g (1¾ tbsp) Brown sugar

10 g (¾ tbsp) Milk

55 g (⅓ cup + ½ tbsp) All purpose flour

⅛ tsp Baking soda

Pinch of salt

Chocolate chips

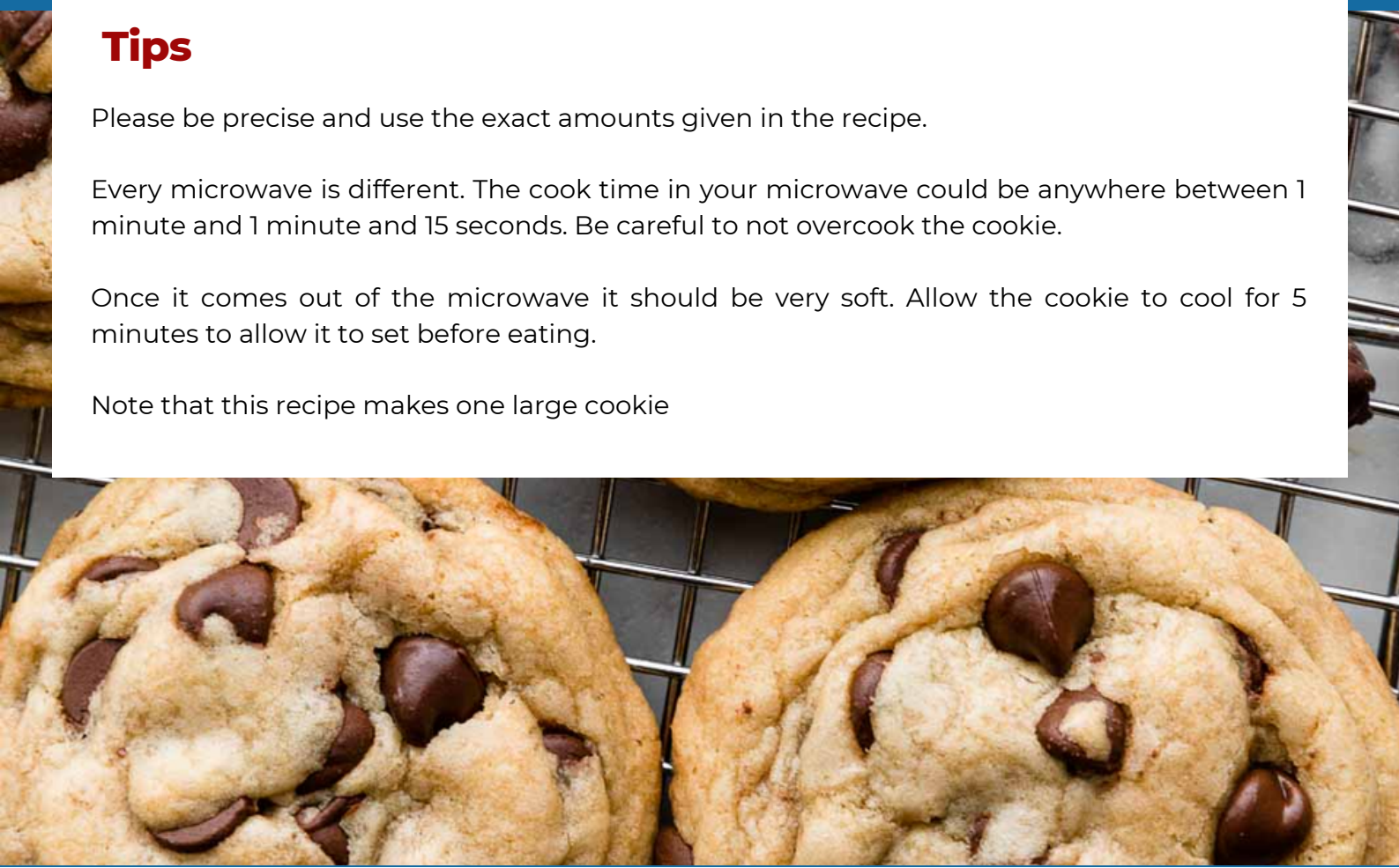
Tips

Please be precise and use the exact amounts given in the recipe.

Every microwave is different. The cook time in your microwave could be anywhere between 1 minute and 1 minute and 15 seconds. Be careful to not overcook the cookie.

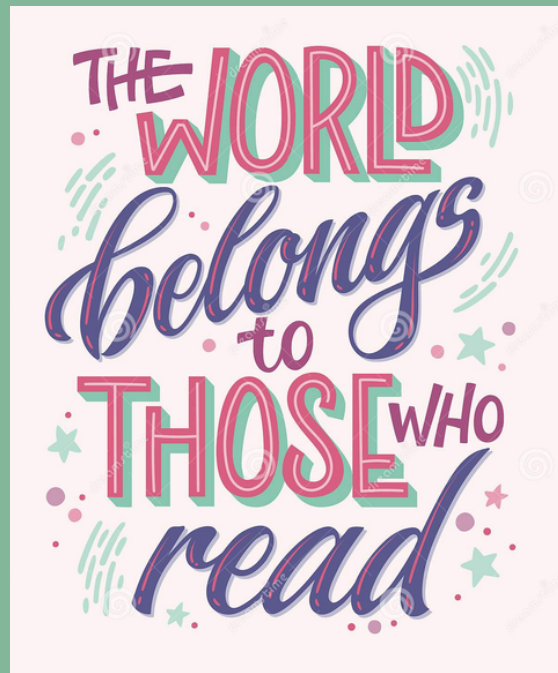
Once it comes out of the microwave it should be very soft. Allow the cookie to cool for 5 minutes to allow it to set before eating.

Note that this recipe makes one large cookie



BOOK SUGGESTIONS

With how fast-paced our days pass by, it is always a great idea to pick up a good book, to help us unwind and slow down.

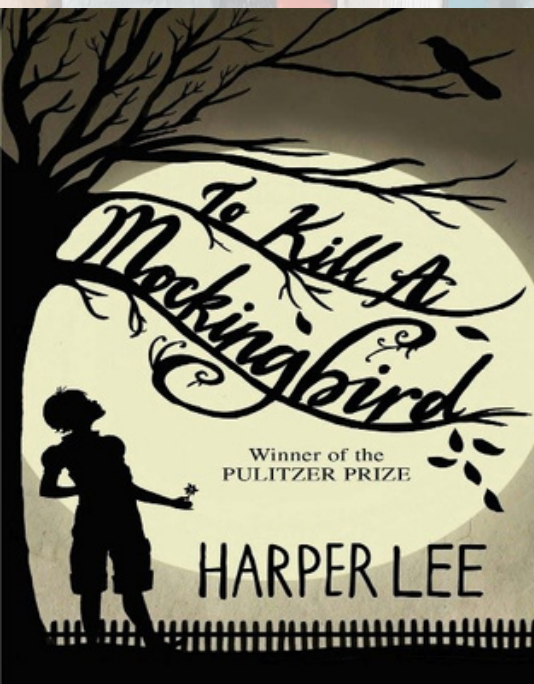


The books we have picked for you are guaranteed to become some of your all-time favorites!



1. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD BY HARPER LEE

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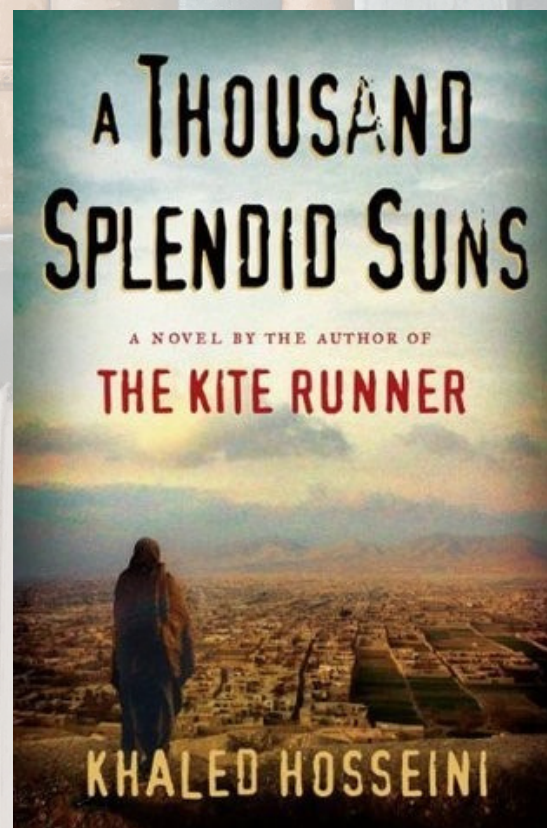


In this emotion-stirring novel, Atticus is hired to defend a Black resident who was falsely accused of rape by a white woman. How well can Atticus stand by his client and defend him against the racism and resistance they face from the majority of their community?

2. A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS BY KHALED HOSSEINI

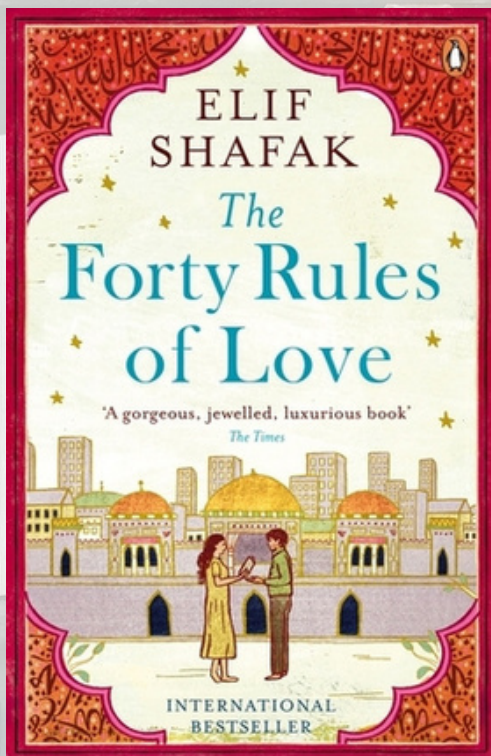
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This novel talks all about the events that had taken place for the last thirty years in Afghanistan- right from the Soviet invasion reaching the post-Taliban period. Readers will encounter many emotions, including fear, hope, violence, faith that the characters of two generations go through as well. "It is a striking, heart-wrenching novel of an unforgiving time, an unlikely friendship, and an indestructible love- a stunning accomplishment."



3. THE FORTY RULES OF LOVE BY ELIF SHAFAK

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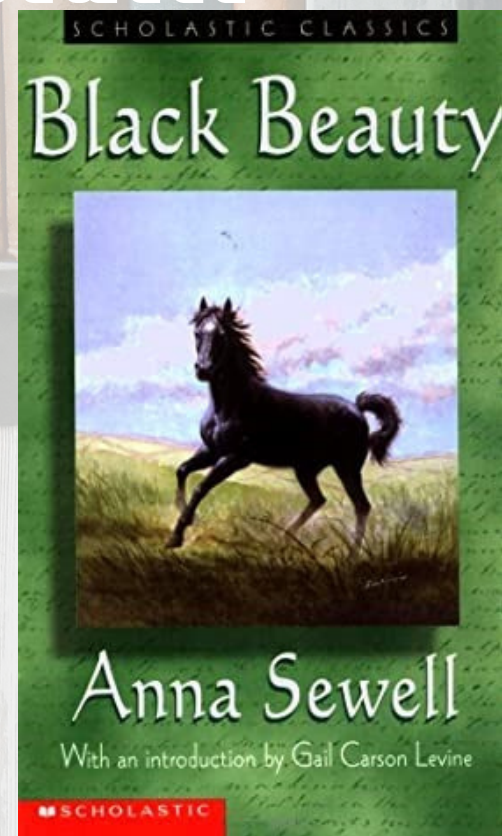


This novel includes parallelism between Ella's, an unhappily married woman, search for love and happiness, and Rumi's (a worldwide known and loved poet) and Shams's (a religious scholar) search for friendship. The variety of points of view in narrations- some from Ella's, Rumi's, and others from Shams's children- makes the events drastically more interesting. Shafak's writing teleports and enchants you to a whole new world, and you'll close the book feeling like you were just one of the characters you have been reading about.

4. BLACK BEAUTY BY ANNA SEWELL

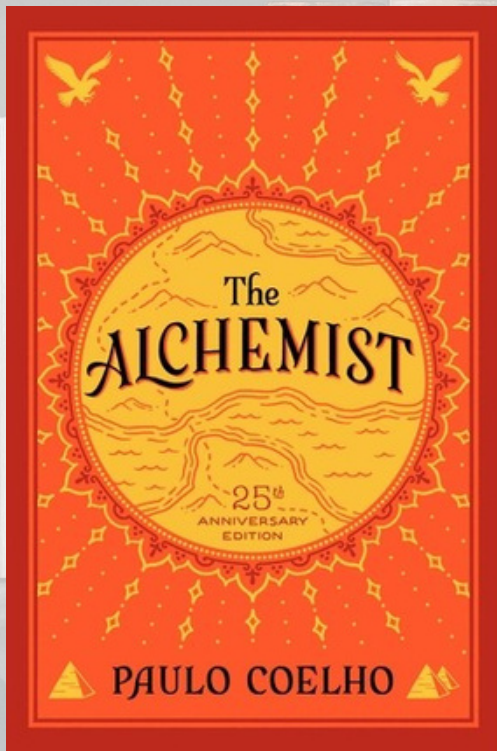
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This novel is narrated by a handsome horse living in a time before automobiles existed. He takes you through his journey of living with different owners- starting with his home under the care of loving and kind owners, then his extreme struggles when he was bought by cruel owners, and lastly ending with his recovery under the ownership of caring people.



5. THE ALCHEMIST BY PAULO COELHO

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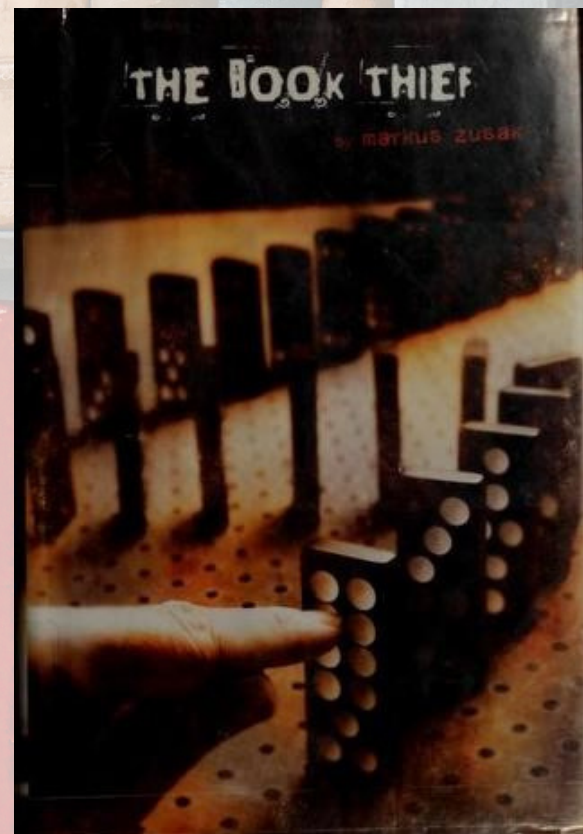
This novel tackles the journey of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy, as he travels to the pyramids of Egypt in search of a buried treasure. Along the way, he meets multiple people, including an alchemist, who helps him figure out his way towards his treasure. His quest for money ends up with discovering himself from within.

The Alchemist can also be enjoyed in Arabic in case that's your preference!

6. THE BOOK THIEF BY MARKUS ZUSAK

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Taking place during World War 2, in Nazi Germany, this novel narrates the story of young Liesel. Her story starts after her brother's death, when she steals her first ever book. Her first stolen book, become 2, then 3, and she cannot stop because of the relationship she develops with the words she reads in books. A beautiful story about the love between daughter and her father, and the cruelty of war- all narrated by death itself.



MOVIE SUGGESTIONS



1. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Summary: Scout Finch, and her older brother Jem, live in sleepy Maycomb, Ala., spending much of their time with their friend Dill and spying on their reclusive and mysterious neighbor, Boo Radley. When Atticus, their widowed father and a respected lawyer, defends a black man named Tom Robinson against fabricated rape charges, the trial and tangent events expose the children to evils of racism and stereotyping.

Rating: 8.3/10

Genre: Classical



2. Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Summary: Pride and Prejudice follows the turbulent relationship between Elizabeth Bennet, the daughter of a country gentleman, and Fitzwilliam Darcy, a rich aristocratic landowner. They must overcome the titular sins of pride and prejudice in order to fall in love and marry.

Rating: 7.8/10

Genre: classical



3. 1984 by George Orwell:

Summary: 1984 is a dystopian movie taken from a novel by George Orwell published in 1949, which follows the life of Winston Smith, a low ranking member of 'the Party', who is frustrated by the omnipresent eyes of the party, and its ominous ruler Big Brother. 'Big Brother' controls every aspect of people's lives.

Rating: 10/10

Genre: Classical



4. Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Summary: Great Expectations follows the childhood and young adult years of Pip a blacksmith's apprentice in a country village. He suddenly comes into a large fortune (his great expectations) from a mysterious benefactor and moves to London where he enters high society.

Rating: 3.8/5

Genre: Classical



5. Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Summary: The novel follows the story of Jane, a seemingly plain and simple girl as she battles through life's struggles. Jane has many obstacles in her life - her cruel and abusive Aunt Reed, the grim conditions at Lowood school, her love for Rochester and Rochester's marriage to Bertha.

Rating: 4.1/5

Genre: Classical



6. Moby Dick by Herman Melville

Summary: Is an 1851 movie taken by a novel by American writer Herman Melville. The book is the sailor's narrative of the obsessive quest of Ahab, captain of the whaling ship Pequod, for revenge against Moby Dick, the giant white whale that on the ship's previous voyage bit off Ahab's leg at the knee

Rating: 3.5/5

Genre: Classical



7. And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Summary: Ten strangers are brought to a distant island in this tense drama based on Agatha Christie's mystery book. While they wait for the mysterious host to emerge, a recording accuses each of the guests, including Judge Francis J. Quinn Cannon and Dr. Edward G. Armstrong, of heinous crimes, and they begin to be murdered one by one. As the survivors struggle to keep their wits about them, they come to an unsettling conclusion: one of them must be the murderer.

Rating: 7.4/10

Genre: Mystery movie



8. Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Summary: An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, detective Hercule Poirot must identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again.

Rating: 4.2/5

Genre: Mystery movie

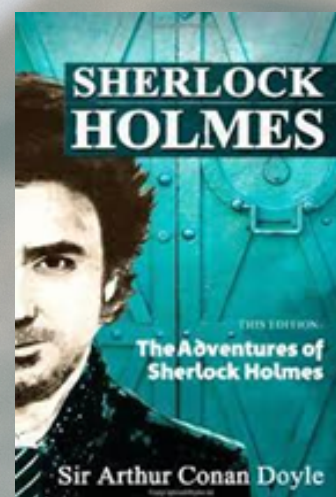


9. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

Summary: Sherlock Holmes is a private detective who has keen powers of observation. He lives at 221b Baker Street in London. He notices things that others simply don't and then he draws accurate conclusions about what he sees. He experiences strong mood swings, plays the violin, and is a master of deductive reasoning.

Rating: 4/5

Genre: Mystery movie

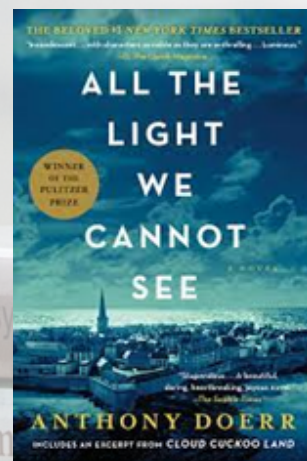


10. All the Light We Cannot see

Summary: All the Light We Cannot See traces the stories of three characters whose lives intersect during the bombing of the German-occupied French town of Saint-Malo in August 1944. Marie-Laure Leblanc grows up in Paris, where her father, Daniel Leblanc, works as a locksmith at the Museum of Natural History.

Rating: 4.3/10

Genre: Historical movie

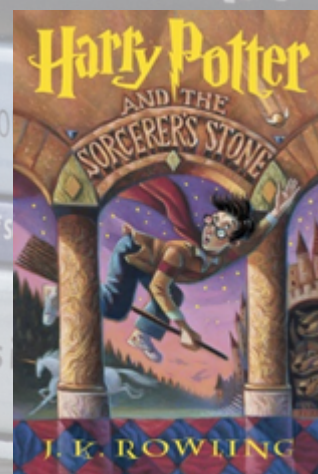


11. Harry Potter y J.K Rowling

Summary: The plot follows Harry's second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, during which a series of messages on the walls of the school's corridors warn that the "Chamber of Secrets" has been opened and that the "heir of Slytherin" would kill all pupils who do not come from all-magical families.

Rating: 4.5/10

Genre: Children's Movie



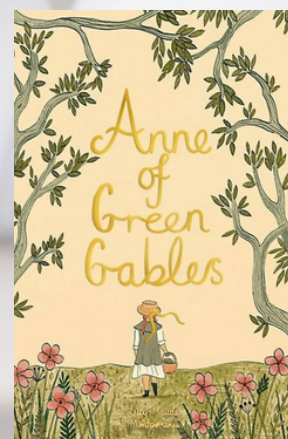
12. Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Muad Montgomery

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Summary: A sentimental but charming coming-of-age story about a spirited and unconventional orphan girl who finds a home with elderly siblings, became a classic of children's literature and led to several sequels.

Rating: 4.3/5

Genre: Children's movie



See you next year!

*Every story has an end.
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