

## WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE: Secrets of the Strangely Amazing Mansion

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Imagine, you're walking through a haunted house. You hear creaking doors and shuffling feet, yet no one is there. When you look into mirrors, you see reflections of people but when you turn around, there's nothing. A frightened feeling has you shivering all over. The place smells like burning candles and dusty walls, and there's hallways that lead to nowhere. Would you want to experience these feelings? You can when you're inside the Winchester House. With all of its amazing features, this mansion has become a popular place to visit. Some of these features are its very own fascinating owner, its amazing architecture, and its creepy ghost stories.

First, the Winchester Mystery House had an interesting owner, Sarah Lockwood Winchester. According to [Winchester-house-facts.net](http://Winchester-house-facts.net), "Sarah Lockwood Winchester is one of the wealthiest women in the world during her lifetime." She lived from 1839 to 1922. Also, in [Winchester-house.htm](http://Winchester-house.htm), it mentions that Sarah built the whole house all by herself. In other words, Sarah Lockwood Winchester was a very fascinating person that owned this incredible mystery house. Not many people could do what she did in her lifetime.

The Winchester home is known for its size, including 160 bedrooms and hallways that lead nowhere. This home is a huge 24,000 square feet. According to two sources, [countryliving.com](http://countryliving.com) and



*Lost in the Night: The Winchester Mystery House (Source: [kqed.org](http://kqed.org))*

[nps.gov](http://nps.gov), "Construction that transformed her farmhouse's initial eight rooms into a sprawling 160-room mansion that spanned 24,000 square feet, complete with doors and stairways that led to nowhere." It also states, "By the numbers, the house has 160 rooms, 40 bedrooms, 13 bathrooms, 52 skylights, 47 fireplaces, 40 staircases, 3 elevators and 2 basements." Wow, that's giant! This home is also known for its mysteries within the rooms. Some of the weirdest parts in the mansion is that one of the rooms opens to a 15-foot drop into an outdoor garden. Also people say that nine rooms in the Winchester house still haven't been discovered. It is clear that the Winchester Mystery House's architecture makes it unique, so people love to visit.

Now, the Winchester house is very interesting with its history and architecture, but what about the ghost stories? According to [patch.com](http://patch.com), Sarah Winchester's husband had a

rifle company and Sarah believed she was haunted by everyone who passed by one of their rifles. A medium came and told Sarah that the noises of sawing and hammering of nails would keep the ghosts of everyone away from her, and for this reason she kept building the house. Also, in the house there is a hallway called the Hall of Fires, where some of the house's employees say they hear shuffling coming from Sarah's room. Is it her ghost? Her servants? Do we know? But also in several pictures of this house you can

see ghosts and scary looking people in mirrors and reflections. If you enjoy houses with creepy stories like this you should try visiting the Winchester House!

In conclusion, for some people the Winchester Mystery House isn't worth going through because it's strange and frightening. Would you go? You will find that its fascinating owner, its amazing architecture, and its creepy ghosts, makes it a great place to visit ... if you're not too afraid!

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# Stevenson Ranch Elementary: The School for Your Child

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Imagine a school that has a healthy learning environment and is a Blue Ribbon school. What is the first thing that comes to mind? Well of course the excellent Stevenson Ranch Elementary! There is one question that you'll probably ask: should I really take my child to Stevenson Ranch? Well it is a great educational environment and is a really good natured school. In this article we will talk about the history, staff, PTO, activities and events at Stevenson Ranch Elementary.

First things first, we must know where the school is located and the background behind the school. According to the Newhall School District website, Stevenson Ranch is located in Stevenson Ranch, California, "a suburban area thirty miles north of Los Angeles" and was "built in 1995 and designed to accommodate 930 students..." Today, 788 students are in TK through 6th grade. Stevenson Ranch is a Blue Ribbon elementary school full of excitement and activities, but do you know the history of this amazing elementary school? "It is in this caring environment that a rich, standards-based curriculum is taught daily and children, parents, and teachers learn together. Stevenson Ranch teaches these same values and works closely with the local community in pursuing high expectations, academic excellence, and strong community involvement," according to NSD. Overall Stevenson is an amazing school.

There's many interesting things at the school today! According to the SRE school website, Mrs. Stenroos has been at this school since 2022 as principal. She started her teaching career at Valencia Valley and she moved to help out Oak Hills. She was a vice principal at Wiley Canyon and Stevenson Ranch. This



(Source: Stevenson Ranch Elementary School's website)

proves that she went to a couple of schools as an assistant principal and a teacher. Also on the SRE website, Mrs. Camara is the assistant principal right now. She's been here since 2022 as well. She began teaching in 2002 after she graduated from the University of Arizona. She has taught 2nd grade to 8th grade. Before being at Stevenson Ranch, she was an assistant principal at Sulphur Springs School District. According to the website, it says, "For 3 years, Mrs. Camara served as an assistant principal in Sulphur Springs school district, and this is her second year serving as an assistant principal with Newhall School District." This shows that Mrs. Camara has a lot of experience in education. There are many great teachers at the school, and some have even been here since the school first opened. Mrs. Zdawczyk and Mrs. Meyers are originals to the school, according to our interview with Mrs. Zdawczyk. Also, the PTO president is Mrs. Grossi, and the vice president is Mrs. Rivera. They try their best to collect money to do fun events, such as, silly string, or

Wrangler Festival!

There are many types of fun activities at Stevenson Ranch Elementary, some old and some new. We had an exclusive interview with a student who was at the school back when it first opened—Andrew Veis. According to Andrew Veis, he got to vote on the official mascot for Stevenson Ranch Elementary. (SRE is home of the Wranglers, but he voted for the Rangers.) Interestingly, Gold Rush day was around when the school first opened and was one of Veis' favorite school memories. The 4th graders still participate in this fun activity each year! Another fun thing at SRE, according to Mrs. Sadowski who is a teacher at the school, is the Wizard of Oz. In the past, this was a play performed by the first graders but now it is a play by the second graders. Also, there used to be a tradition that was a student and staff favorite called the Tri-R-Athon. The Tri-R-Athon was a fundraiser where students would get pledges for the three R's: reading, running and 'rithmetic, and students would also perform fun chants before the events started. Another activity is the

Wrangler Festival, which used to be called Wrangler Roundup. Things to look forward to now as a Wrangler at SRE are monthly Boots Bash student and staff awards, attendance winners, and the Expressions art competition, and if you're in 5th grade like we are you can enjoy participating in the play "Miracle in Philadelphia" and fun square dancing. All of this shows that there are many fun activities and awards at Stevenson Ranch Elementary.

In conclusion, Stevenson Ranch Elementary is a school that has everything a school would need and is a great place for education. It has several fun and creative things such as history, activities, and has a good-hearted staff and PTO. Overall Stevenson Ranch Elementary is such a good school if you want to get a great learning program and a healthy learning environment.



# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## Creatures of the Deep Blue: From Above and Below the Water

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Have you ever wondered what lies deep in the ocean of mysterious blue? Well, there are many animals from the daylight zone to the midnight zone, including the axolotl, the sea otter, and the whale shark.

One beautiful amphibian that looks like a fish and lives in the ocean is the Axolotl (AK-SUH-LAA-TL.) According to sitsequest.com, "These cuties are native to our home planet and originate in the wild in Mexico. In more recent years, the axolotl can be found in many homes and aquariums around the world." This illustrates that axolotls live in many areas and are wild in Mexico. The area where the wild axolotls are mostly found is Lake Xochimilco (SOW-

CHEE-MEEL-KOW). This is because the lake has a high-altitude body of water surrounded by a risky terrestrial environment. Sadly, Axolotls are critically endangered.

Sea Otters live in the deep blue of the North Pacific ocean. According to a-z-animals.com, these otters usually rest on the rocky shores. Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Russian East Coast, and California are spots where otters stay. Only some live in Mexico and Japan. Where they can be found are ponds, marshes, lakes, streams, and rivers. Although Sea Otters live in so many places, they are found very rarely. Their population is about 3,000 today.

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***-sitsequest.com***

That's not that much compared to insects—their population is 10 quintillions! There is so little because people hunt these cute creatures. Why? Hunters kill them because of their rare fur pelts, or skin. Others hunt them for sport. People use their skin for artwork, hats, mittens, purses, scarves, vests, and

blankets. This shows that even though otters are in many places, they also get eliminated.

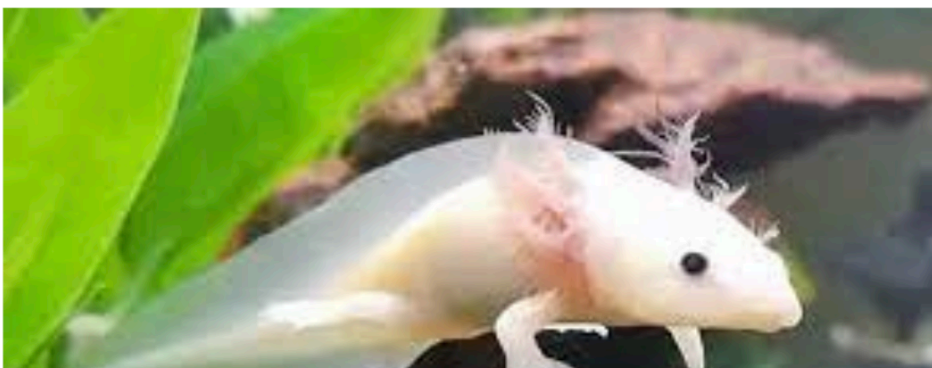
Around the world, where sea otters live, they are still wanted for food and skin.

Whale sharks are another animal that

lives in the big blue! According to nationalgeographic.com it says that whale sharks have very blunt, long, flat faces with spots covering their entire top part of their body. Their mouths can reach up to a whopping 6ft, and their body length can reach up to 62 ft long! Whale sharks have parts that other sharks don't have, featuring two dorsal fins, and two lateral pectoral fins. Since their mouths are very long

people usually think they eat big animals, but they don't! Their throat is only as wide as a full grown man's arm! They have 4,000 tiny teeth that have no use to them! This paints a picture of what a whale shark looks like! Whale sharks are very unique compared to other sharks. They are the largest fish in the world, and the second largest shark is only 26 ft long! Whale sharks are a sight to see but when you don't know what something looks like, then how are you supposed to know what it is? That's why now you can paint a picture in your mind of what a whale shark looks like! If you ever see a whale shark, you can point out all the facts about them!

In conclusion, the axolotl, the sea otter, and the whale shark are very special and important. You will find that whale sharks are very unique compared to other sharks; sea otters, no matter where they go, are always wanted and hunted for food and their skin; and axolotls live in different areas you might have never even heard of! So if you ever see one you now know all of their different, unique facts!



Axolotl, the sea otter, and the whale shark. (Sources: PBS, hygger, A-Z animals)





(Source: istockphoto.com)

# Three Mind-Blowing Secrets About VR

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“Virtual reality is the 'ultimate empathy machine.' These experiences are more than documentaries. They're opportunities to walk a mile in someone else's shoes.” -Chris Milk. Virtual reality tricks your brain to let you experience things like never before.

To learn about virtual reality (VR for short), you need to understand the elements to know how it works. First of all, virtual reality is a setup that uses tech to trick your brain into thinking that you are in a 3-D world. According to 42interactive.com, the main elements of VR are “Components, combined with sophisticated Virtual Reality software, allow the headset to function properly and usable for users. Once the headset is turned on, users are greeted by a realistic virtual environment that acts as a lobby and is equivalent to a computer's homepage.” VR works on some main elements to give you the full Virtual Reality experience and a great way to cure boredom.

VR has many ways to trick your brain so you can feel like you are in the game. According to kids.frontiersin.org, it states that our brain perceives info by

using our senses. It also states “the act of transmitting information from the sense organs to the brain. What happens next is that the brain interprets this information, allowing us to understand what is happening in the environment.” and that when the brain interprets the senses that create our understanding is called perception. This proves that VR can trick your brain because it is showing the process on which VR can trick the brain. It explains that VR copies the process on which the brain uses perception.

VR is made with OLED and LCD monitors. According to TeamViewer, “A virtual reality headset typically includes two small high resolution OLED or LCD monitors ...” This shows that VR is made from OLED or LCD monitors because it says that they have high resolution OLED or LCD monitors.

In conclusion, all of these topics could have helped you understand more about VR like how VR works, how VR is made, and how VR tricks your brain. As Mark Zuckerberg said, “Virtual reality was once the dream of science fiction. But the internet was also once a dream, and so were computers and smartphones. The future is coming.”

# Corn Moons and Snow Moons: Five Fascinating Facts

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Did you know there are many different names people use for moons? Keep reading to learn about corn moons and snow moons. They have differences and similarities and also some fun facts.

There are many interesting things about corn moons and snow moons, including differences and similarities. Native American tribes named these moons based on the time of year. According to timeanddate.com, it says “The February Full Moon is named after the snow on the ground. Some Native American tribes named this the Hunger Moon; others call it the Storm Moon.” Corn moon comes “from Native American tribes harvesting their corn around that time.” According to multiple sources, the differences are that the corn moon is in September and the snow moon is on February corn moons usually appear in the early hours. Snow moons mean that change won't always show and corn moons mean that it is a full moon in that month (space.com, spiritualityhealth.com, king5.com). This proves that the corn moon and snow moons have different similarities and

differences.

This year in 2023, we were able to see the corn and snow moons around their usual times. According to timeanddate.com, it states, “On February 24, 2023 at 4:30 am, the snow moon appeared. On September 29, 2023 at 2:57 am 2023, the corn moon appeared.” This shows that snow moons are around February or September and corn moons are around February. This also means they happen every year.

There are many fun facts about the corn and snow moons. The next harvest moon will be next September in 2024. It's called the Corn Moon because it corresponds with the time corn is harvested in the Northeast. It's called the Corn Moon because it corresponds with the time corn is harvested in the Northeast. Other tribes had other names for this month's moon. For instance, the Omaha people called it Moon When the Deer Paw the Earth. For more look at timeanddate.com and cityviewmag.com

Did you know there are many different names people use for snow and corn moons? Corn moons and Snow moons have differences and similarities, and many fun facts.



Snow moon. (Source: spiritualityhealth.com)



# Seven Scary Facts About Black Holes

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Imagine a wall of sheer blackness destroying everything that comes close. This is a result of a black hole. Black holes are a fascinating scientific phenomenon. Keep reading to find out what a black

hole is, how they are made, and more interesting facts about black holes.

A black hole is a dense pocket of matter that warps the fabric of space-time. According to new.nsf.gov, "Black holes are extremely dense pockets of matter,

objects of such incredible mass and miniscule volume that they drastically warp the fabric of space-time." This illustrates how black holes are made and what they are. New.nsf.gov also states, "These monsters of the universe are nearly undetectable unless they are feeding on space stuff" which

shows that black holes are very dangerous. However, we are safe from black holes because the closest black hole known is currently 1,560 lightyears away. That's incredibly far!

Black holes are made in an explosive way. According to science.nasa.gov, "Most black holes form from the remnants of a large star that dies in a supernova explosion." This shows that black holes can happen anywhere and are very dangerous. A supernova can happen in two different ways. One way is when a sudden re-ignition of nuclear fusion in a white dwarf happens. Or when the sudden gravitational collapse of a massive star's core.

Did you know that black holes can't be seen or heard? Another fun fact is that they can be small enough to fit into your pocket. According to Nasa scientists, you can't use giant telescopes with x-rays but we can use inferences to tell when they can come or where they have been.

Black holes are an amazing scientific phenomenon. They are made in an interesting way and have many interesting facts.



Black holes size difference to planet. (Source: astrocamp.org)

## Three Fascinating Abilities of Three Fascinating Animals

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Have you ever wanted to learn about a few fascinating animals? Three unique animals are Pangolins, Nudibranchs, and Fennec Foxes. Pangolins, Nudibranchs, and Fennec Foxes each have their own unique abilities. If you ever wanted to learn about some interesting animals, then keep reading.

Nudibranchs have a fascinating way of surviving. According to



Nudibranch. (Source: belowsealevel.mt)

www.thoughtco.com, the nudibranch absorbs nutrients from the algae's chloroplasts (zooxanthellae) into the cerata from the sun using photosynthesis; this will sustain the Nudibranch for months. This is why I think Nudibranchs are fascinating creatures; they don't need food, the way they get their nutrients are from the sun and algae.

Pangolins are fascinating animals. One reason why Pangolins are unique is because of how they protect themselves, they curl into a ball as their outer layer is tough enough to deflect a bullet. According to save pangolins.org, it says, "When threatened, pangolins can quickly curl into a ball, protecting their defenseless undersides." In my opinion I think pangolins are fascinating

animals because of their unique way of protecting themselves.



Pangolin. (Source: savepangolins.org)

Fennec foxes are very unique and fascinating animals. They are able to adapt to the hot desert climate by using their long ears to make the air cool down before it enters their lungs. They also have thick fur on the bottom of their paws that acts like insulation, preventing their feet from burning on the hot sand of the desert. According to www.theedadvocate.org, it says, "Fennec foxes have adapted to the hot desert climate. Their long ears cool down the air before it enters their lungs. They also have thick fur

on the bottom of their paws that acts as insulation, keeping their feet from burning on hot sand." This is one out of many reasons why I think Fennec Foxes are unique and fascinating. They are able to adapt to their hot desert climate.



Fennec Fox. (Source: robertharding.com)

Overall, each of these animals are able to have the ability to do their own thing. Nudibranchs have their own ability to survive on sun and algae, Pangolins have their own ability to protect itself uniquely, and Fennec Foxes have their own ability to survive and adapt to their hot desert climate.

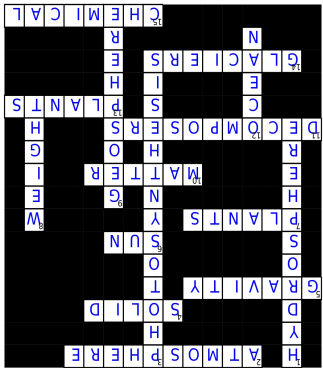


# Crossword Puzzle:

## 5th Grade Science

Across

2. air makes up this Earth system
4. liquid, gas, \_\_\_\_
5. pulls objects towards Earth
6. appears larger and brighter than other stars
7. almost any kind of animal's food can be traced back to this
10. made up particles that are too small to be seen
11. organisms that break down dead organisms
13. get their material for growth from air and water
14. much of Earth's fresh water is frozen here

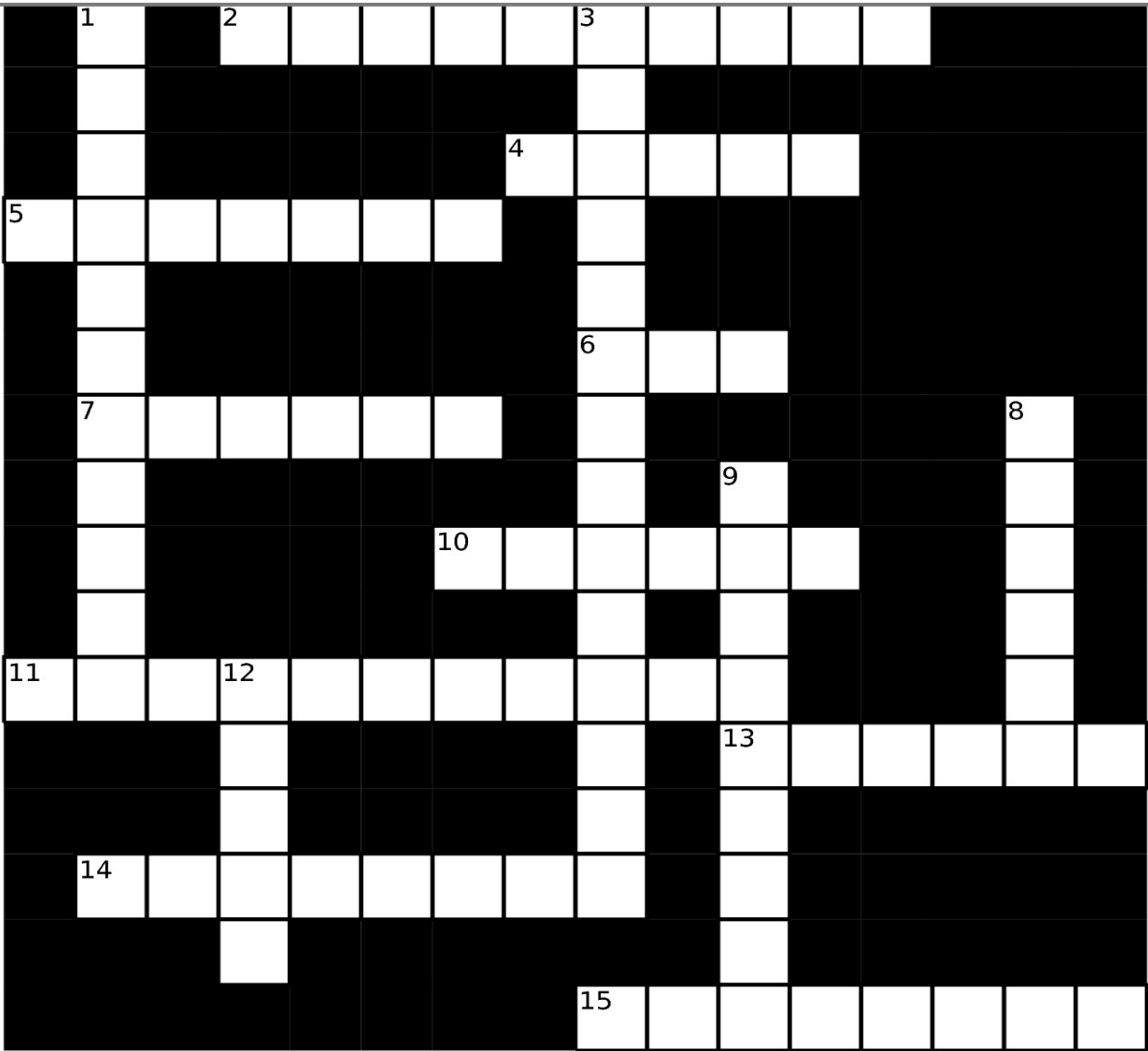


Answers

15. two or more substances mixed to make a new substance to create this reaction

Down

1. water and ice make up this Earth system
3. chemical process that forms plants



8. conserved even when matter changes form
9. solid and molten rock, soil, and sediments make up this Earth system

# The Teardrop Panda

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Imagine, a red fluffy fierce looking animal. Can you guess what it is? A red panda! In this article you will find out many interesting facts about the red panda like how red pandas look different than other animals and where red pandas live and, most important of all, what people call the red panda such as nicknames. There are a lot of distinguished colors and unique looks of the red panda.

Red pandas have a unique look. According to nationalzoo.si.edu, “they have white faces with a red-ish brown tear drop shape on their face.” This shows that the distinguished looks and colors are on their faces and many other parts. The tear drop shape makes the red panda look distinguished and unique because you can’t find all animals who would have a teardrop shape on their face.

Have you ever wondered

where red pandas live or if there are any threats to them in the wild? According to redpandanetwork.org, red panda’s live in the Eastern Himalayas in Nepal, India, Bhutan, Myanmar and China. Their habitat is temperate broadleaved forests with bamboo at altitudes between 2400 and 3900 meters. Some threats to them in the wild include free-roaming dogs, poaching and the illegal trade of red pandas. Free roaming dogs are a threat to red pandas because herders in the red panda range have dogs that protect their livestock from potential predators.They also kill red pandas. Another threat to red pandas is poaching because in Nepal, even though the red panda is a protected species, their numbers are dwindling as poaching and illegal trade of red pandas and their parts is on the rise.” This proves that if we don’t stop poaching and letting dogs free roam we could lose red pandas entirely.

Have you ever wanted to know



A red panda in a tree. (Source: istockphoto.com)

what different people call the red panda? According to redpandanetwork.org, “the red panda has many nicknames...they have also been called the ‘firefox,’ ‘lesser panda,’ and ‘red-cat-bear.’” As you can see, these are the nicknames for the red panda, and you can tell all the nicknames have to do with how they look. “Firefox” because of the color and

their behavior; “red-cat-bear” because of their size, color, and how the shape of their ears are.

In conclusion, You will find that red pandas are unique in many ways, in their looks, how they live their lives, and their nicknames.



# Five Heartbreaking Stories of Endangerment

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Have you ever wondered about endangered species? How many are there? What causes them to start going extinct? Well this article will tell you a bit more about them! Learn about two endangered ocean animals, two endangered forest animals, and two endangered desert animals. There are over 150,300 endangered species and these are just six of them. You will find that these species are on the brink of extinction and the only cause is, sadly, us humans.

The Vaquita and the Sei whale are two endangered ocean animals. These beautiful species are sadly going extinct. What are the vaquita and sei whales? The Vaquita is sleek, and is the smallest living cetacean, measuring less than five feet in length and weighing no more than 120 pounds. The vaquitas are also dark gray in color. The sei whale has a pointed snout and the pectoral fins are short. Sei whale's body is typically a dark steel gray with irregular white markings. According to fisheries.noaa.gov, "Less than 20 vaquitas remain in the wild, entanglement in illegal gillnets is driving the species toward extinction." This shows that gillnets are a threat to vaquitas

and can possibly lead to them soon going extinct. The beautiful sei whale is also on the verge of extinction. Over 300,000 sei whales were killed in just the 19th and 20th century. According to the WildLife Habitats website, "Sei whales also face a threat from ship and boat hits when they come to the surface for air. Other threats include incidental capture in fishnets that can cause whales to drown." This proves that sei whales are very vulnerable to fish nets and ships which will eventually cause them to go extinct.

Two endangered forest species include tigers and jaguars. Yes, these beautiful species are on the brink of extinction for several reasons! According to worldwildlife.org, "The impact from the death of a single tiger at the hands of poachers reaches beyond one single loss. If a female tiger with cubs is killed, her cubs will most likely die without their mother, and the female's potential for future breeding is lost. If a male is killed, his death can result in intense competition for his territory among surviving males in the population, leading to potential injury and death." This shows how very important our lovely tigers are to the earth's ecosystem and what a big impact a single tiger's death has. Next

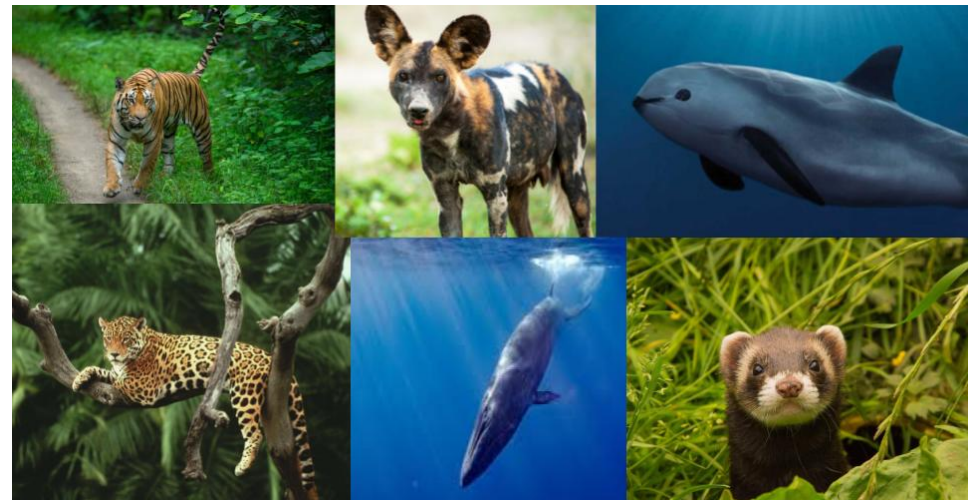


Photo collage of endangered animals. (Source: Student-created from Google images)

comes the Jaguar. The Jaguar is also endangered though slightly less than the tiger. According to worldwildlife.org, "Due to diminishing territory and, thus, diminishing access to natural prey, jaguars have begun to look elsewhere for food. Livestock living on the lands that jaguars once inhabited often become meals for hungry jaguars, who are forced to feed on these domesticated animals in lieu of their natural prey." This article also included the fact that, as a result, they became victims to farmers who might have killed them in retaliation or in a preventative attempt to protect their income. This shows that our planet's beautiful jaguars may become extinct because of farmers wanting to protect their wallets instead of an endangered species.

Two endangered desert animals are the black footed ferret and the african wild dog. According to nationalgeographic.com there are

only 350 of the black footed ferrets and there are only 5000 African wild dogs left. The reason why African wild dogs are going endangered is because of accidental and targeted killings by humans, viral diseases like rabies and distemper, habitat loss and also competition with larger predators like lions. The black footed ferrets are also very endangered because a lot of their shortgrass prairie habitat on which the ferrets depend has been plowed for crops. Prairie dogs, which are the ferrets' main food, have been reduced in number due to habitat loss and disease. This shows that some animals are getting extinct but maybe soon if we keep this up we might lose all of our animals.

In conclusion, there are more than 42,100 species threatened with extinction. These species are crucial for our environment to survive, as well as to keep our ecosystems from falling apart.

## YouTube: Was It Always Like This?



(Source: Daniel R.)

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Have you ever thought of how and why YouTube was created? YouTube was aimed to make it simple for individuals to publish and distribute videos globally. Keep reading to learn about the

origins of YouTube, how it was created and why it was created.

This is the origin of YouTube. According to history-computer.com, "YouTube is the world leader in video views, with more than 2.6 billion active users. Video is ideal for video

sharing and high-quality content because it was created by filmmakers for this purpose. This shows the origin of YouTube.

Have you ever wondered why YouTube was created? According to www.vdocipher.com, "On February 14, 2005, Chad Hurley, Steve Chen, and Jawed Karim founded YouTube as an online video-sharing platform.... Karim devised a plan to create a website where individuals could share online recordings of their lovely experiences." This shows that YouTube was aimed to make it simple for individuals to publish and distribute videos globally. You will find that there are many interesting reasons for this on YouTube. We have talked about the origin of YouTube, how it was created and why it was created.

The YouTube we all know and love hasn't always been this way. Back when YouTube was created, there weren't that many people using it. According to britannica.com, when YouTube was launched in May 2005, only about 30,000 people were logging on per day. Compared to now, that number is tiny. Nowadays, almost 122 million people log on per day. This shows just how popular YouTube has become since it was created. Another feature that they didn't have before was that they started to pay YouTubers for views and subscribers in December of 2007, according to www.thinkfic.com.

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# Careful! Dangerous Creatures!

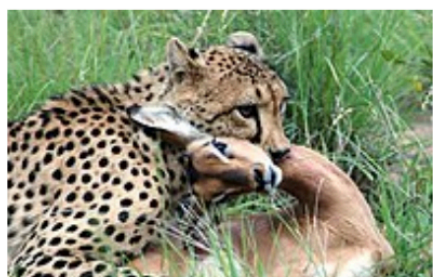


Photo collage of dangerous animals. (Source: Student-created from Google images)

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Imagine you were in the middle of the wild, full of dangerous and wild animals. They can kill you at any second! You need to know about them to be able to protect yourself. Well, how exactly though? Animals can attack you even if they are hurt—all because you might have touched their sensitivity or walked into their territory. Hippos, wolves and cheetahs are some of the animals that you must never approach.

One of the most dangerous wild animals that can show up in ponds is the hippopotamus. Research from [animaldiversity.org](http://animaldiversity.org) tells, “They have been known to attack boats and humans who come too close to their territory, and their powerful jaws and sharp teeth can cause serious injuries or even death.” This tells that the hippopotamus does not want you to be in their territory. Beware of the hippo and stay away. Also, according to the same source, “Territorial behavior consists of wheezing, honking, and dung showering... When approaching new territory they stop and turn their backside towards the area, lift their rear in the air...” Their tails swing and they scatter stuff that you don’t want to get close to!! This proves that the hippopotamus’s behavior shows they are very dangerous and protective of their land because he can attack you at

any second. You can see what its emotion is.

A wolf is also a very dangerous wild animal. According to [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov), “Like coyotes, wolves can quickly learn to associate campgrounds, picnic areas, and roads with food. This can lead to aggressive behavior to humans.” This shows that wolves can be aggressive to humans. Somehow the wolf can get on human ground and a human might want it to leave so the human might try a trick to get the wolf to leave but then the wolf might attack the human or have aggressive behavior.

The cheetah is also a very dangerous animal. According to [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com), “The cheetah is a daylight hunter that benefits from stealthy movement and a spotted coat that allows it to blend easily into high, dry grasses.” They are dangerous because they can camouflage very easily so you don’t really know when a cheetah is nearby. Although they don’t prey on humans, they are very dangerous so you should never approach a wild cheetah. They can reach speeds up to 70 which makes them one of the fastest land animals on earth and makes it super easy for them to hurt you.

In conclusion, animals can be very dangerous and you must never approach a wild one. You will find that hippos, cheetahs, and wolves are dangerous animals. Beware!

# Three Interesting & Amazing Facts About Roblox!

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Many people may wonder about Roblox. Is Roblox a good education? Is it entertaining? Is it beneficial? The answer is yes to all of these questions! Roblox is an appropriate game for kids and has parental controls that parents are allowed to change, according to your age. In fact Roblox is a VERY appropriate game that makes you entertained.

There are a lot of benefits from playing Roblox. For example, Roblox teaches kids entrepreneurship. Some other benefits are that it can boost kids' creativity and mood, it can help kids with their social skills, and get your kid to stop annoying you. This supports that most kids will like this game—young ones and teenagers too! I've been playing Roblox since I was 4 and I've never taken a big break because it keeps players entertained with all the fun and exciting games! According to FunTech, Roblox has over one billion downloads. So Roblox does have a lot of benefits.

Is Roblox educational? Yes, it includes mathematics, science, technology, and engineering. According to the IDTech website it states, “There are many

obvious positive qualities of Roblox; but is Roblox educational? Yes Roblox is a powerful educational tool that offers enriching learning benefits for kids.” It is enriching and educational because it teaches creativity such as making your own Roblox game, and it makes people become video game creators. This illustrates that Roblox can be very educational for kids since it includes math, tech and science, if you use it correctly.

Roblox has a lot of fun things. For example, Roblox has over 40 million different games in Roblox. These games have gamepasses that will let you win games and have magic carpets to let you fly everywhere you want! According to beano.com it says, “an average of 67.3 million daily active users as of March 2023, up 22% year over year.” This proves that Roblox is fun, entertaining and very popular.

In conclusion, should people play Roblox? Yes, of course people should play Roblox! It is very entertaining, it is safe for kids, it is beneficial, and it is safe for kids. You will find that Roblox has over 40 million different games, it includes mathematics, science, technology, and engineering, and it can boost kids' creativity and mood. All in all Roblox is safe for kids to play.



As you can see, Roblox is really fun, has a lot of players, and it has parental controls! (Source: Game Quitters)



# WORLD & TRAVEL

## Echoes of Empires: Unveiling the Legacies of Egyptian, Greek & Indus Worlds

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Have you ever wondered about people who lived long ago? Where they lived, how they lived, and what important things they did? There were many ancient civilizations that existed long ago, with unique ways of life, existing all over the globe. Their inventions, creations, and discoveries laid the foundations for modern technology and engineering. Three important civilizations were the Greeks, the Egyptians, and the Indus Valley. Each flourished in their own part of the world and left lasting impacts on the world.

### Location, Time Period, and Best Known For

The Greek civilization flourished for about 8270 years from 8300 B.C.E - 30 B.C.E. According to the website Greece Timeline, the Greek civilization lived from the “Mesolithic Period” - “End of “ancient Greece.” The Greek civilization lived in what we know today as southern Europe in the country of Greece. The Greek civilization was known for the Peloponnesian War between Sparta and Athens that lasted from 431-405 BCE.

The Egyptian civilization survived for around 3100 B.C.E. to 332 B.C.E. According to Britannica, ancient Egypt was located in the desert of northeastern Africa. The ancient Egyptian civilization was known for its pyramids, pharaohs, mummies, and tombs.

The Indus Valley civilization, also known as the Harappan Civilization, thrived for around 700 years, between roughly 2600 B.C.E and 1900 B.C.E. There is conflicting information about the years of the different ages of Harappan history, but they all overlap. The civilization was located along the Indus River, which stretched across India, Pakistan, and

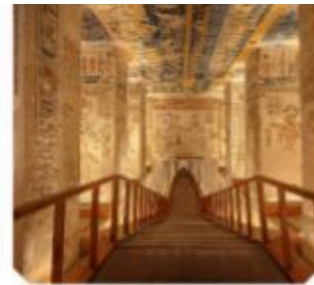
Afghanistan. According to the website drishtias.com, “The area of this civilization extended along the Indus River from what today is northeast Afghanistan, into Pakistan and northwest India.” The Indus Valley civilization was best known for inventing the first accurate systems of measurement, and their sculptures and pottery, made out of terracotta, stone and metal. As explained by Lumen Learning, “The Indus ... developed the first accurate system of standardized weights and measures, some as accurate as to 1.6 mm.” This is an example of one of the many inventions of the Harappan civilization.

### Architecture

An amazing part about the ancient Greeks is their architecture. One of their most famous structures was the Parthenon, built in the 5th century BCE as a centerpiece of the Athenian Acropolis. The Parthenon was dedicated to the goddess Athena’s role in protecting the Athenians during the time of the Persian Wars. Another structure of Greece is the Temple of Hephaestus that was according to Britannica “dedicated to Hephaestus and Athena as patron of the arts and crafts.”

An interesting part about the ancient Egyptians was their architecture. According to Britannica, “The Sphinx was made between 2575 B.C.E. and 2465 B.C.E. It is famous because it was carved from one piece of limestone.” Another famous work of Egyptian architecture was The Great Pyramids of Giza, built from 2550 B.C.E. To 2490 B.C.E. They are located on a plateau on the west bank of the Nile river.

One fascinating aspect of the Harappan civilization was their architecture. Standing since the 3rd millennium B.C.E, the remains of their structures can



still be seen. The Indus Valley civilization was famously known for their urban planning. They had structures like brick houses, large buildings, a sewage system and a place for keeping water in supply. According to Khan Academy, “They are also noted for their baked brick houses, elaborate drainage systems, water supply systems, and clusters of large, nonresidential buildings.”

### Inventions, Discoveries, and Creations

The Greeks were very inventive people. The Greek were people of war, so it was no surprise that they would invent a destruction weapon that would hurl heavy stones at their enemy, which was called a catapult. According to TheCollector, “They later developed the technology further, using it to create the ballista, which shot huge arrows across even greater distances.” The Greeks also invented the Olympics. In Greece it changed from a one day lasting event, to a three day lasting event, and ended up as a five day lasting event to play the five games that included equestrian events, running, boxing, pankration, long jump, javelin, and the shot put.

The ancient Egyptians used the stem of the papyrus plant to make sails, cloth, mats, cords, and paper. According to Britannica, “the central pith was cut into thin strips and pressed together and dried to form a smooth thin writing surface.” According to Britannica the sundial was invented in 1500 B.C.E. “the earliest type of timekeeping device, which indicates the time of day by the position of the shadow of some object exposed to the sun’s rays. As the day progresses, the sun

moves across the sky, causing the shadow of the object to move and indicating the passage of time. The sundial has a flat base and a raised crosspiece to create a shadow in order to indicate the time.

The Harappan civilization consisted of very creative people. They contributed to fields of study and were very good with delicate arts. For example, Harappans contributed to the field of metallurgy, and created detailed, hand made crafts using gems. According to Lumen Learning, “Harappans also developed new techniques in metallurgy—the science of working with copper, bronze, lead, and tin—and performed intricate handicraft using products made of the semi-precious gemstone, Carnelian.” This displays the Harappans’ creativity and close eye for detail. They were also noted for their seal carving and trade system. The seals were stamped on their products that went through their trade system, which was one of the first of its kind. According to Lumen Learning, the Harappans “used distinctive seals for the identification of property and to stamp clay on trade goods.”

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The people of the ancient civilizations had many various ways of life, around the world, with grand architecture, and numerous contributions to modern engineering, technology, art, and architecture. The Greeks, Egyptians, and Harappans are examples of these people. They were pioneers in art, engineering, and science, and have blazed the path for scientists, artists, architects, and engineers over the ages.



# Four of the Most Powerful Planes in The Air Force's Arsenal

*Caption. (Source: Name)*

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Imagine this you're blasting through the air feeling the force of gravity pulling you down to the Earth but you just keep going. This is the power of some of the best airplanes in the US Air Force arsenals. Some of the best US Air Force planes are the F-4, the F-16, the B-21, and the F-22.



(Top to Bottom, L-R) B-21, F-22, F4, F16. (Sources: Popularmechnics, LockheedMartin, superhobby, Osan)

One type of Air Force airplane is the F4 Phantom J, an inactive plane in the Air Force that was used for live air to air missile targets. According to the website [nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://nationalmuseum.af.mil), "In its air-to-ground role, the F-4C could carry twice the normal load of a WWII B-17 bomber." The F-4 Phantom J can go mach 2.23 because its powerful twin J79 engines helped the F-4 achieve a top service speeds of mach 2.23 (1,473 mph) at 40,000 feet in level flight. This proves that the F-4 Phantom can carry more bombs and ammo while the speed and turning speed of the plane is very good.

The F-16 V Fighting Falcon is the definition of crazy! It doesn't get much better than 12 weapons on one plane! According to [lockheadmartin.com](http://lockheadmartin.com), "The Lockheed Martin F-16V is the latest and most advanced F-16 on the market today. The APG-83 AESA radar enables greater detection and tracking ranges, multiple target track (20-plus

target tracks)." This proves that it doesn't get much better than the F-16 V Fighting Falcon. 12 guns can track twenty different targets at the same time and has what seems to be infinite tracking ranges.

Another type of cool Air Force plane is the B-21 Raider. According to [popularmechnics.com](http://popularmechnics.com), the B-21 has the "ability to operate without a human crew." It also states, "The B-21 Raider is America's latest stealth bomber." This shows that the B-21 raider is cool

because most planes require a human crew which can be pretty dangerous but with this plane no human lives get risked. Since the B-21 Raider is a bomber it can be deadly for our enemies and be safe for our pilots at the same.

Last but not least, another type of cool Air Force plane is the F-22. According to [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil), "The F-22 Raptor is a combination of stealth, supercruise, maneuverability, and integrated avionics, coupled with improved supportability, represents an exponential leap in warfighting

capabilities." This proves that the F-22 raptor is a great and powerful jet that is capable of striking fear to our enemies.

In conclusion these are some of the best Air Force planes. You will find that all of these, except the F-4 Phantom, are still in use so that means that there is a chance that you will see them in the air. The F-4 Phantom II, F-16V Fighting Falcon, B-21 Raider, and the F-22 Raptor are fascinating Air Force planes.

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A beach in St. Barts. (Source: otherwayround.travel)

# Amazing Columbia Facts

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Imagine needing to decide on a place to explore or to have a vacation with your family that's enjoyable for everyone. Where would you go? A really beautiful place to go is Colombia. In Colombia there are Exotic natural things, beautiful places, and a lot of things that Colombia is known for.

There is a lot of exotic natural history in Colombia to see. According to KidsNationalGeographic.com, it says "Animals from jaguars to caimans to poison dart frogs all call Colombia's jungles home," and "the mountains provide habitat for huge Andean condors and rare spectacled bears, South America's only bear species." Also it says Thousands of years ago, Colombia was nearly completely covered in jungle. This proves that there are many exotic animals in Colombia.

Colombia is one of the most mega diverse countries in the world mainly. According to Britannica.com it talks about the places in Colombia that you can travel to. "Bogotá, capital of Colombia. It lies in central Colombia in a fertile upland basin 8,660 feet (2,640 meters) above sea level in the Cordillera

Oriental of the Northern Andes Mountains. The ways to travel are the Caribbean sea and the more places like that you can travel to. And way more places you can travel to like Bogota and Cali.

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Colombia is known for a lot of things including emeralds, palm trees, and also producing coffee. According to nomadicboys.com it says, "Colombia produces 70-90% of the world's emeralds..." This shows that Colombia is the leading producer in emeralds, so they're going to be known for it. It says from the same text, "Quindio wax palms that can reach up to 60 meters (196 feet) tall." This proves that Colombia has the tallest palm trees in the world. Also, Colombia is known for being one of the largest producers of coffee as well as emeralds. "Colombia is the third-largest exporter of coffee in the world." Also, Brazil and Vietnam are also leading producers of coffee ahead of Colombia.

In conclusion, there are many different things to see and find in Colombia. You will find that Colombia is interesting because of the nature, the places and having numerous world records that people know Colombia for.

# The Titanic Panic

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Imagine being one of the biggest and best ships in history, with over 2,200 passengers. Suddenly, you strike an iceberg and the hull splits into two pieces. Quickly, you begin sinking to the bottom of the ocean. This is the story of the Titanic. How did the titanic sink, exactly? Keep reading to find out the epic story of the Titanic.

Icy waters it how it all began. According to noaa.gov, it states, "On April 15, 1912, after striking an iceberg, Titanic broke apart and sank to the bottom of the ocean, taking with it the lives of more than 1,500 passengers and crew." This proves that the Titanic got destroyed after a collision with an iceberg, and then many people aboard died after it sank when it hit the iceberg.

Why just a couple of decks sank the titanic? It is possible for this reason the Titanic's first voyage was its last. But there is much more. Did you know that the Titanic had over 840 state rooms? Maybe the Titanic's own weight was the cause of over 1,000 lives lost. But let me get

to the bulkheads: there were fifteen bulkheads in the Titanic, but guess what? Apparently the Titanic could have only up to 4 bulkheads filled with water! Isn't that surprising? Only four out of twelve could be filled up! This design flaw is an embarrassing atrocity to England.

The survivors would have died if the RMS Carpathia hadn't arrived. According to britannica.com, "On April 15 at approximately 12:20 AM, the ship received a distress call from the Titanic, which had struck an iceberg and was sinking. The Titanic had sunk more than an hour earlier, but the Carpathia rescued 705 people in lifeboats." Unfortunately an estimated 1,517 people died. This supports that the Carpathia couldn't save everyone from the Titanic and that all the survivors who did survive were because of the Carpathia.

In conclusion, the Titanic was a terrible atrocity that was a shock to all the nations. Thanks to the disaster, people learned from their mistakes and created tech to avoid another sinking.



A titanic disaster. (Source: AdobeStock)



# The Saint Francis Dam Failure: A Painstaking Flood of CA History

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On the night of March 12, 1928, something collapsed and killed hundreds of innocent people. It was one of the most heartbreaking and tragic events in California history. This happened at the site of the Saint Francis Dam. The Saint Francis Dam has a very interesting history filled with catastrophe. Its collapse destroyed everything in its path.

The Saint Francis Dam was a huge dam that was built for an important reason. According to a case study document called "St. Francis Dam ASDSO Lessons Learned," the St. Francis dam was built in order to provide a water supply for the

Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA) system. The dam was built in 1926. It was 205 feet tall, and 700 feet long. It was under the supervision of William Mulholland, a chief engineer of the LAA. It was located in Santa Clarita. This shows that this specific dam was made for a very specific reason.

On the night of March 12, 1928, the Saint Francis dam flooded. According to svcnews.com, there was a storm with heavy rainfall. This is what caused the flood. How much destruction did the flood cause? The flood caused so much damage because the dam was built at an unstable site, the construction was poorly built and there were some design problems that

didn't work for the dam. According to laist.com, William Mulholland was ashamed of himself for making a poorly made dam. According to

Britannica.com, it was so bad that 450 people died during it. It destroyed acres of land and farms.

In conclusion, the Saint Francis Dam Failure has an interesting history, with devastating events that led to broken hearts. Hopefully a tragic event like this will never happen again.



*A building destroyed by the Saint Francis Dam. (Source: Dam Failures)*

# 4 Myths That Will Take Your Breath Away



*Myths about fairies, loch ness monster, alien, bermuda triangle*

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Many myths are still unsolved, yet still remain very popular to talk about. Here are four myths of the world. Keep reading this to find out more about the legends of The Loch Ness monsters, alien sightings, the Bermuda Triangle and fairies.

The Loch Ness Monster has been a worldwide myth since

1933. According to discovery.com, the Loch Ness monster has been a big debate for a long time. Some people believe in it and others think it is a silly idea to even believe it is real. 1933 was the first "real" sighting of the beast. After that there was a reward of approximately US \$20,000. But no one has claimed it yet. Even though no one has found or proven fully that the Loch Ness Monster is real or not, the myth is still to live on.

Another secret of the world is the Bermuda Triangle. According to britannica.com, more than 50 ships and 20 airplanes are said to have mysteriously disappeared in this area. Bermuda Triangle research ships have been discovered completely abandoned for no apparent reason; others transmitted no distress signals. Some say that there is a disturbing secret or creature in the Bermuda Triangle. This illustrates that the Bermuda Triangle is still a big mystery. Myth or fact? Will we ever learn the truth...?

Next, there are aliens. Do they really exist? According to history.com, some people have reported the "appearance of small alien creatures .. silvery objects .. real bright, with an exhaust of all the colors of the rainbow." It also states, "One of the men reported seeing the other pulled up into a flying silver disk..." Further, three days later, the supposed abductee's body was found 10 miles away. This might prove that aliens do exist because there isn't anything on Earth that has rainbow exhaust. Also, there isn't anything that represents a

U.F.O. But the big question is, can we really believe just a few people who claim that they saw this? Is there any real evidence?

Fairies are another myth with an interesting past. According to usatoday.com "These mystical figures are an interesting part of European history and folklore." In HistoricUK.com it states that brownies or other hobgoblins are guardian fairies and in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. There are many debates whether fairies are real and where they come from this is shown in many books. Some evidence from Fairyist.com states, "By fairy sightings we mean descriptions from individuals who have seen, heard or smelt fairies (or believed they have); some of these deal, meanwhile, with actions by individuals who clearly believe in fairies and act on that basis." This suggests fairies could have originated from European culture and that fairy sightings could have been with other senses.

In conclusion, there are many different myths and questions of the universe that we can solve and some that we can't. And of course, there are many more myths to discover and tell.



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# SPORTS

## Three Young & Special Rookies to Watch

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There are some great rookies right now, and we want to tell you the top three American sports rookies to watch. Even though there are tons of good rookies right now such as, James Outman, Devon Witherspoon, Brian Branch, Christian Gonzalez, Sam LaPorta, just to name a few, there are some truly amazing ones that really stand out. That's right, we're talking about CJ Stroud, Triston Casas, and Bryce Young.

Triston Casas is for sure one rookie to look out for. According to mlb.com he has a mind blowing 475 slugging percentage and 29 home runs in his rookie year! Triston Casas is "subjectively one of the most obvious future hall of famers ever to live, with over 500 plate appearances and a

217 WRC+." Triston plays for the Boston Red Sox, and plays first base quite well. All of this and he's a rookie! Wow! In our eyes Triston is definitely one to look out for.

Football rookies this season are good, but there's one in particular who is amazing: CJ Stroud. According to ESPN.com, CJ Stroud remained mistake free for most consecutive pass attempts to start a career the fifth time in as many NFL games, breaking Dak Prescott's record. It may not seem impressive, but I want you to try it and that and see how hard that really is!

One other football rookie who is standing out this season is Bryce Young. According to ESPN.com, Bryce Young is a quarterback for the Carolina Panthers and is skyrocketing up the rankings. He is well known for being a great quarterback for a rookie and is for sure one to look out for. Bryce is a 21 year old junior and is truly a remarkable QB for his age. He



Keep your eyes on these rookies. (Source: Student-created collage from Google)

is an amazing player, and over 11 games as a Quarterback he threw 1,877 passing yards, 9 touchdowns and has a SMP 61.7.

In conclusion, there are some really good rookies out there, and they for sure deserve to be

watched. With CJ Stroud breaking records, Triston Casas 475 slugging percentage and 29 home runs in his rookie year, and Bryce Young skyrocketing up the ranking, these are for sure the top three American sports rookies to look out for!

## Olympic Gold Medalist Yumagucci's Favorite Sport

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Imagine you're stepping on the ice for the first time and you wonder how this sport came to be? What were the first skates? Who are the famous Olympic skaters? Figure skating is a very fascinating topic, including its history, famous skaters and the first pair of skates.

Where the first ice skates came from is very interesting! The first skates were made of bones. According to history.com, "The earliest evidence of ice skating dates to approximately 3,000 B.C. when inhabitants of Scandinavia and Russia filed

and fashioned the shin bones of large animals such as horses, deer and sheep into skates for wintertime travel on frozen lakes and waterways." These were what the first skates were like.

When did figure skating become an actual sport? This sport has a lot of history. According to the Figure Skating Hall of Fame page on usopm.org, figure skating was first introduced in 1908. "It was one of the first sports with a category for women and the only Winter Olympic sport with women competitors until 1936. Ice dancing didn't become an Olympic sport until 1976." This is when the sport of Figure Skating was introduced.

There are many famous figure skaters, and Kristi Yamaguchi is one of the most famous figure skaters to represent the United States of America. She has a very interesting life. For example, although she won an Olympic gold medal and the World Champions. Surprisingly, she was born with foot deformity. A fact from olympics.com is "Through 1990, Yamaguchi competed in both singles and pairs (with Rudy Galindo). That year she qualified for the world championships in

both events, placing fourth and fifth respectively. Then she dropped out of pairs to concentrate on singles and was rewarded with her first world championship title in 1991." This shows how successful Kristi Yamaguchi has become.

As you can see Figure Skating is a very interesting topic to learn about. The sport has been around for a long time and many famous skaters like Yamaguchi are known for their successes still today.



This is a pair of figure skates. (Source: skatersedgewny.com)



# Three of the Most Amazing Football Players of All Time

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Have you ever wondered who was the best quarterback? What about the best running back? Well, this article has it all, from the best Quarterback to Fullback to Wide Receiver, with facts and stats about each player. With the best Quarterback, Fullback, and Wide Receiver, this is your go-to article.

Starting off with the quarterback position, we have Tom Brady, who is one of, if not, the best to ever play his position. His promising career started in the 2000 NFL draft where he was selected as the 199th pick and sent to the New England Patriots. This 6'4" quarterback has won the Super Bowl seven times in ten trips, and has 5 league MVPs. His speed and agility gave him a massive advantage over the other players. Later in his career, Brady was traded to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2020. According to ESPN.com, "Brady is already the league's career record holder in passing attempts, completions,

passing yards and passing touchdowns...and in his playoff starts, his teams have a 35-12 record." Not only does he have this record, but is also the only NFL Quarterback that has more than 200 career wins. This shows how hard Brady had to work to be the best, he wasn't willing to give up until he mastered it. His legendary career lasted 23 years, until his body gave out. It's safe to say, he had a very uncommon football career.

Next, we have fullback, Jim Brown, who was born on February 17, 1936. By the numbers, he's the best fullback to have ever existed. "This 6' 2" player started his career with the Syracuse Oranges in 1954. When he did the NFL drafts, he got the 6th pick, and went to the Cleveland Browns. This player has one MVP and has won three Super Bowls," states nfl.com. According to NFL football executive Gil Brandt, "He recorded 200 carries for 1,053 yards and eight scores, plus 28 catches for 299 yards." This shows his expertise in the fact that, while



Best football players of all time. (Source: ESPN)

the average running back gets about 4 yards per carry, Jim Brown got 5.2 yards per carry. He also made it into the hall of fame. Brown stopped playing in 1966.

Last but not least we have Jerry Rice, the best wide receiver in the history of the NFL, at least according to the numbers. Rice was born October 13, 1962, and attended Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena on a football scholarship, earning all America honors and setting 18 records in division I-AA of the National Collegiate Athletic

Association, making the most catches in a single game (24). "Rice was larger than the typical NFL wide receiver, and he used his size to overmatch defenders," according to britannica.com. He has won one MVP and three Super Bowls. He retired in 2006.

In conclusion, the best of each of the major roles in football in terms of offense is listed here. You will find that the top Quarterback, Fullback, and Wide Receiver is in this article, with basic stats on each one. Some football players are really, really good.

## All About the Olympics

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Imagine being an Olympic contestant: jumping hurdles or hitting a home run. The Olympics has it all, from many sports, an interesting history, and a lot of famous contestants. Amazing!

The Olympics history goes back a long time, specifically 1896 in Athens, Greece. According to olympichistory.com, "The history of the Games goes back around 3,000 years, to the Peloponnese in Ancient Greece. The first written records of the ancient Olympic Games date to 776 B.C., when a cook named Coroebus won the only event—a 192-meter foot race." According to the Penn Museum website, it states that "the ancient Olympic Games were primarily a part of a religious festival in honor of Zeus, the father of the Greek gods and goddesses." This supports that the olympics

history goes back thousands of years ago.

Today, there are many sports in the Olympics. According to www.olympics.com, the official Olympics website, it states that there are forty-seven different sports in the Olympics today - 15 in the winter and 32 summer sports. Three examples are basketball, track and field, and volleyball (all popular summer games sports) but of course there are many more sports to watch!

There have been many famous people in the Olympics. According to people.com, Ian Millar, a Canadian horse rider, has the most appearances in Olympic history. Another famous Olympic athlete is American Michael Phelps, who has the most gold medals and has a total of 28 medals in swimming. Finally, one more famous person in the Olympics is Simone Biles. She is



A gold medal that someone won in the Olympics (Source: olympics.com)

one of the most decorated gymnasts in history and also a USA competitor. Some people even think that she is the greatest of all time. This shows that there are many famous people in the Olympics.

In conclusion, there are many

sports in the Olympics, a history going back thousands of years, and many famous people in the Olympics. Be sure to watch the 2024 summer games in Paris!



# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## 2000 BCE: The Halloween Before Halloween

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Everyone knows that Halloween is on October 31st. But is this how it always used to be? No, in fact October 31st was just the night before the “actual event” which began thousands of years ago. Halloween has an interesting past, including its history, why it is scary, and why we have some of the traditions we do today.

The origins of Halloween are cooler than you might think. On the website alban.edu, it states that the Celts and the British had a festival of Samhain. It was a celebration on November 1st or as they called it their “new year.” It originates back 2000 years ago in Celtic territory.

We all know we wear fun costumes on Halloween but when the Celts originated this they didn't do it for fun, rather they did it for a much spookier reason. In the site blogs.loc.gov, it says that they had bonfires on the hill to scare the ghosts and goblins away from the people who are dead and crossing over. They

wore masks, costumes, and disguise so the ghosts, ghouls, and goblins wouldn't notice who was scaring them off. This was a tradition done on the night before the “new year” began –

October 31st. This would explain why Halloween is so scary. While the original people wore masks, costumes, and disguises to scare away ghosts, ghouls, and goblins, nowadays it's just for fun. Costumes have also changed over time so now they're not just scary; dressing up as an adorable care bear is fun and cute!

There are many fun Halloween traditions every year that all come from different places around the world. According to The Origins of Halloween website, “The tradition of carving jack ‘o lanterns originated in Ireland using turnips instead of pumpkins.” This is based on a legend about a man named Stinky Jack who constantly trapped the Devil and would only let him go under one condition that Jack would never go to the underworld. Eventually Jack died and locals began carving scary faces into their own turnips to frighten away evil spirits. Another tradition is lighting candles. According to the same source, “fire was a way for the soul seeking the afterlife. These days lighting candles have replaced the traditional blazes.”

In conclusion, this holiday is a pretty cool one! There are many fun traditions and costumes, and its history goes way back!



People dressing up to scare away demons. (Source: The Fact Site)

## Secret Starbucks Drinks

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Did you know Starbucks is one of the best coffee shops in the world? They have many wonderful items on their menu. But did you know they have secret drinks, too? We're going to give you a bit of information on secret frappuccinos, lattes, and refreshers that you can try to order in real life!

Starbucks has a lot of hidden drinks, including frappuccinos. According to goodhousekeeping.com, here are a few you can try and order:

**Ghostbuster:** vanilla bean crème frappuccino, add one pump of raspberry syrup with a top of strawberry and mocha drizzle. **Dragon Fruit**

**Shortcake Frappuccino:** a vanilla bean crème Frappuccino: ask to add one scoop of dragon fruit and add whipped cream on top and bottom. **Dirty Matcha**

**Frappuccino:** order a matcha frappuccino with a blend in a shot of espresso. **Cookies and Cream Frappuccino:** order the mocha cookie crumble frappuccino, request that it is crème based, sub out mocha for white mocha.

Starbucks secret menu has many different Lattes as well. According to www.letseatcake.com, here are some lattes worth trying.

**Upside Down Pumpkin Latte:** order a Venti Iced Matcha Latte with oat milk, then ask for only 2 scoops of matcha, ask for 5 pumps of white mocha, top it with pumpkin spice cold foam with caramel drizzle, and sprinkle in 1 packet of salt. **Moon Drink Latte:** Order a Grande Iced Matcha Latte made with coconut milk, ask for 2 pumps. **Cinderella Latte:**

Order a Grande Pumpkin spice latte, sub ½ of the pumpkin spice syrup with white mocha syrup, can ask for this as hot, iced, or frappuccino. **Iced**



(Source: Insider.com)

**Matcha Chai:** Order a Venti Iced Latte Or Green Tea Latte, sub for almond milk, add 1 pump of chai. **Oatmeal Cookie Latte:** Order a Venti Caffè Latte, add oat milk, add 2 pumps of mocha sauce, add 2 pumps of brown sugar syrup.

Starbucks sells many secret types of drinks and another type is secret refreshers. According to both goodhousekeeping.com and letseatcake.com, here are some worth trying. **Sunset Refresher:** Order a passion tea lemonade, add peach juice, add one pump of classic syrup. **Rose Gold Refresher:** Order a mango dragon fruit refresher, remove inclusions and water, sub in peach juice, add two pumps of classic syrup and two pumps of raspberry syrup. **Gummy Bear Refresher:** Order a strawberry acai, no water, no inclusions, half peach juice, two pumps of raspberry syrup. **Limeade Refresher:** Order cool lime refresher, sub water for lemonade, add lime wedges. **Pink Starburst Refresher:** Order a Venti pink drink, add two pumps each of white mocha and vanilla. **Sour Patch Kids Refresher:** Order a venti strawberry acai lemonade, ask for three pumps each of classic and raspberry syrup, top with a splash of iced passion tango tea.

In conclusion, Starbucks is one of the best coffee places in the world that has many drinks but also secret ones. In this article, we gave you a bit of information on secret drinks that you can try to order in real life!



# "A Dog Wags Its Tail With Its Heart" -Martin Buxbaum



(Source: Getty Images)

## Our Emotional Support BFFs

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Cute, tiny, fluffy, big eyes. Who wouldn't love these adorable things? Dogs are all of these things. They are good for their owners' health and happiness, and their behavior makes many breeds wonderful pets.

Dogs are so popular as pets and good for their owners' health. According to [autumntrailsvet.com](http://autumntrailsvet.com), dogs are active and energetic. To keep up with their energy, most dog owners do physical exercise. They love the outdoors, which makes their owners go outside too. Dogs are always happy to see you when you come home from work or school.

Dogs can help you with your emotions and feelings. According to [vcahospitals.com](http://vcahospitals.com), "All dogs have an instinctive need to protect their owners." With a dog in the house, the owners feel more safe because they know that their dogs will

protect them and take care of them at night. Also, sometimes people stress a lot, but when they have a pet they don't stress as much as they usually do. When dogs get used to you, they start to be there when you need them. And they are always happy to see you when you come home.

According to scientists, genes and DNA decides if dogs are social dogs. "Over the past decade, geneticists have discovered the DNA involved in key dog traits, such as size and coat variation." When you get a dog it can either be friendly or mean. So when you have a dog you can play with it and some do not. When you get back home they are very happy to see you.

In conclusion, dogs are awesome. They are good for their owners' health and happiness, and their behavior makes many breeds wonderful pets.



Adorable Labradoodle on the grass. (Source: [sugarwoodlabradoodles.com](http://sugarwoodlabradoodles.com))

## An Amazing Breed: Australian Labradoodles

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Are Australian Labradoodles good pets? Are they easy to take care of? Are they okay with children? Truthfully, they are amazing pets! Here is a great opportunity to learn whether an Australian Labradoodle is worth getting. You will also learn about the amazing history of labradoodles, and how to take care of them.

Australian Labradoodles have a very significant history with their kind of mix. According to [legendarylalabradoodles.com](http://legendarylalabradoodles.com), Australian Labradoodles are dogs that were first created by Wally Conron to make the idea of having a breed that was safe to people with any type of allergies. This shows beyond doubt, Australian Labradoodles have a rich history as surprising new breed.

People sometimes get dogs that are a little aggressive or way too energetic. To avoid that, an

answer is the Australian Labradoodle. According to Dog Time, "They are very good with children and other pets, and they make great family dogs." They are obedient and loyal to the family. And they make a very fun pet for your kids. This shows that Australian Labradoodles are really tame and are amazing pets for your kids.

Here are the steps you need to take to care for your Australian Labradoodle. According to the Worldwide Australian Labradoodle Association, Australian Labradoodles are important to clean. They need to be bathed once a month. Use a dog shampoo that rinses out well. If you are going to bathe your Australian Labradoodle at home, be sure to brush through the coat first. These dogs are easy to take care of and they don't shed.

As a result, you might want to buy this cute breed. If you do, you will find that Australian Labradoodles are great pets.



# Ridiculous Things, All For What?

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Some people just do silly things without realizing what they are doing. They will do things that give them nothing except fame. Here are some ridiculous real life stories: the lawyer who sued himself, the guy who turned into a goat, and the man who wore a fake arm. They did not think through what they were doing and didn't somehow notice how foolish it was.

An Illinois lawyer by the name of Emert Wyss mistakenly sued himself in the year 2005. The website [overlawyered.com](http://overlawyered.com) claims that Emert represented a woman, who'd bought a house then refinanced it. Wyss advised her that she could sue the company that wrote the original

mortgage, and get it done with payment for free. However, Wyss did not realize that the company she was suing was his own company. Wyss was very foolish. He studied in law school, probably got a master's degree, and still thought that he could make money by suing himself.

A goat was accused of stealing a car and got sent to prison. According to [csmonitor.com](http://csmonitor.com), the police came to report that while they were on patrol they saw some carjackers trying to rob a car, however one of them escaped while the other turned into a goat. How does a man become a goat, and how did they identify the goat was a man? The officers aren't even focusing on the guy who escaped.

A man tried to avoid a vaccine



(Source: [knowyourmeme.com](http://knowyourmeme.com))

by wearing a fake arm. Stated in [guardian.com](http://guardian.com), a man wearing a fake arm went to get a vaccination. When he sat down to get the shot, the vaccinator felt his "arm" and asked the man to take his sleeve off. The man tried to persuade the worker to turn a blind eye and did not succeed. This man most likely spent about \$500 buying a fake arm, but not getting the vaccine, which was overall pointless. In another Guardian article it claims that the

man's name is Guido Russo. The man should have thought that carefully and know the risks of getting famous (for wearing a fake arm).

In conclusion, the lawyer who sued himself, the guy who turned into a goat, and the man who wore a fake arm did not think through what they were doing and didn't somehow notice how foolish it was.

# Secret Benefits of Playing Video Games

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Imagine you are playing for 70 hours and didn't realize it. There are many good things about video games that can improve your personality.

One benefit to Video games is that they provide lots of good things to help your mind health. According to [clevelandclinic.org](http://clevelandclinic.org), "gamers who played more than 21 hours a week performed better than non-gamers when they were tested for impulsive behavior and memorization." This proves Video games are beneficial because they provide better behaviors and memorization.

Video game education is another benefit too. According to [iberdrola.com](http://iberdrola.com), video games help kids improve their powers of concentration and creativity. This proves that video games are good for kids' minds and education, and even some creativity! Video games can inspire and increase your imagination. Also, according to [living.geico.com](http://living.geico.com), "video games



(Source: [earnest.com](http://earnest.com))

can improve your manual dexterity. Video games can improve your brain's gray matter. Video games have social skills. Video games can help you be a better problem solver. You can become more physically active as a gamer. Video games can also improve your vision."

Imagine you were playing video games for a long time and

wanted to make video games. Do you wonder what the profit is? According to [online.njit.edu](http://online.njit.edu), "The average salary of a video gamer is \$ 85,000. The video game industry is worth over \$100 billion." And the best selling video game of all time is Minecraft. According to [facts.net](http://facts.net), "There are about 11,81019 existing video games as of 2019. 960 video game consoles have been released since the first

home video game consoles." With all of these games out there, there seems to be a lot of money to be made.

In conclusion, these are the benefits of video games. You will find that they are good for you, etc. This is why video games are good for people.



# Fast Food Giants: Two Popular Chains



Dress up on Halloween for free Chipotle treats. (Source: catcountry.com)

## Three Reasons Why Chipotle is Incredible

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Chipotle is known to be the best at serving mission burritos, tacos, and more. But why? The answer is that chipotle has gone through a difficult journey for food to get where it is today. Chipotle has many fun facts, an interesting history, and delicious food items.

Chipotle has come through a very long history. According to Liveabout.com, Chipotle comes from the name smoked, dried, chili pepper which comes from the Nahuatl/Mexican language. It matches the types of food they serve. Chipotle started as a small company in Denver, Colorado in 1998. At the time, Chipotle was part of McDonalds, with its founder and former CEO Steve Ells. In 2006, McDonalds divested in Chipotle. Chipotle bought back the very few franchises they sold and was 100% company owned in 2007. In the late side of 2015, many e-coli outbreaks were filed on Chipotle. This made it difficult to run a business. Later, most of the cases that were filed on Chipotle were released by the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention). When the time came, Steve Ells was replaced by the past CEO of Taco Bell. Although Steve Ells was replaced, he still remains to be Chipotle's Chairman. Today, Chipotle makes over 9.536 billion dollars a year, which has been a 13.32% increase each year. Chipotle Mexican Grill annual revenue for 2022 was \$8.635B, a 14.41% increase from 2021. Chipotle Mexican Grill annual revenue for 2021 was \$7.547B, a

26.11% increase from 2020.

There are a variety of food items at Chipotle. The inspiration for their items came from a street burrito stand in New York. According to fastfoodmenu.com, there are 65,000 different options for bowls, burritos and tacos. This illustrates that chipotle has a lot of items and options. The best selling item of 2023 is the chicken burrito. Chipotle also has a feature where you can pick your own ingredients to put in your bowl, burrito bowl, taco, and the basic burrito. They only use 53 ingredients for all their things; the favorite is the chicken bowl. Lastly, Chipotle has the world's best burritos, in our opinion. Chipotle has some festive menu items too; they have the Boorito for halloween and for Christmas they have a peppermint chocolate chip cookie.

There are many secrets and fun facts about Chipotle, according to the Chipotle website. Some of the secret things are cool and helpful, including that Chipotle has their own DJ, McDonalds does not own Chipotle even though many think they do, and there are free burrito coins or cards. Chipotle sadly does not have a secret menu, so don't try ordering anything that you don't see in front of you. You can also use promo codes to get free items on the menu.

In conclusion, Chipotle is great! Chipotle has fun facts, a cool history, and delicious items.



(Source: Bored Panda)

## Three Reasons to Avoid McDonalds

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Have you ever wondered whether McDonalds is healthy or unhealthy? Well, it's unhealthy alright. But how unhealthy do you think McDonalds is? Whatever you think, it's a lot worse. McDonalds is very unhealthy for many reasons. Keep reading to learn which McDonald items are the unhealthiest, the reason why McDonalds is bad for you, and how the chemicals in McDonalds affect you.

McDonalds food has way too many calories. According to the article "10 Unhealthiest McDonald's Menu Items" on eatthis.com, the top 10 most unhealthy McDonalds menu items are the Big Mac, Big Breakfast with Hotcakes, Caramel Frappe, Chocolate Shake, Blueberry Muffins, Sausage Eggs and Cheese McGriddle, Double Quarter Pounder with Cheese, Deluxe McCrispy, World Famous Fries, Sausage Biscuit with Eggs. These are the most unhealthy foods that McDonalds sell and sadly they are one of the more popular foods.

So, what exactly makes these foods so unhealthy? According to caveleronnews.com, there have been multiple articles, videos, and movies about how McDonald's impacts your health in a negative way. "After eating McDonald's, you tend to feel more gross than you did before and not feel as healthy as you should be." For example, 32 year old Morgan Spurlock, the star of "Super-Size

Me," ate only McDonlads for 30 days and gained 24 1/2 lbs, a 13% body mass increase, increased his cholesterol to 230 mg/dL, and experienced mood swings, and fat accumulation in his liver. It took Spurlock fourteen months to lose the weight gained from his experiment. This illustrates that Mcdonald's is unhealthy and can be very critical for your health because there is a lot of acrylamide, azodicarbonamide, and sodium acid pyrophosphate. Although Mcdonald's tastes good, it can be a huge risk for your well-being.

The chemicals in McDonalds can harm you in severe ways. According to usatoday.com and theguardian.com, studies show that a chemical named phthalates has caused many health problems such as reproductive health problems, breast cancer, low IQ, and autism plus much more. This proves that McDonalds is not exactly the healthiest choice. It is actually very unhealthy. It impacts your health in many negative ways.

In conclusion, Mcdonalds is very poor for your health because it can cause many health problems. You will find that the chemicals that Mcdonald's uses in their menu is very unhealthy because it can affect you by causing heart diseases, cancer, and so on.



# ENTERTAINMENT



Charles Schulz's Snoopy comic. (Source: news.osu.edu)

## 25 Exciting Snoopy Facts

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Snoopy is a black and white beagle with a very special personality. Have you ever wondered how Schulz came up with Snoopy? It all began with his childhood dog named Spike. This is the story of Snoopy.

Schulz's childhood is where the story begins. Spike, his childhood dog, looked very much like Snoopy. Schulz decided to name his fictional character Sniffy, but his wife said that Snoopy was a much better name. After Snoopy was created, Schulz had made several other characters like

Charlie Brown and Snoopy's wonderful siblings.

Snoopy's first appearance was on a cartoon strip on October 4, 1950 by Charles Schulz. Schulz made Snoopy not to be an average beagle but to make him unique. Snoopy has had many different personalities and many styles that he has gone through, such as his mood. According to peanuts.com, "Snoopy's whole personality is a little bittersweet. But he's a very strong character. He can win or lose, be a disaster, a hero, or anything, and yet it all works out. I like the fact that when he's in real trouble, he can retreat into a fantasy." -Charles Schulz

Did you know that Snoopy has gone through five different stages of evolving throughout the

years? Snoopy had changed throughout the history of Peanuts. According to peanuts.com, when Snoopy first appeared in Schulz's comic strip, Snoopy was a non-realistic, plain, and a black and white beagle. At this time period, Snoopy did not have any speech bubbles. Snoopy could only sit on four legs. In the 1990s, Snoopy was very skinny and was so thin. Snoopy looked very fast-drawn. Around this time, Snoopy finally got a dog house outside. In the 2000s, Snoopy looked more like what Snoopy looks like today. Snoopy could finally walk on two legs. Snoopy had some speech bubbles but the words were just scribbles. In the 2020s, Snoopy is now what Snoopy is today. Snoopy's dog house has a lot of random items inside such as a pool table, a TV, a basketball hoop, a stained glass window, a grandfather clock, a Van Gogh painting, a waffle iron, a lot of hats, and the list goes on and on. This shows that Snoopy has

changed a lot since his first appearance. Snoopy has gone through a lot of changes in his appearance and his personality. Today snoopy can be located in many places in the world. One place in the world where Snoopy can be found is the Charles M. Schulz Museum. There are many figures in the museum that display Peanuts characters and information. Another place is Knott's Berry Farm. They have a Peanuts' themed parking lot and even statues of Snoopy and Charlie Brown everywhere. There is even a place called Snoopy Garden in Jeju City, South Korea. Snoopy Garden is a relaxing park with Snoopy and his friends everywhere!

In conclusion Snoopy is a wonderful character to learn about to this day. He has a wonderful personality and will always stay as this little unique beagle.



# Swift vs. Styles



In 2023. (Source: insider.com)

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If you had to pick a concert, would you choose a Harry Styles concert or Taylor Swift concert? Taylor Swift and Harry Styles are both amazing singers. You will find that the two singers are both very successful and entertaining.

Do you know who Taylor Swift is and anything about her life? According to theswiftmuseum.com, Taylor Swift was born on December 13, 1989, and that means she is 34 years old. She lived on a farm house with her mom, dad and brother. Before fame she wrote songs and played piano and guitar and also performed. At age nine, Swift started taking vocal and acting lessons in New York City and later decided to shift her focus toward country music, inspired by Shania Twain and Faith Hill. When the rising star was around 12 years old, a computer repairman named Ronnie Cremer taught her to play guitar and helped with her first efforts as a songwriter, leading Taylor to write "Lucky You", her first song ever. This shows that her early life was interesting and cool, and this is why some songs are songs (for example the album 1989 because she was born in 1989.)

Taylor Swift has had 10 albums plus her "Taylor's Versions" . According to standard.co.uk and britannica.com, the reason she has Taylors versions is because her music was originally owned by Scooter Braun's company, which limited her control over the use of her own music, so she decided to make new albums that are the same except now that she controls her own music. Her first big hit was her song called Tim McGraw which is from her first album "Taylor Swift." Her biggest single hit of all time is

Anti Hero which is from her 10th album called "Midnights." Taylor Swift's ten albums are: 1. Taylor Swift 2. Fearless 3. Speak Now 4. Red 5. 1989 6. Reputation 7. Lover 8. Folklore 9. Evermore 10. Midnights. These are all ten of Taylor Swift's albums that she has made so far.

Did you know Harry Styles was one of the five members of the famous boy band One Direction? According to an article about Harry Styles on heatworld.com, Styles said "That's the amazing thing about music: there's a song for every emotion. Can you imagine a world with no music? It would not be nice." This illustrates how Harry Styles is Single Handedly Reshaping the Music Industry.

So, who do you think is better, Taylor Swift or Harry Styles? They are both great singers with great music. According to britannica.com it states, "The song was an immediate success, spending eight months on the Billboard country singles chart...Singles such as "You Belong with Me" and "Love Story" were popular in the digital market as well, the latter accounting for more than four million paid downloads." This supports that Taylor has very popular songs and is very successful . But according to ballstatedaily.com it says," ...listeners could really feel what Styles was writing about and relate to the deeply emotional instrumentals and lyrics. ...Styles' self-titled album felt really comfortable, and nothing felt forced. It was also more raw and vulnerable than anything created in the One Direction era." This proves that even though he didn't start singing alone like Taylor, Harry can still make great music. Which singer do you think is better?

In conclusion, Harry Styles and Taylor Swift are both singers with different talents. You will find that the two singers are both very successful. Taylor has 10 albums plus all her re-recorded albums. And, even though Harry Styles has only two albums, those two albums are very successful as well. So, who is better? It's all a matter of your own opinion!

# Rodrigo: The Person Behind the Mic

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Who is Olivia Rodrigo? Is she an actress? A singer? Turns out she is actually both! Even though she is most known for her singing, it is also interesting to learn about how she became famous and her family's background.

Olivia's backstory and how she became famous is very interesting to learn about. According to Brinnatica, Olivia Isabell Rodrigo was born on February 20, 2003 in Murrieta, California. Olivia has three pets, according to Celebrity Pets. "Her pets are a bird named Levon, a dog named Liv, and a snake named Stripes." She became famous by gaining recognition for her lead roles on the Disney television programs Bizaardvark (2016–2019) and High School Musical (2019–2022). After her TV popularity, Olivia launched her singing career. Although she only has two albums right now, they are already big hits. She is having her "Guts" concert in the spring of 2024. Olivia Rodrigo is a very talented singer and she won three grammys and 20 other awards, according to Grammy.com. This talented singer would not be here without her fans. Also while she was learning to play piano when she was younger she hated it but now she is thankful that her parents forced her to play piano because now it helps her with her music.

Although Olivia Rodrigo's music career is just getting started, a lot of her songs are already big hits. She has done some huge collaborations with other famous artists, according to Celebrity Pets. "She created some award winning collaborations with other artists, including Taylor Swift, who gave her a handwritten note and a ring after the release of her hit single "Drivers License." Olivia also collaborated with songwriter and producer Dan Nigro for her debut album "SOUR."

But Olivia Rodrigo isn't just a singer, she is also an actress. According to nationaltoday.com, she was in an Old Navy commercial in 2015, and in 2019 Olivia Rodrigo was in the show "High School Musical" as Nini Salazar. She was also in a show about 2 vloggers who go viral performing music as Paige Olvera in 2016. This shows that Olivia Rodrigo is an actress because if she would have never tried out for acting, she wouldn't have become as successful as she is today.

In conclusion, Olivia Rodrigo has an acting career and a music career that she cares about. In fact, even though her music career has been pretty short so far, almost every song that she makes is a hit.



Olivia Rodrigo, popular singer and actress. (Source: berkeleybeacon.com)



# Popular Anime Demon

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Demons, swords, fighting, fancy breathing techniques. This is Demon Slayer. Demon Slayer is an interesting anime show. It has a unique history, many characters, and lots of fun facts.

What is Demon Slayer? Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba is a Japanese series written and illustrated by Koyoharu Gotouge. "It was serialized in Shueisha's shōnen manga magazine Weekly Shonen Jump from February 2016 to May 2020, with its chapters collected in 23 tankobon," according to cbr.com. Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba manga finished after 205 chapters in May 2020. According to cbr.com, "fans did not want to say goodbye but the finale offered a glimpse into the happy future Tanjiro and his friends

fought to achieve. Not every character made it all the way to Demon Slayer's ending, with many of the Demon Slayer Corps dying in order to put an end to Muzan Kibutsuji's reign of blood and terror."

There are many different characters in Demon Slayers. According to facts.net, the main characters are Tanjiro, nezuko, and they have to go through many obstacles. Enemies like Muzan are secret enemies. "Tanjiro's distinctive Hanafuda earrings are more than just a fashion statement. They serve as a symbol of his family's heritage and play a crucial role in the plot, linking him to the legendary Sun Breather. The main protagonist, Tanjiro Kamado, is renowned for his unwavering kindness, a trait not often associated with demon slayers. His compassionate approach to



(Source: vg247.com)

dealing with demons often highlights the tragic humanity behind their monstrous forms."

There are many different fun facts about Demon Slayer. According to the nerd junction.com, Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba has been a sensation since it first aired in 2019. This illustrates who is the 14 year old

in Demon Slayer. Specifically, Muichiro is the Hashirawhomade use of the Mist Breathing sword style. He is also the youngest of the Hashira at only 14 years old, being considered a prodigy of the Corps who became a Hashira only two months after joining the Demon.

In conclusion, Demon Slayer is really cool. You should watch it.

# Disney's Darkside

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What would be the first thought in your head if someone said "Disneyland"? Many people might think of an amusement park located in California, Orlando, Tokyo, etc. However, there are many secrets to show the darkside of Disney, including Ride Secrets, and Abandoned Islands. Disneyland has many secrets that you probably don't know about, including ride secrets, food secrets, and scary secrets about Disneyland.

One Disney secret is about food. You might be surprised that Disneyland has its own secret menus. According to the source insider.com, in the past Disneyland had a secret menu food called, "Pasta Sourdough Bread Bowls," but today it's on the official menu. Another secret Disneyland secret menu food called, "The Ice Cream Nachos," is a secret menu item that includes waffle cone chips with mint chocolate chips, strawberry sauce and whipped cream, along with cherries. Yum! According to the link they don't always have the

ingredients to the secret menu foods, so you have to get lucky to be able to order one of these items.

There are also creepy secrets hidden in the popular wonder Disney. Many stories are based on the Brothers' Grimm. For example, would you think that such a beautiful story as Rapunzel was once a scary story? Well, the original Rapunzel story was actually scary! According to, www.grimmstories.com, in the Brothers Grimm's version of Rapunzel, instead of Rapunzel escaping with the prince as it was in the Disney version, something different happened. It says "In her anger Mother Gothel seized Rapunzel by her beautiful hair, struck her several times with her left hand, and then grasping a pair of shears in her right - snip, snap - the beautiful locks lay on the ground. And she was so hard-hearted that she took Rapunzel and put her in a waste and desert place, where she lived in great woe and misery." It also said that the witch tricked the prince into climbing Rapunzel's cut-off hair and when he got up, the witch pushed him to the thorn.

He got blinded and wandered off. Many years later, he wandered in the desert and found Rapunzel by her voice. They lived happily ever after. This shows that the original Rapunzel was much different from the Rapunzel from Disney. The real truth is that Disney took the story, Rapunzel, from the Brothers Grimm and changed it into a much more beautiful story.

The rides are another one of the reasons people come to Disneyland. In fact, 15.9-19.9 million people go to Disneyland yearly! Unfortunately, the rides you probably know have secrets that show a darkside. According to latimes.com, in 2000 a 4 year old boy went to Disneyland where he suffered a serious internal injury on the ride Roger Rabbit's Car Toon Spin. He tumbled out of a spinning Roger Rabbit "taxicab" and suffered deadly injuries. Sadly, this isn't the only Disney accident—you can find many more stories like this out there. Along with these despairing incidents, there are actually Abandoned Island Secrets too. According to theplaidzebra.com, at Disney World "Located in the middle of Bay Lake and 300 feet away from the shore of the city, the 11-acre abandoned Discovery

Island still remains – and with it some of the life it housed when it was operating in decades past. Originally intended to be pirate-themed, the island underwent various different plans before its final state as an animal sanctuary called Discovery Island." This Island was abandoned from Disney due to high costs of maintenance, poor attendance, etc. These are one of the secrets that show the darkside of Disney.

These secrets uncover the disturbing and sad Disneyland secrets. Disney parks, Disney Rides, Disney island, and Disneyland foods are one of the reasons why Disneyland is famous. However, even though Disneyland has a darkside and a disturbing past, it is still for families and friends to enjoy today.



(Source: wdwmagic.com)



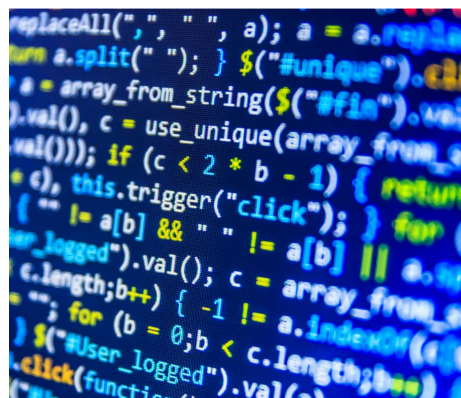
# Epic Gameplay, Boundless Adventure

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Imagine, you are playing a game, then you think, "I want to make a game too!" So you boot up a coding website and start coding. Then, you realize, "I don't know how to code." Next, you ponder, "how do people make games?" This article is about the development of games like Minecraft, Roblox and Terraria and how they were made. All these games have something in common, including their action and creativity. Roblox, Terraria, and Minecraft are games that created a lot of competition in the game development industry. Let's dive in!

How was Terraria made? The main meat of Terraria, which is a 2D sandbox game where you can build, fight, and have fun, is very interesting. According to techarx.com, "Terraria is an action-adventure sandbox game that features exploration, crafting, construction, and combat with a variety of creatures in a randomly generated 2D world." In 1.0 to 1.0.6.1, the main meat of the game was simple: collect resources, build a shelter and fight the only 3 bosses. The next update added potions to buff your character, a guide for people that didn't understand the game, and a fine layer of polish to the game. This proves that Terraria is a finely polished and good game that was originally a simple game with lots of problems, but got updated to one of the most popular video games.

Minecraft has been around since November 2011. But what is the backstory to all this development? According to thescienceacademystemmagnet.org, "This game is different from other online games where you create things because instead of simply creating structures, you also have to gather resources to build those structures." "You would also fight mobs by fighting them with weapons you can craft. This mix was unusual because most games at the time usually only had the player gather resources..." This may illustrate that Minecraft is different from most games.



*Student coding famous snake game.  
(Source: TechCrunch)*

Nowadays, it has over 170 million creators playing and has over 1000 players. Sadly, over 500 of those accounts were shut down because they could not migrate to Microsoft accounts. You see, Minecraft was made by Mojang, a game-making company. The creator and former CEO of Mojang, Markus Persson, widely known as Notch, sold Mojang to Microsoft for only 2.5 billion dollars! Today, Minecraft may have a net worth of only \$1,700,000, but many players still enjoy it!

Roblox was launched in the app store a whopping 17 years ago! According to the Official Roblox website, Roblox was founded in 2004. The founders were David Baszucki and Erik Cassel. The main headquarters are located in San Mateo, California. The first couple hundred builders of Roblox were all developers, investors, testers, and friends of the founders. It's hard to say who the first player of Roblox was since some of those early accounts are still active.

After reading this article, we hope you now know what the games are about, and how they were made. They all are creative and fun games that have endless gameplay possibilities, and are also made from hundreds upon hundreds of lines of code. Games like Terraria have lots of bosses and gameplay to keep the player busy. Minecraft uses hard gameplay and lots of updates to keep the player on their toes, Roblox uses creativity, lots of multiplayer, and multiple servers to help you have an astounding experience.

# Shocking Benefits of Creating Art!



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Do arts and crafts benefit you? Do they calm your mind? Would you want to try it? Do you want to be a creator? Are there more types of crafts than you thought? This will help you answer these questions, and also show why they are beneficial to you.

There are many types of arts and crafts that you can make, from puppets to cartoons. According to goodhousekeeping.com, it says a patterned lampshade, a wood frame, and an egg coater were highly recommended arts and crafts. Therefore, there are many different things to craft. But there are a variety of different arts, so feel free to do whatever.

A fun thing to do when you're bored or you have nothing to do is animate your drawings! According to a simple Google search, there are many apps to animate your drawings. A good example of an app you can use

is Procreate. There are many different apps as well, but this is a recommended choice. You would end up animating frame by frame, and soon it will become easy. Another good app to use is Adobe animate, it takes more time, but once you're done it's really smooth.

There are many benefits of making art. An example would be of calm relief to kids. According to Astor International School, "Art and craft activities allow students to develop their creativity and express themselves in their creations." This proves That arts and crafts will let kids feel better about themselves and express themselves.

In conclusion, hopefully this helped you answer your questions. Arts and crafts do help with the mind. And don't forget, there are many varieties of arts and crafts, from just making a puppet to being a creator using Procreate, Adobe Animate, and plenty other things!



*(Source: BarDotBrush)*



# Behind The Scenes of Swift's Songs



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Imagine you're at a Taylor Swift concert. You hear some songs and enjoy the concert. At some point on your way home you ask yourself, what do these songs mean? What are the stories behind them? Today, you will be reading an article about three popular songs titled "I Knew You Were Trouble," "Ready For It," and "Maroon." When

you're done reading this you will be in all of the Taylor Swift gossip!

Here's the story behind the iconic "I Knew You Were Trouble." The song was written by Taylor Swift herself and was listed in the album Red. "I Knew You Were Trouble" is one of the most classic songs that Taylor has ever made. According to yourtango.com, it is believed that she wrote this song about Harry Styles, who she dated. The

singer appeared to admit that "I Knew You Were Trouble" was about Styles in a 2013 interview, when she said of her Brit Awards performance, "It's not hard to access that emotion when the person the song is directed at is standing by the side of the stage watching." Styles was confirmed to be in this position at the time.

Here's the story behind Swift's song "Ready For It." Apparently there are a few theories behind the song. The debate is between Harry Styles and Joe Alwyn, and since the song "I Knew You Were Trouble" was featured for Harry Styles, it makes sense that the amazing song "Ready for it" must be about Joe Alwyn. All the evidence also points to Joe Alwyn. I hope this evidence brings you to a conclusion. She used to date a man named Joe Alwyn and her relationship had brought her to this popular work of art. In my opinion, the song can't be about Styles since there's already a different song written about him.

The beloved song "Maroon" on Taylor Swift's most successful album, *Midnights*, has not one, but two theories behind it. According to Popsugar.com, it says, "the song could be about (Harry) Styles. The line, 'the

rust that grew between telephones' possibly represents their challenging long-distance relationship in 2012." It also has been rumored to be about Jake Gyllenhaal. Again according to Popsugar.com, it states, "The lyric, 'the mark you left on my collarbone' could be an allusion to the iconic red scarf Swift references in 'All Too Well'." This song is most believed to be about Harry Styles. Even I think it is about him. There are more lyrics that mention Styles and Swift's relationship. For example, "Carnations you had thought were roses, that's us." This shows how he gave her roses but not carnations. The carnations were most likely Swift's imagination. Another one is, "The one I was dancing with in New York." Well, in the past, Swift and Styles danced in New York to show their growing relationship. And the last proving point of the day, "The burgundy on my T-shirt" might refer to when Styles had actually spilled a beverage on her at some point. IN NEW YORK!!!

So, after reading this article we hope your thoughts have been put at rest about these songs. Go enjoy the rest of your day feeling better about these songs. Go tell your friends about the stories.

# The Barbie Movie

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Imagine your childhood of playing with Barbie dolls coming to life on the big screen! Well it can if you watch the new Barbie Movie. This movie is about Barbie traveling to the human world to understand her true self.

The Barbie Movie had a lot of history before it was released. According to people.com the idea of making The Barbie movie came from Greta Gerwig. The Barbie Movie project was in the works for quite a long time. In December 2016, Amy Schumer was originally casted for star in the movie but then she backed out due to creative differences. The Barbie movie was made in Leavesden, England. This proves that The

Barbie movie has been worked on for a long time and that there were some acting issues for playing the role Barbie.

The Barbie movie has a lot of popularity. According to marca.com, the Barbie movie is so popular because of Barbie's independence and versatility (a lifestyle or a way of living). The Barbie movie is also popular because it represents that women can do anything and have the power to do anything. Barbie dolls are among the most popular toys. More than 1 billion Barbie dolls have been sold since the doll's creation in 1959, according to Time Magazine. The tagline of the Barbie Movie is, "If you love Barbie, this movie is for you. If you don't like Barbie dolls, this movie is for you!" This proves that the Barbie movie has a lot



(Source: outlookindia.com)

of popularity and is a great movie to watch no matter who you are.

The Barbie Movie has many "easter eggs" (or hidden things) to look for, and here are some. According to people.com, before the movie was out the community thought it could be a reference from Wizard Of Oz. Barbie wears a bright pink gingham dress in the movie that

looks the same as the blue gingham Dorothy wears. And a pink stone road under her convertible as she goes between the real life world and Barbie World similar to the brick road in Oz, only that was yellow.

In conclusion, the Barbie movie is an amazing movie to watch. You will find the Barbie movie on Apple Tv, Amazon Prime, Google Play and Vudu.



# 101 Fascinating Things You Did Not Know About Pokemon!



(Source: Eurogamer.net)

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Imagine you wake up one morning and you want to go outside but then your mind changes to something a little more fun, your Pokemon cards. You then remember your battles, your trades, and the pokemon itself. And then you start to wonder: how did it become like this? There are so many Pokemon items and people, but how did all of them unfold? You're about to find out! People should know about this fun game, including the history, the products, and the endless fun facts!

The history of Pokemon is very interesting! According to the article "A Brief History of Pokémon" on livemint.com, it says "Pokémon is short for "Pocket Monsters", the original Japanese name. It also says "The franchise got its name in a gaming magazine in the early 1980s in Japan—Game Freak, started by Satoshi Tajiri and Ken Sugimori. Tajiri was the

writer, while Sugimori was the illustrator." And it also says Tajiri and Co. put the idea of Pokemon to Nintendo, but they didn't really get the idea. But Tajiri was given a benefit from its previous titles and worked under mentorship from Shigeru Miyamoto to create Pocket Monsters: Red and Green a.k.a Pokemon as we know today. Pokemon is a game that combines the collecting and trading of monsters. And there began a franchise to be the second largest gaming franchise ever! This illustrates that a variety of names might change over time. And also proves that Pokemon started out small but now you know that Pokemon started out small but turned out to be a big hit!

There are many products that are made from the Pokemon Company, and here are some of them and some facts about them. According to britannica.com, Pokémon has made a ton of Pokémon products which have had a lot of success. These include the Pokémon game,

Pokémon cards, books, movies, cartoons, toys, and many more. The original Pokémon game is a role playing game which was based on your team of Pokémon battling other Pokémon to try to win. Things began to change though for Pokémon beginning in 2006, because the consoles switched from GameBoy to Nintendo DS. Pokémon Go was another game for Pokémon which has had success. When moving in real life you can walk in the game to get Pokémon. Pokémon has made another product called Pokémon cards which again, was another success yet again! The main thing was to collect all the Pokémon cards and get good ones from when you open a pack of Pokémon cards. People were collecting cards and getting good ones. Though at this day before when you opened a pokemon pack from a long time ago when they were released and it was good it will be very expensive to this day.

There are many fun facts about Pokémon. According to britannica.com and the-art-of-autism.com, the mastermind

behind Pokémon was named Satoshi Tajiri, who was born 1965 in Tokyo, Japan. He was diagnosed with autism, and his hobby was to collect bugs. Because of this Satoshi gifted everybody a gift that only he could create: a whole new game to collect. This gift was the first pokemon game, created in 1996 used by Nintendo. It was revealed that the very first Pokémon ever created was Rhydon. Even before he created Pokemon, Satoshi Tajiri was a writer and director in Japan.

In conclusion, you will find that Pokémon was a very successful company, and to this day is still a very successful company. Pokémon has made many products that have given many memorial times to people to this day. The company still is selling products and are popular, but will they be as good as in the past? But no one will know until you check it out for yourself!