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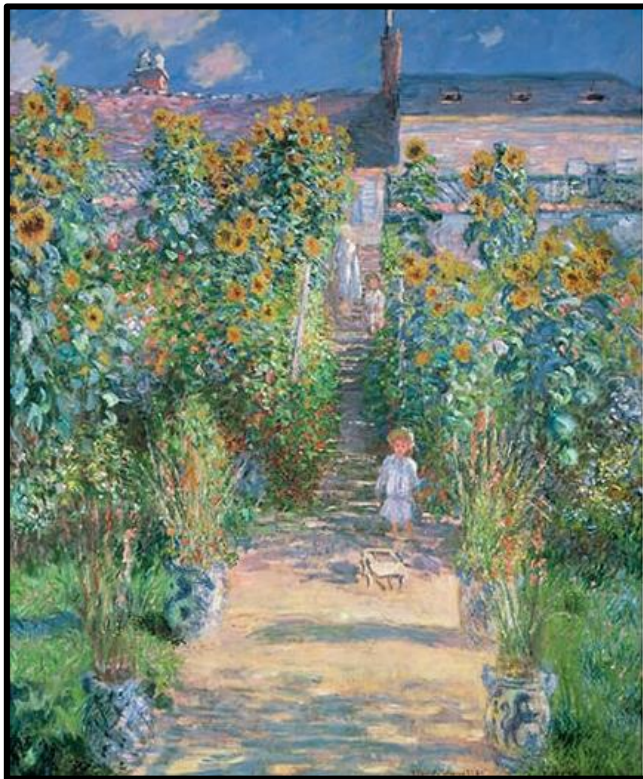


Art and culture

by STELLA KOUMPAROU

Claude Monet

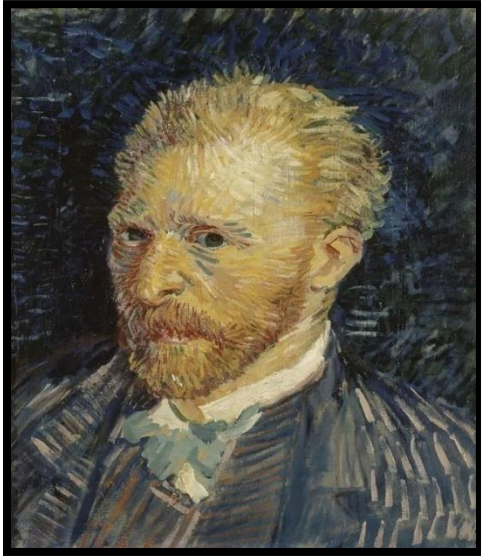
One of the most famous artists is Claude Monet. He was born in Paris and lived with his parents. His father was a wealthy merchant of the time, handling ship supplies. Ezen Bouden was one of Monet's first teachers and encouraged him to paint the country side.



Claude Monet

From 1858 to 1860, Monet returned to Paris where he continued his studies at the Swiss Academy and met Camille Pissarro and Gustave Courbet. Mone attended painting classes at university. Due to a health problem, he was discharged from the army around 1862. He watched classes for about 2 years in the studio of Charles Gleyre which was also associated with Renoir, Basil and Alfred Scales. He liked to make paintings related to landscape, still life and portrait.

Vincent Van Gogh



Another famous artist was Vincent Van Gogh. He was a Dutch artist. Sadly, his work was not a success nor was he recognized as an important artist. However, after his death his fame spread very quickly and today he is recognized as one of the most important painters of all times.



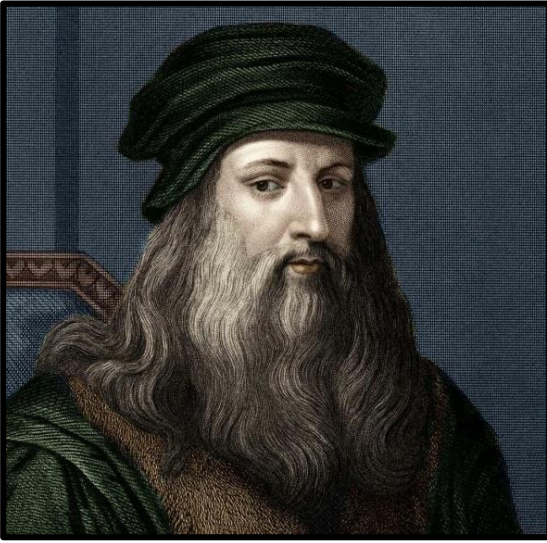
Vincent Van Gogh was born in the Dutch village of Zundert and he was the oldest of seven children in his family. From a very young age he showed tendencies of melancholy and early psychological problems. At the age of 16 and having already started unsuccessfully in several professions, he engaged for some time in the art of trade. After being fired from his job in 1876, he returned to Amsterdam to study theology (his interest in religion intensified, obviously, influenced by his father). His studies lasted for about a year. Van Gogh has been preaching for about six months, showing particular interest in the poverty of the people of the area. This is also the period during which he starts designing small works and probably decides to deal with art.

At the age of 27 he began to attend his first painting lessons. In the following years he created works mainly influenced by the painting of Jean Francois Miguel. In the spring of 1886 he visited Paris where he lived with his brother, now a successful art dealer, in the Montmartre area, the center of artistic activity. It is significantly influenced by the Impressionist movement and especially in the use of color. Van Gogh himself is one of the most influential post impressionist painters. After Van Gogh's death, his fame spread rapidly culminating in major exhibitions of his work in Paris.

Vincent van Gogh

Leonardo da Vinci

by LAPPANASTASIA



Leonardo da Vinci was an Italian polymath of the High Renaissance who was active as a painter, draftsman, engineer, scientist, theorist, sculptor and architect. Leonardo is among the greatest painters in the history of art and is often credited as the founder of the High Renaissance

The Mona Lisa is a half-length portrait painting.

Considered an archetypal masterpiece of the Italian Renaissance it has been described as "the best known, the most visited, the most written about, the most sung about, the most parodied work of art in the world». The painting's novel qualities include the subject's enigmatic expression, the monumentality of the composition, the subtle modeling of forms, and the atmospheric illusionism.



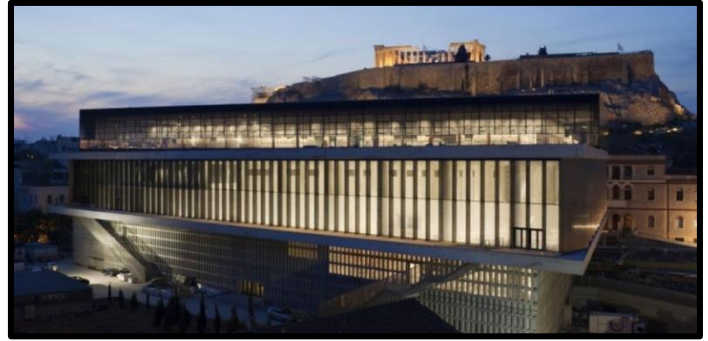
The Last Supper housed by the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy. It is one of the Western world's most recognizable paintings.

La Vinci

Greece

by KARFAKIS FILIP

Greece is a wonderful place. If you want to visit Greece the best time is at the end of spring and the beginning of summer. You can visit Greece's museums. One of these is the Acropolis museum which is one of the best in Europe!



Greece has many ancient sites and monuments. The most popular is the Acropolis, Ancient Olympia and the Epidavros. Greece has a long history, so you can do many things and visit many having to do with its culture.

There are many people who want to visit Greece. One of the reasons is its clean seas and beautiful islands.

One of the places one can visit is Korinthos. Korinthos combines sightseeing and relaxation. It is near Athens and it has the old town with Ancient monuments and wonderful beaches too!

I like it there and I try to go there every summer !



Ancient Greek Legends

by MANOLIS LIOLIAKIS

Ulysses

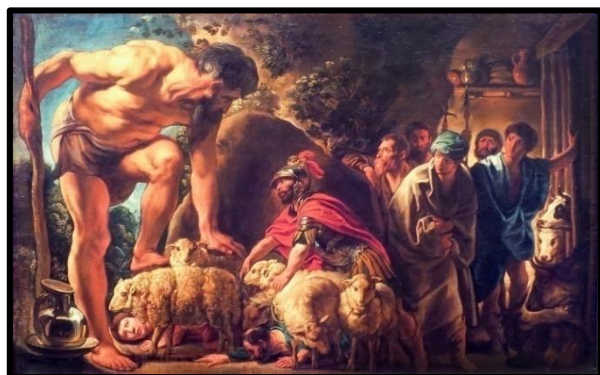
Ulysses (Odysseus), king of Ithaca, is the main character in Homer's epic poem, *Odyssey*, and also plays a big role in Homer's other epic poem, the *Iliad*. He is known for being intelligent and cunning. He is also famous for the ten years he took to return home after the Trojan War. He was the son of Laertes and Antiklia, the husband of Penelope and the father of Telemachus.



The family tree of Ulysses remains difficult to understand however. Laertes' father is Arkesios, son of Kefalos and grandson of Aelolus. In the tragedy "Iphigenia in Aulid" by Euripides, the mythical Sisyphus is mentioned as his father, while it is believed that he had a son with Circe, Telegonus.

Ithaca was one of the many islands included in the kingdom of Ulysses, among the Ionian Islands of Ancient Greece. His kingdom seems to have had a small stronghold in Greece, near the river Acheloos.

The exact details and limits of the kingdom are not known, as the information provided by Homer is unclear.



The beauty of Greece

Kythnos

by ANASTASIA FILIPPA

Kythnos is an island in the western Cyclades between Kea and Serifos. It is 56 nautical miles (104 km) from the port of Piraeus and 2 hours from the port of Lavrio. It is also called thermia (The Thermia) at least from the 12th century when the “Diocese of Kea and Thermia” was first mentioned. This name is due to the existence of hot springs which are located in the bays of Loutra. The baths of Kythnos are said to have been enjoyed by both king Otto and Queen Amillia of Oldenburg.



Kythnos took its name from the mythical son of Apollo and leader of the Dryopes. There are almost 130 chapels in Kythnos built on hills and beaches throughout the island.



Kythnos the island of simplicity and hospitality, will lead you to Cycladic paths, to white settlements, to the beautiful villages of Chora and Dryopida and to 99 beaches, which will make you quickly realize that you are in an earthly paradise.



Kolona beach is the most famous in the whole island. It is a narrow strip of golden sand that connects the island of Kythnos with the rocky islet of Agios Loukas, forming 2 beaches with clean crystal clear waters!!!

It is worth visiting this beautiful island and you will definitely love it!!!



Cities of the world

part 1

Rome city

by HELENA NASKA

Few cities like Rome offer such variety and few visitors who leave have no desire to return. As the seat of the Italian government and the Vatican, Rome is a genuine capital. It has everything you would want from a modern city, the history of the city is that it serves as a pole of attraction for visitors.



From the ruins of the glorious Roman Empire to the Renaissance and the baroque buildings of its historic center, Rome is a brilliant architectural mosaic, a true masterpiece.

Begin your journey in the Vatican City (which has been an independent state since 1929) with St. Peter's Basilica (the largest church in the world), the Vatican Museum and the shining star of the Italian Renaissance, the Sistine Chapel. Impressive architecture and art make the Vatican the top of the city's must-see list.



Ancient Rome was based on seven hills and was divided into neighborhoods with different styles and personalities that have survived to this day. On the west bank of the Tiber River, Trastevere (where locals call themselves “real Romans”) are countless authentic pizzerias and restaurants.



With the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon and Piazza Venezia all in the historic city center, it is hard to deny that Rome is one of the most remarkable cities in the world. The clean cobbled streets can easily transport visitors back to the past of chariots and gladiators, the historical significance of the city dominates in every part of it.

Along the river, where the Basilica of Santa Sabina is and the church of Sant' Alessio is the Aventine (one of the seven hills), a short walk is the area of Testaccio, where the tombs of the English poets John Keats are located. and Percy Bysshe Shelley.



Cities of the world

part 2

LONDON CITY

by EIRINI NASKA

London is a vibrant mix of grandeur, history, style and culture that every year becomes more and more tempting. Charming, with royal parks, world-class free art galleries and wooden pubs with sparkling beer. The ancient streets of London and the majestic architecture take you to the world of the past.

The streets of London take you back in time with their architecture, and the diversity of its population takes you to other continents.



London combines a colorful history and tradition with extreme creativity and true multiculturalism.

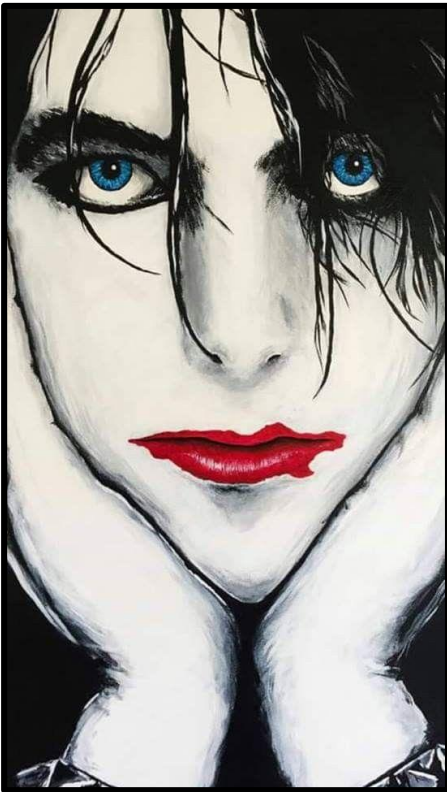
Culturally, London is amazing, with its galleries and museums, among which are some of the most famous in the world.

From the intricacies of nature housed in the ornate façade, from terracotta to Natural History Museum to Tate Modern edge artists, many of London's cultural attractions are free.

ROCK

by MYRTO ALEXOPOULOU

Rock is my favorite kind of music. I like it because it has intense sound, it has drums and electric guitars. I also like it because it has many different styles. Punk Rock, Hard Rock, Garage and others. Many bands prefer to play rock music.



My favorite band is the Cure. The singer of the band is Robert Smith, who also plays rhythm guitar. The bassist is Simon Gallup, the drummer is Jason Cooper. The lead guitarist is Reeves Gabrels and the keyboard player is Roger O'Donnell.

My favorite song is "Friday I'm in love" and "Just like heaven".

THE CURE

I would like to join a rock band and that's why I'm learning how to play the guitar. That's my dream!

Tribute to Michael Jackson

by ANDREW HYSENI



Known as the “king of Pop”, Michael Jackson was a best selling American singer, songwriter and dancer. As a child Jackson became the lead singer of his family’s popular Motown group, the Jackson 5. He went on to a solo career of astonishing worldwide success, delivering No 1 hits from the albums Off the Wall Thriller and Bad.



Michael Joseph Jackson was born on August 29, 1958, in Gary, Indiana. Under his father encouragement, Jackson’s career in music began at the age of 5.

Jackson’s mother Katherine Jackson, was a homemaker and a devoted Jehovah’s Witness. His father Joseph Jackson, had been a guitarist who put aside his musical aspirations to provide for his family as a crane operator. Behind the scenes, Joseph pushed his sons to succeed. He was also reportedly known to become violent with them. Jackson was one of 10 children. Many of the Jackson siblings left their mark on the music industry.

Why I like him?

I like him because I think he makes the best music! His music is so good that I cannot stop dancing whenever I listen to it! Michael Jackson always puts me in a great mood with his funky tunes.



A biography of a historical figure

by AGGELOS KARADIMOS

Julius Caesar

At around the age of six, he began his education. He was taught by a private tutor named Marcus Antonius Ghipho. He learned how to read and write. He also, learned about the Roman law and how to speak in public. These were important skills he would need as a leader of Rome.

Caesar's father died when he was sixteen years old. He became the head of the family and was responsible for his mother Aurelia and his sister Julia. At the age of seventeen he married Cornelia, the daughter of a powerful politician in Rome.



Julius Caesar was born in Subura, Rome in the year 100BC. He was born to an aristocratic family that could trace their bloodlines back to the founding of Rome. His parent's were well-off but they weren't rich by Roman standards. His full name was Gaius Julius Caesar.

At the age of 40 Julius Caesar was elected consul. Consul was the highest ranking position in Roman Republic. He became governor of the province of Gaul.

Some people in Rome felt that Caesar was too powerful. They were worried that his rule would put an end to the Roman Republic. They plotted to kill him. The leaders of the plot were Cassius and Brutus. He died on March 15, 44BC



The assassination of Julius Caesar

FAVOURITE SPORTS

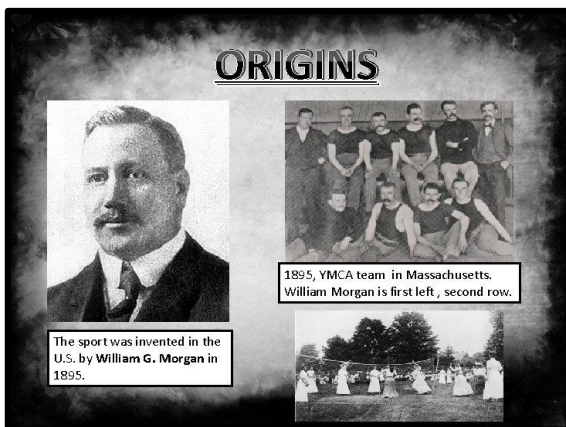
THE HISTORY OF VOLLEYBALL

by EVANTHIA KONGINI

Volley was invented in 1895 by the American professor William Morgan, who worked at the XAN (YMCA) branch in Holiok, Massachusetts. Trying to create an indoor team game without the risk of injury, he invented volleyball. He originally named the game Midonet. The name volleyball was given a little later, after a demonstration match, probably by Alfred Hallstead.



Originally played with several balls. In 1900, the first special volleyball was made. In 1947 the international volleyball federation was founded in Paris, which formulated international regulations. In 1963 the European Volleyball was included in the program of the Tokyo Olympics, for both men and women.



The new sport spread very quickly in the US states and around the world. It was transported to Europe during World War 1 by American Soldiers.



In Greece volleyball was first introduced in 1922. In 1929-1932 volleyball teams were created. The decade 1930-1940 followed with the greatest spread of the sport that was stopped by World War 2 and then the civil war.



1970 is the most important station for Greek volleyball. The efforts of Theodoros Andreakos for the separation of volleyball from basketball into two independent federations are successful. The first Balkan Games are established and held in Athens with unprecedented influx of people.



Sea of Thieves

by NIKOS MILIONIS

Sea of Thieves is a first-person adventure game developed by Rare and published by Microsoft Studios. In the game, players explore a large ocean on a pirate ship. The game is described as a "shared world adventure game", which means groups of players will meet regularly during their adventures, sometimes being friends, sometimes going head-to-head.



The player assumes the role of a pirate who completes voyages from different trading companies in order to become the ultimate pirate legend.

Sea of Thieves

At the beginning of the game, the players select their own unique pirate character. Then, players have to choose their ship. There are three ships available. The small but easier to sail Sloop, the medium-sized Brigantine, which is the fastest ship and the large-sized Galleon, the most difficult to control. The Sloop is good for one up to two players, the Brigantine for two up to three players and the Galleon for three up to four players.



When playing in a group, each player chooses a role such as steering the ship, loading the cannons, navigating, boarding enemy ships, searching for enemies with his spyglass from the crow's nest and much more. If areas under the deck take damage by crashes or incoming cannonballs, water will flow in and cause the ship to slowly sink.

Players need to patch up the holes with planks of wood, that can be found in barrels and bail out water using buckets. If a player is killed by enemy players or skeletons, he is sent to a ghost ship known as the Ferry of the Damned where he waits until a door opens and respawns to his ship. Players can play musical instruments together and drink at taverns. Also, they can do activities like fishing, hunting, and cooking. A competitive multiplayer mode named "Arena" allows up to six teams of players to compete against each other by gathering silver in smaller maps.



When exploring a new location players can find various resources: food like bananas, coconuts, and mango fruit, which restore their health, planks of wood and cannonballs. Weapons including swords, pistols, blunderbusses, and sniper rifles can be used to defeat enemy players, skeletons and sharks. Sea of Thieves is a commercial success.



Players can complete voyages offered by the game's three main trading companies: Gold Hoarders, Order of Souls, and the Merchant Alliance. In the quests offered by Gold Hoarders, players are given a treasure map or a riddle to locate a treasure. The quests offered by the Order of Souls are combat challenges. Merchant Alliance's missions demand players to deliver alive animals, cooked food and goods to vendors within a limited time. Completing voyages gives players gold, which can be spent on buying cosmetic items. Pets, emotes and further cosmetic items can also be purchased using real-world currency by accessing the Pirate Emporium store.





by VAGGELIS FILIPPOPOULOS



Halloween is celebrated on October 31. It is a holiday that marks the day before the western Christians feast of All Saints or All Hallows and initiates the season of Allhallowtide.

It is celebrated with pranks, parties, costumes and trick-or-treating. People also carve faces out of pumpkins.

All Saints Day in Greece, however is observed on December 16th.



The question is, do Greeks actually celebrate Halloween? Most people around the world know that it is a day that is observed and celebrated in the U.S.A. The tourists from the U.S.A. and other that celebrate Halloween brought some of their traditions to Greece. As a result of this, it is possible to find Halloween parties throughout Greece, but most of these are geared towards the expats, tourists, and any Greeks who are simply curious about the traditions. The Greek people don't traditionally celebrate it.



Greeks, have a day where they traditionally dress in costumes, it is called Apokries, a period which traditionally begins three weeks before the Greek Orthodox Easter.



Disposable plastics

by IQ LEARNING TEAM



We support this effort.



We reduce the use of disposable plastic bottles & cups!



Europe is encouraging the reduction of plastics as plastic pollution poses a serious threat to both ecosystems and public health, as these products are used for a few minutes and then become waste. They often end up in the sea polluting the marine environment, are consumed by marine life and then, when broken down into smaller pieces, pass into the food chain.

A strong recommendation from both Europe and the Ministry of the Environment is to limit their use as much as possible in order to reduce the volume of waste.



Three things you can do to reduce your use of disposable plastic bottles and cups include :

- 1.** Carry a reusable bottle or coffee cup.
- 2.** Choose aluminum cans or glass bottles, both of which are recyclable in most communities, over plastic when possible.
- 3.** Recycle all plastic bottles.

Making friends

part 1

by IQ LEARNING TEAM

**Making friends means
working together**

**Making friends means
welcoming others in our company**

**Making friends means
being polite**



Making friends

part 2

by IQ LEARNING TEAM

**Making friends means
sharing**

**Making friends means
respecting others**

**Making friends means
waiting for my turn to speak**



Bizzare animal stories

A sad story

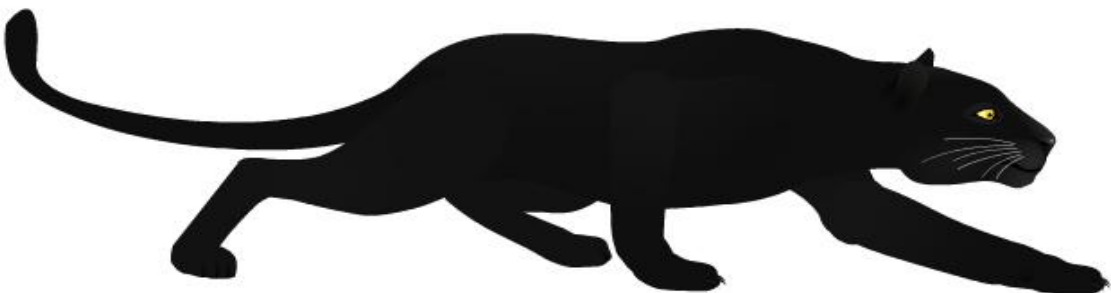
by *SOFIA ANTZOULATOU*

Once upon a time, a beautiful but very wild creature walked in the plains of the driest and most dangerous areas of the earth, in Africa. This creature was called the Mother Panther. She used to live in very dangerous places and she was worried for her babies so, she left, looking for a better home.

The mother kept walking until she would find the right shelter for her and her little ones. Finally, after hours of walking she found the perfect place to stop, after explaining to her children that they should not leave the shelter and she started looking for food. She had finally merged to find her meal after lots of hours of searching and wondering. As she approached it she noticed that it was already dead, but it had no scratches and it seemed that it hadn't been bitten by some other animal.

Then, she realized that someone was watching her, she looked behind her only to see that her children had been following her all along! As she looked in front of her again, a man jumped off the bushes the mother ran in horror to her children. The man started approaching her trying to kill her, she then told the children to run back to the shelter as fast as they could. But, the baby panthers instead of running went and hid in some bushes, something that they will regret for the rest of their lives.

The fur of the Mother Panther and her children was golden, shining as the sun's rays struck her. But after the death of the Mother, the sadness of the children was so big that, their golden fur, turned black to show their grief in the memory of their beloved mother....Now all panthers are named "Black Panthers", having the darkest color of all.....the color of grief.



The story of a Colorful Butterfly

by *KARADIMOS AGGELOS*

Today I'm going to tell you a story about the wings of butterflies.

In the past there was a butterfly whose wings were grey. She was sad and unhappy because of her appearance. One day she was searching for food when suddenly she heard someone singing. She wanted to find out who made that sound. She saw a man who was painting a tree. She went closer but the same time the wind blew so hard that took the brush and painted the butterfly. After that day all the butterflies have colorful wings.



Talking Parrots

by *SOFIA ZACHAROPOULOU*

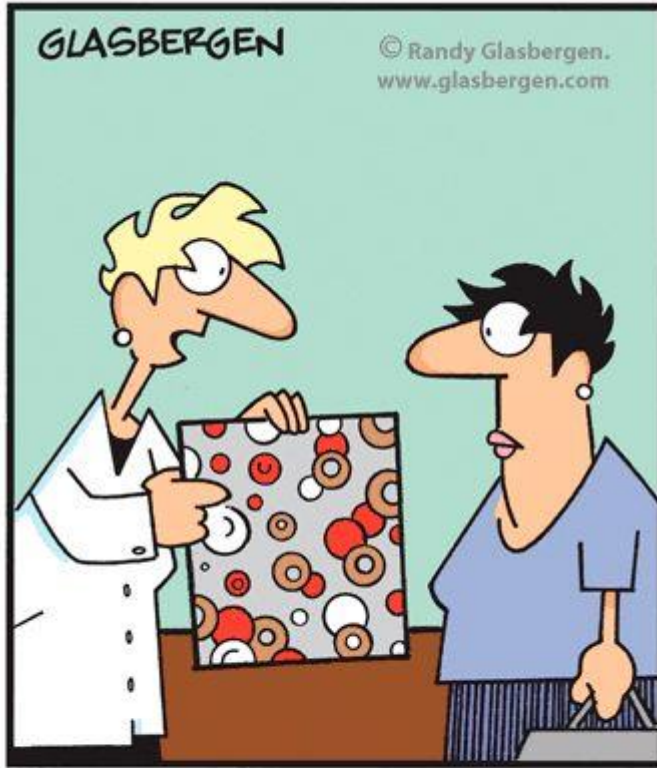


Parrots have the ability to talk; they usually say words that they hear very often. They talk a lot but don't understand what they are saying.

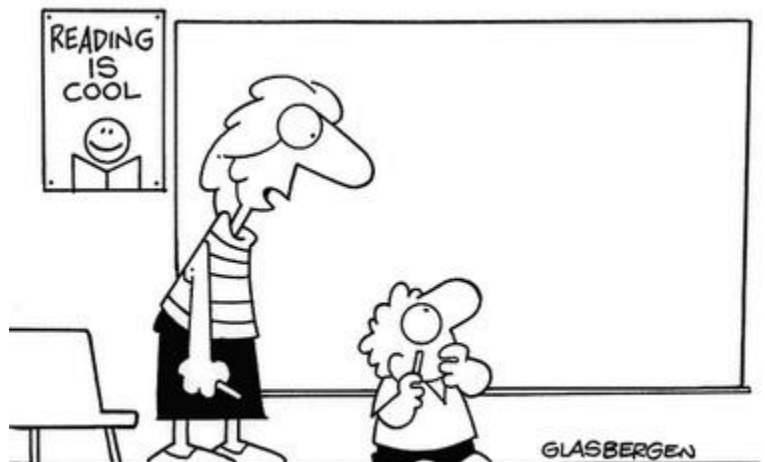
They acquired this ability from a soup which had many different parrot foods and a mix made by an ancient (?) scientist. This soup was eaten by a parrot in Brazil millions of years ago.

Even today all parrots, not only in Brazil but all over the world as well, have this ability.

Let's have some fun



**“The red circles are your red blood cells.
The white circles are your white blood cells.
The brown circles are donuts. We need to talk.”**

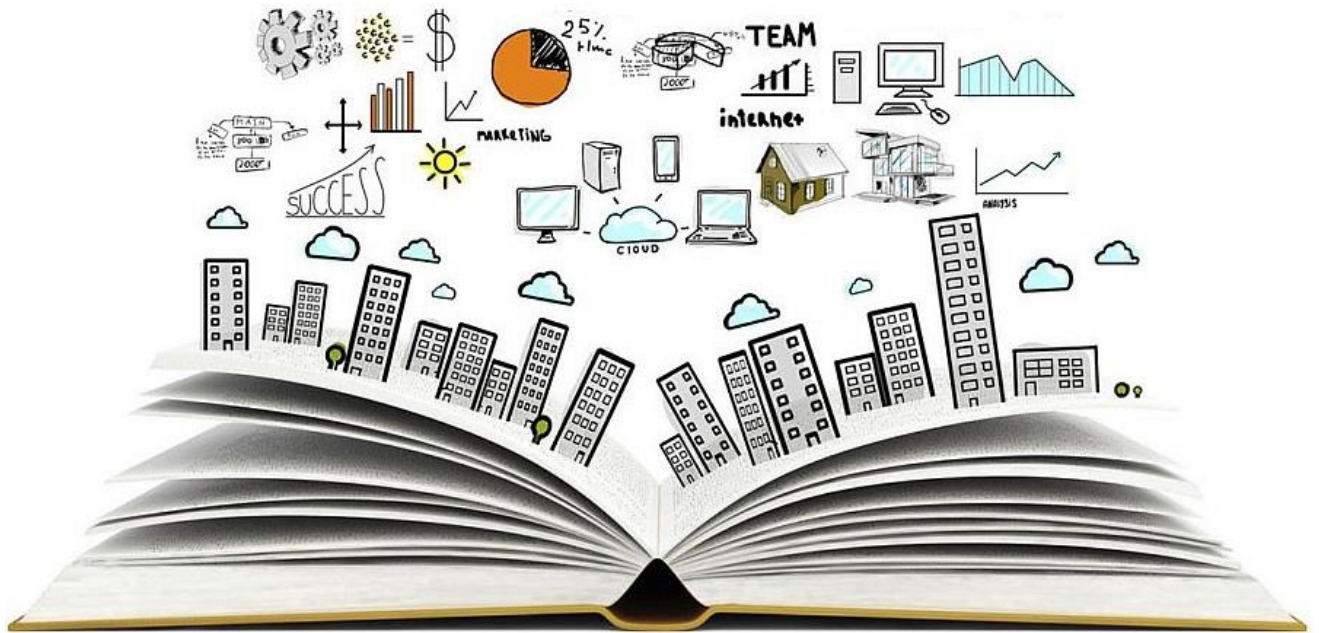


“There aren't any icons to click. It's a chalk board.”

Let's have some fun Part 2



The  *team*



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