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Mission Statement:

Our mission at The Voice of I.S. 303 is to empower, educate and inform our school community on current events in our school, our community, our city and our world. As a Leader in Me school, we aim to share our passions and interests as Middle Schoolers in Coney Island, Brooklyn.

Voting Age: 18 or 16/17

By: Amira Alieva and Benjamin Gerzon



Last November was the presidential election. There was also a big debate about whether the voting age should be lowered or not. Elections are a big part of this nation. They decide the future of our nation for the next four years. For minors, it is illegal to vote in elections. However, some states let people aged 16/17 to vote in the city/state elections.

There are two sides to the story like in any argument. Some people argue that teenagers 16 and older should be allowed to make their voices heard. One reason is because the country's voting rate is low. In Austria, the voting age was lowered to 16, with the voting turnout for 16 year olds was 72 percent. This shows that if the voting age is lowered to 16, the U.S. will most likely have a higher voting turnout. Another reason the voting age should be lowered is that everyone should be able to vote and make their voice heard throughout the nation. This is because what is done now affects our future as well as the future of the 16 and 17 year olds.

Although 16 year olds voting sounds like a superb idea, it has its disadvantages. Many people believe kids under 18 are simply not mature enough to vote. According to [Lowering the Voting Age - Top 3 Pros and Cons](#), it states, "Experts say that 16 and 17 year olds demonstrate lower interest in politics, have less political knowledge, and lack the experience needed to participate in elections." Meaning, 16 year olds don't have much

interest in politics, so if we let them vote, they could bring negative effects to society. In addition, 16 year olds are very susceptible to misinformation and other influences. For example, if there is a 16 year old who is a die-hard "The Weekend" fan, they are more likely to vote for whoever he says he wants to vote for. This shows that if we let 16 year olds vote, they would vote for the candidate their idol is supporting.

From these reasons, we think that it would only make sense to keep the voting age at 18. If 16 year olds are not interested in politics, there is no point in letting them vote because they might not understand it. If we let 16 year olds vote, the only good thing they will do is up the country's voting percentage. Hence, 16 year olds shouldn't be able to vote.

As you can see, there are arguments for and against 16 year olds voting. There is no doubt that it is a very big debate among many people. It is very easy to see why this controversy has spread across the nation. Our opinion is that 16 year olds shouldn't be able to vote legally. What is *your* opinion?

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Student Government

By: Mehmona Shahzad

Student Government is an opportunity to demonstrate your leadership abilities as well as to communicate and educate one another about what is going on in the school community and what should be changed or included. Joining student government is an excellent way to share your opinions and ideas with others. You may connect with students and staff through Student Government to help the school grow.

Student government is an excellent method to practice leadership, communication, teamwork, organization, and public speaking. Student Government acts as a voice for students, allowing them to express their opinions, issues, and passions. Joining the student government will allow you to acquire skills such as cooperation and leadership while also allowing you to make a significant contribution to the community.

~How would you be treated and what would we do ~

- You'd discover that in student government, everyone's a winner.
- You get the opportunity to share your views and make decisions about the fun and compassion we share with the school and community as a member of the student government.
- We will be distributing socks and warm clothing to the underprivileged through the student government. In addition, we will hold food drives and donate food.
- We make sure that all of the students in the school are happy with all of the decisions that are taken and everything that happens around the school as part of the student government.
- We not only make our students happy, but we also make the rest of the community happy.

~Qualities and Characteristics~

- We make sure that all of the students in the school are happy with all of the decisions that are taken and everything that happens around the school as part of the student government.
- In student government, you will have to meet the qualities of being an exceptional leader and you need to be able to communicate with the students and staff and your partners.
- You have to stay on task and be proactive.
- In student government, you would show a think win-win attitude and synergize.

- You need to set a good example for your fellow students.
- If you see something you would like to change or talk about, you can either tell a member or join and change the problem for you and many others in the future.

All in all, these are some of the causes and advantages of participating in student government. Student government allows you to collaborate with your peers to improve your school and community. You will discover opportunities after you join. If there is something you would like to see happen in the school or something you would like to change, you can still connect with your fellow students who are a part of the student government, even if you do not wish to participate.

Rollerblading: History, Tips and Tricks!

By: Victoria Morozova

If you are a beginner in rollerblading, this article is the perfect fit for you! Here, you will learn the basics of roller bading, some simple tricks, and even its background! Your average skates should look something like this:

History

John Joseph Merlin, a Belgian man invented shoes with wheels on the soles in 1735. Monsieur Petitled, in 1819, improvised and created inline skates with three wheels and no way of turning. Pretty useless, right? Then, James Leonard Plimpton improvised and created working skates with four wheels. This was in 1863. On his skates, you could simply steer by tilting yourself left or right. Then, in 1980, Scott and Brennan Olsen, two Minnesota brothers found some old inline skates at a store. They decided that they could make use of them. Soon enough, they were creating inline skates in their parents' basement. In 1983, Scott Olson founded Rollerblade, Inc. In short, rollerblades are people building on each other's ideas.



Tips

The first and most important tip: **WEAR YOUR PROTECTIVE GEAR!!!** No matter if you are a beginner, an intermediate skater, or a pro, please wear a helmet, knee, and elbow covers! When putting on your skates, the goal is to make sure your foot cannot slide around or shift back and forth in the skate. However, you also can't tie them too tight, or else your feet may be uncomfortable while skating or you could get hurt. To make sure this doesn't happen, after putting on your skates, roll around a bit to make sure you are 100% ready to go! While skating, keep your knees slightly bent and your back tilted in front. Your head should be a tiny bit above and in front of your shoulders. This **posture** will help you maintain your balance.

Tricks

Some simple tricks in rollerblading for beginners are: going backwards, one foot skating, and **wavers**. Although skating backwards can be very challenging, once you learn to wave, it's *way* easier. To begin, put your feet in the shape of a V. You could also pick up speed before doing this, but don't go too fast as you might lose balance. Placing your feet like this will result in them going separate directions, so you have to be

fast to shift both feet so your toes are pointing slightly inward. Repeating this, your feet will now be making a wave effect, moving in and out.

Now that you have mastered the wavers trick, **skating backwards** will be a piece of cake! For this, stand still on a flat surface. You will need a lot of leg strength to do this repeatedly, but going slow and taking your time is key. Place your feet in the same position when going back in in wavers. Now, push out and your skates will begin to roll backwards without much effort. This is like the opposite of waving, so to pick up speed bring your feet back in and out. Also, make sure to look behind your back so you don't run into anything!



The final trick is **one foot skating**. It is as simple as it sounds. The only challenging part is that you need *a lot* of balance. All you need to do is pick up some speed and lift one of your legs up. Make sure you also keep balance using your arms.

← Your position will look like this.

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Skateboarding

By: Brianna Ortega

Skateboarding is an amazing sport, but very costly. You can get a skateboard at a local skate shop if you want to try it! A skateboard is a small board with 4 wheels on the bottom. There are many tricks you can do, like a kickflip, llie, pop shuv-it and more! Skateboarding is a sport that helps you use skills and hard work

Skateboarding was invented in the 1950s by Larry Stevenson. Most skateboard decks are made out of North American maple wood which, due to its slow growth, is particularly durable and stable. Traditionally, seven layers of maple wood interlaid with a water-based glue or special epoxy resin are pressed together under

Sharks

By: William Lau

Do you think sharks should be exterminated? The answer is no. You probably think that sharks are just big, fast, and carnivorous animals. That is true, but not all sharks are like that. It is true that sharks have killed people in the past and the present but they are very important.

SPECIES OF SHARK

There are many types of sharks. There are over 450 different types of sharks and less than 20 attack humans. Another reason why sharks should not be killed is because all species of shark that attack humans are rare so these attacks are not very likely to happen.

high pressure in order to create a skateboard deck.



There is something called a skatepark which is an area designated and equipped for skateboarding. You can practice there or do many tricks. Bowls are the most popular in skateparks. Bowls and pools are typically sunken into the ground and their walls consist of transitions. Accordingly, all transition tricks are made for this kind of obstacle and once you're more experienced, flips and grabs are next. There is a chance of you getting hurt while skating. This is because you can lose your balance while doing a trick or riding the board.

Skateboarding is a fun thing to do and a challenging skill.



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ARE SHARKS AFRAID OF HUMANS?

Did you know that sharks are afraid of humans? Sharks will only attack humans when attacked, when curious, or when forced. 100 million sharks die to humans each year because of their fins. Their fins are used for medicine purposes and food. Sharks kill 10 humans per year because they were provoked.

WHY SHARKS ARE IMPORTANT

Sharks are very important. They help keep the ecosystem under control. For example, when sharks are near turtles, they move around more, helping the seagrass because without sharks, turtles overgraze the seagrass and the seagrass is home to many animals.

In conclusion, sharks shouldn't be exterminated because: 1) they rarely attack humans and 2) they are actually afraid of us. Sharks also benefit us and many other living things by helping keep the ecosystem healthy. This helps us because many humans eat fish and other animals too. Without sharks, fish populations would go down.



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Reading is Energy for the Brain

By: Gabriella Bajas Felix

Reading books helps build stamina and mental effort. Some books provide relatable storyline. I can relate to this book called *Walk Two Moons*. *Walk Two Moons* is an engaging book in which Sal explores the reason her mother left. Similar to Bud in *Bud Not Buddy*, Sal is on a journey to find



her mom. The novel explores the essential theme of friendship, loyalty and loss.

In the book Sal's mother left her. Sal feels sad about this and is constantly hoping her mother will return. Similar to Sal, my uncle left to go to California. I was sad, but I got over it and remembered that this was his choice and he wanted to leave. However, my story is different from Sal's because her mom left after an absolute tragedy when she was pregnant. Unfortunately the loss of her child sent her mom into a depression in which she also chose to leave.

Sal's journey to find her mom is one of sadness, truth and finding oneself.

Please consider reading the novel "Walk Two Moons" by Sharon Creech.

Unbelievable Animals That Rule The Ocean

By: Keso Goletiani, Amira Alieva and Jeimy Ambrosio

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to swim in a deep, mysterious ocean? Have you wondered about what you would see? There are many animals in the ocean that you might not even know exist! They come in many different shapes and sizes. Some have big teeth, while others, you can't even tell where their tails or heads are!

Goblin Sharks

One of the weirdest creatures found in the ocean is the Goblin Shark, a species found in 1898 by David Starr Jordan. Many of them have been found in Honshu, Japan at the depths of 60-280 m. The shark is a slow swimmer with bad eyesight; it only eats small and big fish but brings no harm to humans. The article "Goblin Shark- National Geographic Kids" states, "A goblin shark's top and bottom teeth are attached to ligaments, or bands of skin tissue, tucked into its mouth. When prey is just out of reach, the shark extends the elastic tissue out of the mouth to nab the grub. This allows the animal to chow down on snacks such as teleost fish and squid. It also makes the shark one jaw-dropping fish!" This means that the shark has a huge mouth with many teeth and how it catches its prey.

The Man Of War

Anyone unfamiliar with the biology of the venomous Portuguese man-of-war would likely mistake it for a jellyfish. Although present in warm seas all over the world, the man-of-war is most typically found in the Gulf Stream of the northern Atlantic Ocean and the tropical and subtropical portions of the Indian and Pacific oceans, where it can be found in millions. The body is a gas-filled, bladderlike float that is 9 to 30 cm (3 to 12 inches) in length and 15 cm (6 inches) in height above the water. It's a translucent structure with pink, blue, or violet tints. Polyps cluster beneath the float, their tentacles reaching as far as 50 meters (165 ft). Dactylozoid polyps, gonozooid polyps, and gastrozoid polyps are responsible for capturing prey, reproducing, and feeding, respectively.

The Great Barracuda

The great Barracuda is a ray-finned with a frightening appearance and a big size. It has a long, compressed body that is coated with microscopic smooth scales. The barracuda is a salt water fish that belongs to the family sphyraenidae and may be found in tropical and subtropical oceans all over the world. Great barracuda attacks on humans are uncommon. Attacks by barracudas rarely result in fatalities. According to the article "Sphyraenidae Barracuda- discover fishes," a barracuda was blamed for a death off the coast of Key West in 1947, and another off the coast of North Carolina in 1957. In 1960, a free diver was attacked by a barracuda off the coast of Pompano Beach, Florida. Barracudas are scavengers who may mistake snorkelers for large predators and pursue them in the hopes of consuming their prey's remnants. Human attacks by barracudas are uncommon, yet bites

can cause lacerations and tissue damage. Barracudas have weak eyesight and are drawn to reflective, metallic items, mistaking them for silver fish, which is what they eat most often.

Man of War Jellyfish, Goblin Sharks, and the Great Barracuda are three distinct species that reside at incredible depths. The three species, which were largely discovered in the nineteenth century, are all fascinating and unique creatures, all hailing from various parts of the globe.

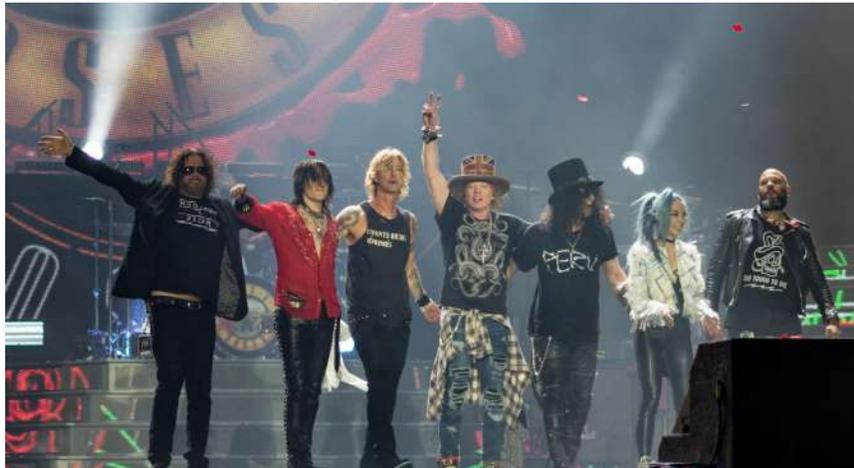
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Music Then Versus Now

By: Benjamin Gerzon



We all have a favorite song. It probably comes from our favorite artist or band. It’s probably rap, hip-hop or rock. Four hundred (400) years ago, the only music genre was classical music. Back then, there were no synthesizers or auto tunes. The music was very different from today’s music because the music from back then was played on piano. Now, we have synthesizers, guitars, drums, microphones and so many other ways we make music. So, what are the key differences between today’s music and the music played over four centuries ago?



Today, we have artists like Ed Sheeran, The Weekend, Olivia Rodrigo, just to name a few. That’s not it however, with bands like Guns ‘N Roses, Metallica, Def Leppard, AC/DC, and Green Day being the popular ones. One thing all these bands and artists have in common is that the songs they made all include instruments other than a piano. Also, they all have their songs posted on social media platforms like YouTube



and Spotify to reach a bigger audience. This allows people all over the world to listen to the songs their favorite band or artist made. Another major difference is that today’s music has volume control. Although these are the major differences, there are many other differences.

Back in the mid-1500s and 1600s, there were no instruments other than a piano. You would probably assume that at that time, the music was very boring because you had to listen to the same instrument every single time. However, there were multiple composers who composed beautiful music which were very popular among people then and still is now. Take for example, Beethoven. He made many famous pieces but the one

that still is popular is “Moonlight Sonata.” Back then, there were no microphones, so the only vocals you would hear were church choir or if you attended an opera show. This is a big difference because now there are vocals; and that drastically changed the music industry because people who have a good voice but couldn’t play instruments are accepted to sing, but back then, lyrics weren’t really a thing.

Evidently, today’s music and the music back then are very different. One pro of today’s music is that it is easily accessible with the only thing needed is a device and internet which allows you to go on YouTube and listen to music. The con to today’s music is that it can cause hearing loss. The pro to music back then is that it was very calming and relaxing. A con to classical music is that it has no words and can be boring.

All in all, classical music and contemporary music are very different and have pros and cons. Over the last few centuries, classical music has started to fade and more people are listening to songs with vocals. But the better genre of music to listen to is classical music because it is not as loud (unless the volume is turned up to super high) as pop music. Continue to listen to your favorite music, but keep in mind the pros and cons of classical music.

Mexico

By: Jeimy Ambrosio



Mexico is a fantastic environment to live and visit, with plenty to see and learn about. Salsa, bachata, and

merengue are just a few of the various dances that can be found there. These are the dances that are most typically seen at parties. Meanwhile, mariachi, banda music, corridos, and Mexican Cumbia are the most popular music categories. And some of our most popular foods are pozole, elotes, enchiladas, mole, and conchas/ pan dulce

The Quinceañera is one of our most popular customs. It's similar to a birthday celebration, but it's the most significant one. It's the day you transition from a little girl to a young woman. The last doll, *La Última Muñeca*, is given to the quinceañera. This is the last doll you'll get, then you'll be given a crown, and your father or mother will put on your shoes or heels for the last time.

Dia De Los Muertos or Day of the Dead is celebrated from November 1 to November 2. It is a Mexican tradition in which families welcome the souls of their dead relatives back to earth for a brief reunion of

Chernobyl Accident

By: Artur Kochura

It's April 26, 1986 and you're in the middle of a dream with all your favorite comics and movies. All of a sudden, things start getting really dark, and you think you're in a simulation. You hear a loud boom and the air starts smelling weird and toxic. Then you wake up, and you look outside the window and see flashing lights and sounds. Your parents are packing up their things and you start heading down to the car.

At 1:23 AM in Chernobyl, Ukraine, reactor 4 went out of control during a safety test which led to an explosive fire that released large amounts of radiation into the Chernobyl-Pripyat area. The core of the reactor melted down and exploded twice. The combination of the operator's carelessness and the reactor's design flaws made the reactor primed to explode. After the reactor exploded, it immediately killed 30 operators working at the reactor. It also injected 4,000-16,000 people with a high dose of radiation. which killed them in a couple years following the accident. Approximately 117,000 people had to be evacuated from the 19-mile radioactive zone.

The accident cost about 235 billion dollars in damage. It took about 500,000 people and roughly 68 billion dollars to make the reactor safer. A sarcophagus was built around the reactor in November of 1986, but a new much stronger

food, drinks, and celebration. The preparation of Ofrendas (altars) to honor loved ones, who have passed away as they make their trip to Earth, is one of the most important traditions of this festival. Rows of lit candles represent the fire element and can be found on altars. These candles are meant to illuminate the way for spirits to return home.

To conclude, there are many qualities about Mexico that you may not be aware of, as well as many lovely places to explore. These are only a few of the most frequently known traditions. Mexico is a great country that you should visit some day with many wonderful folks that can show you around. My personal experiences growing up as a Mexican American allowed me to learn and teach all of this information about Mexican culture.



sarcophagus was constructed around the reactor in 2016.

Lurking in the depths of the reactor's ruins, is something called "elephant's foot." Elephant's foot is a highly radioactive object and is considered to be one of the most dangerous substances in the world. It consists of corium, which is a lava-like substance made out of fuel. About 300 seconds in the presence of the substance will lead to immediate death. 35 years after the accidents, the elephant's foot is safer and is now more like sand than corium.

One of the most famous abandoned places of the aftermath is the ghost town of Pripyat. In April of 1986, Pripyat had about 45,000 people living in it. It was a very quickly growing town in Soviet times, and large numbers of people had to leave their homes because of the disaster a couple miles away.

One of the most famous abandoned destinations in Pripyat, is the abandoned ferris wheel. When the disaster struck, the theme park was still in construction and was never open to the public. Now, the wheel is abandoned and could be visited legally.

Another really famous place in Pripyat is the Azure swimming pool. The Azure swimming pool got its fame because it was featured in a famous video game called "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare" and was made as a map in the game. The pool did not officially close until 1998, 12 years after the accident.

Lastly, the Pripyat Secondary School Number 2 is known for its abandoned classrooms. It contained gas masks, abandoned toys, soviet propaganda, and just regular classroom items. Most buildings in Pripyat and Chernobyl are empty, but not the schools in the zone. The items in the school have no value to looters since they aren't any prized possessions and could be found in any other abandoned soviet school.

The Disaster of Chernobyl and Pripyat were extremely depressing events and made thousands of people evacuate and leave their homes for years. The explosion infected many people with high amounts of radiation and later killed them. The events reflect on Soviet times and the consequences of the Cold War.

Positive Influencers

By: Victoria Vasilyeva

Internet fame has blown up during the pandemic. Streamers that were once sharing on a small channel became huge with over millions of people following them. Topics such as minecraft smps, Roblox, Jackbox, and many more became more frequently visited. More people started to stream these activities while also thinking about how to help the community. Throughout the pandemic, streamers that were once considered as funny became interested in charities and donations for others who are struggling. More than tens of thousands of dollars were donated because of amazing people such as Gamer DrLupo, Jacksepticeye, and many more.

Technoblade

Technoblade is a popular influencer across various platforms. He is best known for his knowledge in playing Minecraft. Unfortunately, he recently was diagnosed with cancer and it drastically affected his career. He realized the struggle for people who suffer with cancer and decided to do a charity stream that raised over \$328,000 towards cancer research. Initially, Technoblade had planned to raise \$250,000 over the course of 28 days. Instead, the viewers donated over \$323,000 in just a four hour stream, with various more donations rolling in later. Donations started flooding in right from the start, and about \$100,000 was raised around 40 minutes in. Along with other Minecraft streamers such as dream and awesomedude that helped donate too. We need more people like Technoblade. Take a moment to appreciate Technoblade and hope that he will get well soon.

Mr Beast

Mr Beast is a well known American Youtuber that does various challenges based off of giving something away or donating. Throughout his videos, he makes expensive stunts that help others but may put him in a bad situation. All of his videos consist of some kind of charity or donation. He isn't in it for the money. Mr Beast lives in an average house and doesn't necessarily buy expensive things unless it's for a video. All of the money he makes from videos is then put into the next and the cycle goes on. He is a truly amazing person who has inspired multiple thousands of people to donate and help the environment.

Markiplier

Markiplier is a Youtube gamer that donates a lot of money for charities, one in particular was the "Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance." This charity helps people who are suffering from Depression and Bipolar Disorder. Markiplier donated well over \$276,000 towards this charity. The stream was also 8 hours, so the hard work paid off. Markiplier still hosts streams for charity every month or so. Maybe you should try joining his stream and donate. Every penny counts.

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Boxing

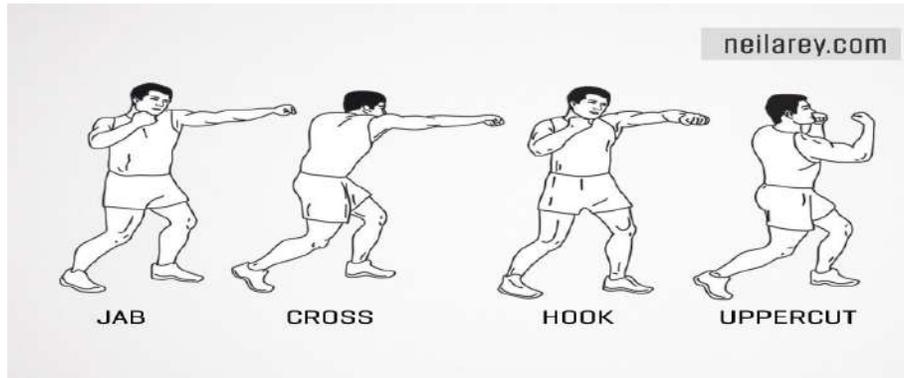
By: Artur Ashurov

Boxing is a vicious sport, but lots of people enjoy it. In boxing, people get injured often, and it's really hard to learn boxing. Boxing was invented in Egypt 3000 BC; the sport was introduced to the ancient Olympics Games by the Greeks in the late 7th century BC. Boxing is a challenging sport and there's always competition.



To start boxing, you need to have a good stance. First, you put your right hand in front of your face, then you put

your right or left front foot on the left—if you're a left-hander, you put your front foot on the right—and your other foot will be in the back. You also have to bend your knees a bit. This is the easiest way to do your boxing stance. There are many different styles of boxing, some stances are swarmer, out-boxer, slugger, boxer-puncher, southpaw, and more.



Punching in boxing is really tough. In boxing, people have boxing gloves. Each boxing glove has different ounces. They range from 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, or 20, but if you're a beginner, then you should use 10 ounces gloves, as it mostly depends on how much you weigh. In boxing, there are many types of punches like uppercuts, hooks, jabs, and more.

First let's try jabs. Jabs are a basic move and your opponent won't get hurt as much as a hook or an uppercut. A jab is when you punch forward. A hook is when you swing your fist; most hooks are aimed at the face, but you can hook someone in the body. An upper cut is different. This is when you aim under the chin. When you punch, you have to twist your hand, or if you're practicing without boxing gloves, you have to put your thumb on your fist, not inside your fist; if you put your thumb inside your fist, there is a chance it can break. When you punch, you have to step once with your front foot. And you have to put your hands up at all times. A pretty neat trick is when you block your face with your hands, and use your elbows to block your body if your opponent punches you in the body.



There are many boxing champions like Lomachenko, Mike Tyson, Canelo, and Floyd Mayweather. These boxers are one of the best in boxing. If you're a big name in boxing, you get more money in every fight, but if you're a nobody, you can get only 500-1000\$. Lots of boxers box not for money, but for the fun of boxing! Even though you can get hurt during a boxing match, people still enjoy it.

All in all, Boxing is a ferocious sport, but it entertains lots of people, and lots of people's lives have been changed by boxing. There are lots of boxing champions, they worked really hard to get good at boxing. You too can be a boxing champion, only if you try!

Pros and Cons of Fake Fashion

By: Rehan Cheema and Zafar Kholmurzaev



These days, everyone wants a luxury brand. However, not everyone always has enough money to pay for such popular and high quality brands. Some people buy fake brands. There are many pros and cons to fake fashion, such as having people show off and say “I bought this with so much money” while in reality, it's not worth much at all. A pro is that people wouldn't have to waste a lot of money to buy clothing from a luxury brand.

Pros

The pros of fake fashion are the quality and the design. The quality of some fake designer clothes is almost as good as the real piece of popular, designer clothing such as Gucci, Louis Vuitton, and Jordans. The design on fake clothes or shoes is also quite identical to the real ones. Also, fake popular designer clothes have a dramatic effect on the price compared to real designer clothes. The fake designer clothes are much cheaper than the real designer clothes. Many people like this because they do not like paying a lot of money for clothes, but they want expensive-looking clothes, so that is why people buy fake designer clothes instead of the real ones. Fake designer clothes are useful for many people. The reason people buy fake fashion is mostly only because of the price. Many good deals have been done because of fake fashion. Also, it is extremely hard to notice something fake on a piece of clothing that was based on a popular piece of clothing. Another pro is you can also look very rich, which is the point of buying fake fashion, but only if you want to, because the real designer brands cost much more than the fake one. As you can see, these are the pros about fake fashion.

Cons

Although there are pros, there are also cons. One con might be that the quality is not well made. An example of this is Gucci shoes. Gucci shoes are high quality, and they only use high quality materials. However, if you get a fake pair of Gucci shoes, it will most likely not have the same kind of material that real Gucci shoes use, so they will be very uncomfortable even if it looks exactly like Gucci shoes. Another con is that if you decide to wear fake fashion, it can affect you. You might show off and say you are better than anyone else, but you're not. This is a huge con. Another big con is that you can get addicted to wearing fake fashion, which can be bad for your health. For example, if you just focus on how other people think of you and you keep buying more and more fake fashion, then you will be addicted to it, which can affect your health. As you can see, fake fashion has just as many cons compared to the pros.

In conclusion, based on the pros and cons of fake fashion, you can decide if it's good for you or not. For example, you can defend each side due to each side having fair points. Fake fashion has its pros and cons. Perhaps you do not want to spend such great money on fashion brands and purchasing fake ones is better. Perhaps you enjoy saving your money to purchase a designer item, it is up to you!



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Discovering Nature

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Nature is a great way to get away from your struggles. Nature is something we all need, and it helps us survive. What will we do without it? Nature is what people look forward to, but ever since cell phones were invented, people started saying inside more. Nowadays, you barely see people outside because of this. Plants and animals are part of the ecosystem. Plants and trees give off oxygen and suck up the carbon dioxide.



Africa

Africa is a beautiful place to visit. It has wildlife and a bunch of trees. For example, the Acacia trees that grow in Africa have a special power—they can warn each other of danger, so to protect themselves, they developed long, sharp thorns, and a symbiotic relationship with stinging ants. The Acacia trees symbolize regeneration, perseverance, and integrity all around the globe.

Niagara Falls

Niagara falls is another beautiful place to visit, with all its trees and waterfalls. Falls is a group of three waterfalls at the southern end of the Niagara Gorge. There is a mystery behind the name of an obsolete First Nations tribe, the Onguiaahra, or Niagara was the name in the area. Another mystery surrounding the discovery of its identity is the discovery. No one



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Central Park

Central park is very well treated and has so much greenery. Central Park is considered as the number 1 thing tourists want to visit when they go to Manhattan. Central Park's best attractions are Strawberry Fields, Belvedere Castle, and the Central Park Zoo. Central park is especially pretty in the winter, as you can do cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. You can also sled or relax in a boat landing by the lake.

In conclusion, nature comes in different forms. A great way to enjoy nature is going on a hike, taking a drive, or just a regular walk. You can also go to a hotel like the Miami Beach Edition. The Miami Beach Edition has the whole lobby filled with potted plants, and it has a spa and a restaurant. If you want to go the extra mile, Africa, Niagara Falls, and Central Park are great places to discover nature.

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Principal's Corner:

Principal's Message

The contributors and writers of "The Voice of I.S. 303" never cease to amaze me. Stories ranging from voting to the role of the members of Student Government to facets of entertainment encompassing music and places to explore appeal to one and all.

As the Principal, I am extremely proud of the students and facilitators who bring information to our school community. The vision of having students becoming news producers and consumers must come to fruition. Through students' stories, I connect with each and every one of them. It is my hope that through the stories of our young writers, we learn about the places their families come from, the hobbies and affinities of our young writers, and more than anything, the passion and love that they share for writing.