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From all of us...



To all of you...



Thank you for a memorable year!!

EDITOR'S Note

WRITING MATTERS



Due to the special circumstances we find ourselves in, this final edition of the CBS Express is a compilation of the best pieces published this year. While traditionally, these pieces would appear in our year book, we are pleased to have them included in our paper. As I sifted through the past editions, I was struck by just how far our students have come in the last five years. Not only has their volume of writing increased substantially, their understanding of structure and vocabulary choices have also significantly improved. In working in classrooms, I see that our students now see themselves as writers with something to share or say. Our focus on the explicit teaching and practice of writing format and structure, sentence fluency and voice have provided the foundational skills many of our second-language writers needed to gain the confidence to put pencil to paper.

As we have said many times, a strong writing program requires direct instruction, practice and feedback to be successful. But more than that, it requires the student writer to be open-minded and disciplined, to be tenacious about the details and to be a strong observer of the world around him. Acquiring these traits and skills sometimes takes years of practice particularly when one is writing in a second language. However, beyond those listed above is one trait that is critical for writing success – passion. A writer not only needs a passion for writing, he also needs a passion for reading. It is through the works of others that a writer truly acquires an innate sense of the inner workings of the genre which can then be applied to his creative use of the format and structure.

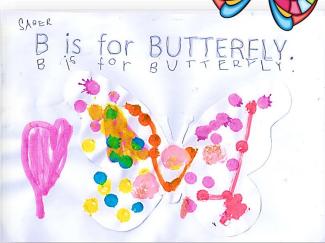
Over the summer, we encourage you, students, to read every day. Books can take you places you could never imagine; they can provide you with new information; they can challenge your thinking and beliefs; and, give you something to say – and write.

As my last editorial, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the outstanding contributions of Ms. Namitha, Ms. Preeni, and Ms. Haseena. Your passion and commitment to the paper is unparalleled. Thanks to the teachers for their strong instructional practice and, most importantly, thanks to you, our student writers. Without you, there would be no paper. Finally, thank you, parents, for your 'behind the scenes' help and support. We hope that you have enjoyed and eagerly awaited our monthly efforts. Happy reading!!

"A word after a word after a word is power." - Margaret Atwood



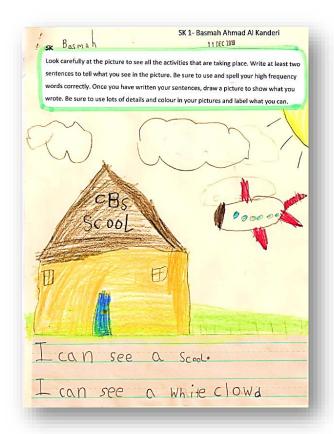




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Journal Writing



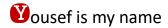
Basmah Al Kanderi- SKI





Poems

- **C**uwait is my country
- Up we raise its flag
- We love our country
- And I love it more
- us always hot
- Thankfully we are safe in our country



Morning Of everyday



- She likes it when I do it
- very night my sister and I
- Fight and make up again

Yousef Eid- Gr 4B



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Judging

life is a scam ... apparently my appearences matter more than who I truly am this hard world is making me shatter

I every sear is a story but that doesn't matter to the chatters putting me in a specific category

People act like they have no heart They sometimes remind me of robots 8 thats what drives us apart

Slowly Killing our confidence with a s Everyone is judging with blind eyes without seeing the path they've taken

that everyone here is mistaken

I like to read a lot of comics
And I also like to play videogames
Also I wasn't born to be a cook
And don't forget that youssif is my name

I like to read about character that are kinda unknown
Because you can discover characters that you may like
And some that you may have never ever known
Like the maryel character the moon knight

My favorite game is breath of the wild
Also it won game of the year
God of war is not made for a child
And read dead redemption 2s ending can make you tear

Comics, comics can make you flip 10 times

Doom makes a boom, and thank you for your time, because that's the end of my rhyme

YoussiF. M. ALABBad

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Feely Faisal Al Mutairy-Gr 9A Yousef Al Ababad- Gr 8A



MONEY

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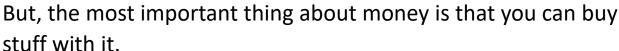
It can fit in a wallet

It can help poor people

It is rectangle shaped

You can put it in your pocket

You can get your children into a good school



Sanad Yousef - Gr 5B



The most important thing about a kebab is that it is long

It tastes yummy

It looks crunchy

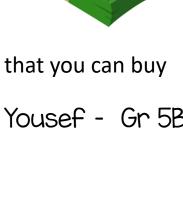
It feels thick

It smells wonderful

You can share it

But, the most important thing about a kebab is that it is long.

Khalifa Al Shebly- Gr 5B



Winter Wonderland

The leaves of the trees are falling Christmas decorations calling Warm clothes are crawling out of their closets and our hands are in our pockets.

Running out of our houses to enjoy the season of Winter as we make snow angels and snowmen showmen get icy powers

Hot chocolate everyday while frosty snow is everywhere looking out the window I can smile from happiness of this Winter Wonderland.

Bedour Ashraf - Gr 6A



Food Rhymes

Cook it, cook it – burgers now!

We want to eat it and say WOW!

We want them big, we want hot sauce

Make it a double burger of course!

Fawaz Awwadh and Saleh Sulaiman - Gr 5B

South Africa

has won!

HURRAY!

Colors

Yazan Alaa - Gr 9A

The crowd went as the final whistle blew.

ALL the players started to run, this day
was way more fun.

APARTHEID ruled the nation, two completely different sides.

The country filled with frustration, sorrow for the loss of

MANDELA, but finally, they had the CHANCE.

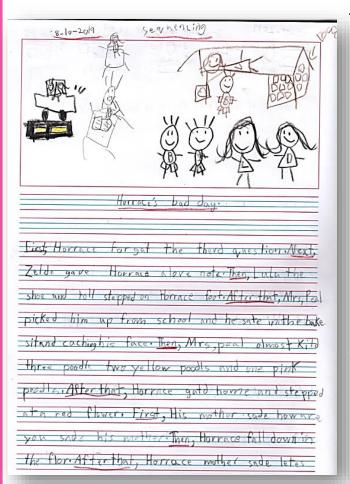
Now they can shine, today was the WORLD CUP NIGHT, we showed a hell of a fight, White, black, and brown, nothing got to do with race matters,

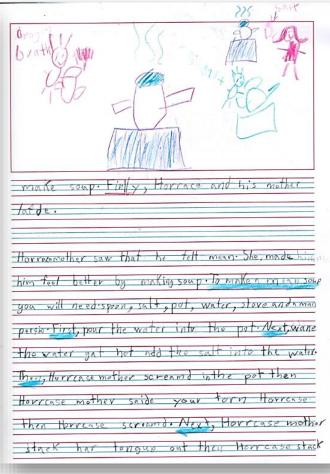
South Africa now are WEARING THE CROWN

The prize is what mattered, Nothing that day matters, Not even the color, Not even the race, Nations that day was lovers. RED, GREEN AND YELLOW, ALL THE COLORS HAD FUN, BLACK AND WHITE,

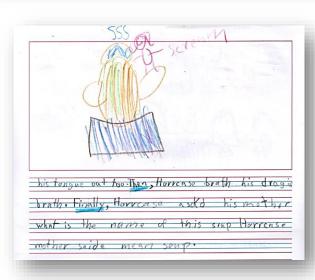
ALL UNITED AS ONE!

Horrace's Bad Day









Deam Muhana-Gr 2

THE ENCHANTED FOREST

Once upon a time, there lived an ordinary boy whose name was Jake. One day Jake and his friends Max, Sam and Linda received an assignment about their city. They were excited and started to prepare for this project and decided to meet up the next day. They were in for a surprise as they discovered so many interesting things about their city that have been concealed for many centuries!

They stumbled upon a small lake. As kids usually do, Linda dared Jake to jump into the lake and of course he accepted, but... he didn't come back to the surface. Worry kicked in and they all jumped in to search for Jake, which they did. "Wow", they all exclaimed! "What is this place?", Linda asked with amazement.

As they continued their journey, they came across a flower. It could talk! This flower was extremely helpful and gave them many facts about their city. "Welcome to the Enchanted Forest.", the flower said. "You have stumbled across hidden magic and many adventures awaits you".

Suddenly, they heard a sound so awful, it brought their fun adventure to a halt. What they saw before them was something from the fairytale stories they read when they were younger. It was huge, green and scaly. The wings looked like sharp teeth as it descended on them, spewing fire from the air! When they finally got over the shock, Max managed to utter the words, "RUN".

As they were running, they were swept up by yet another enchanted creature. Majestic and colourful. This creature saved them. They were lucky. As they sat on the back of this magical creature, looking down on all the wonders below them, the dragon's Mom came and dragged him home. "What a big, mean baby", Sam thought to himself, "maybe he just wanted to play".

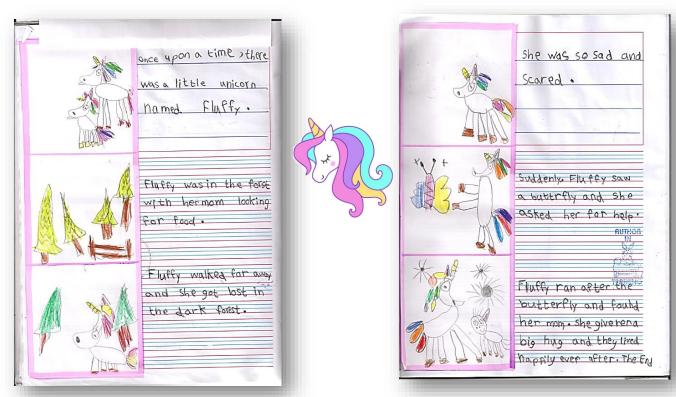
The majestic creature brought them to a place of safety, but the problem was that they were lost. How would they get back home? They were lost... but even a lost boy could find his way back home. The next adventure awaited...

AbdulAziz Faisal - Gr 6B



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Story Writing



Fatemah Ahmed Taqi - Gr IC

STORY RETELLS

Jason at the Jump-a-thon



One time there was a young boy called Jason. He was wandering around the school gym when he saw a sign of a competition called Jump-a-thon. He wondered what it is. Miss Chen told him that it is a fun and healthy exercise to raise money for the Children's hospital.

Jason counted the days on his calendar and found out he had two weeks to learn how to jump rope. He asked his uncle Steve for money for the Children's hospital. He asked him if he can jump. Jason answered that he'll try his best. He also asked Grace and Mr. Green too. They asked if Jason could jump. He answered that he will try his best.

He found it difficult to jump rope. First, he tried and tripped. Next, Tracy offered him her lucky socks. Then, he wore the lucky socks. After that, he jumped five times. Later, he jumped ten times. Finally, the lucky socks really helped.

Jump-a-thon day came. Jason jumped for one hour. He stopped for a rest. He jumped another hour. He stopped to drink. The jumpers raised a lot of money for the Children's hospital.

Amr Mohammad - Gr 3B

Jason at the Jump-a-thon

Jason is a proud, worried, sad and happy boy. Today he saw a sign about a Jump-a-thon. Jason said what's a jump-a-thon? Miss Chen is a friendly and kind gym teacher. She said a jump-a-thon is a competition to raise money for the Children's Hospital and the school gym gets new jump ropes.

Jason went to Uncle Steve's house. Uncle Steve is Jason's uncle. Jason asked him for money. He said it's for the Children's hospital. Uncle Steve said, "Can you jump Jason?". Jason replied, "I'll try my best". Jason went to the park and asked Grace and Mr. Green for money for the Children's hospital. They are very friendly people. Everyone in the park paid money for the Children's hospital but before that Mr. Green and Grace asked Jason "Can you jump?" Jason said, "I'll try my best".

First, Jason could not jump rope. Jason got a jump rope, he made it round and round. He tripped a lot. Next, Tracy gave him her lucky socks. Tracy is a helpful character. She said, "Try my lucky socks". Jason put them on, then he jumped five times. After that, he jumped ten times. Finally, he could jump for an hour.

Jason jumped and jumped. He was ready for the Jump-a-thon. The Jump-a-thon day came, and Jason won. He said "I did it!". The school got new jump ropes and the Children's hospital got money. Some time later, Jason saw another sign about a skate-a-thon. He said, "What's a skate-a-thon?". Tracy asked Jason if he can skate. Jason said I'll try his best and use the magic socks.

Never give up and just try your best!

Talal Nedal - Gr 3B

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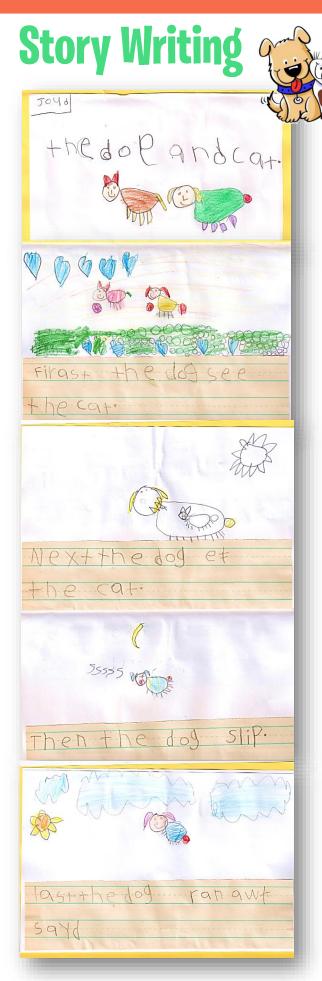
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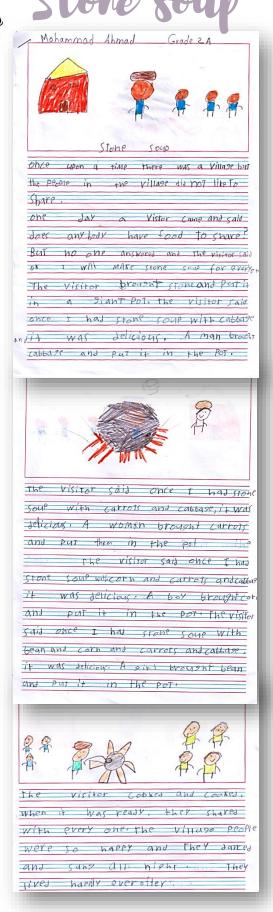


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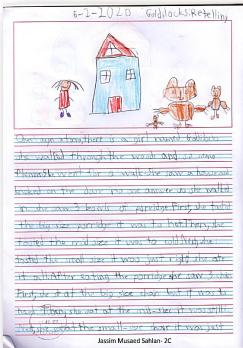
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Salman Hammadi - Gr 2B





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the bed and she will not come again to the
three bears house. They live happile ever often



Jassim Sahlan -Gr 2C



Pete and His Friendly Dragon

Once upon a time there was a boy called Pete. He had a friendly dragon named Eliot. They lived in a cave in the deep dark forest. One day they decided to go for a walk when suddenly they found a beautiful wooden tall tower. So, they decided to live in the tower and Pete let Eliot be the protector of the tower.

One day, a bad wizard came with a bunch of goblins to destroy the tower. Pete saw them and shouted, "Help Eliot!!" Eliot ran as fast as he could and attacked all the goblins except the bad wizard. The wizard escaped to a place where he created monstrous creatures. He decided to attack Pete with a bunch of evil looking giants. As soon as the wizard and his army of giants reached the tower, Pete grabbed a rock and threw it at the wizard's face. Wizard shouted, "Attack!" The giants came to destroy the tower. Pete shouted for help and Eliot flew as fast as he could and used his magical fire flame power to kill the giants. The wizard escaped again.

The wizard went back to his hiding place and this time created a magical powerful stick to kill Pete and his dragon. As soon as Pete saw the wizard approaching, he started throwing rocks at him. The wizard lost his balance and dropped his magical stick. Quickly Pete grabbed the stick and used all the magical powers of the stick while Eliot used his magical fire flame to kill the wizard. The wizard finally died. Pete and Eliot lived happily ever after in the tall wooden tower.

Sid the Squirrel AM Weirdy the Witch

Once upon a time there lived a boy named Sid. He lived in a world where people live on the left and witches lived on the right. Sid also had a twin and his name was Will. They were identical twins. They both had green eyes, brown hair, but different personalities. Sid's personality was nice and caring, but Will's personality was rude, and he ignored everybody who talked to him. Their birthday was Halloween (October 31st).



In a couple of days, it would be their birthday and they were turning 12! Their mother told them that they could go trick or treating on the witches' side of the world.

A couple of weeks later it was their birthday! The twins were very excited that they could finally go trick or treating on the witches' side. Sid was going to dress up as a Wizard. Will was going to dress up as a Zombie doctor. There was only one rule about trick or treating on the witches' side...DO NOT KNOCK ON DOOR NUMBER 309! The witch that lived there was very evil!

It was finally night time and the twins left the house and crossed the border to the witches' side. They went and knocked on a few houses. They got a lot of candy, but then they came up to this dark and gloomy house, so they went and checked the house number. It was house 309. Sid told Will not to knock on the door, but of course Will didn't listen and went and rang the doorbell. Sid ran after him, and the witch that lived there opened the door and said, "What are you guys doing here?" Then, suddenly, she turned Sid into a squirrel that had green skin. He also wore a glued-on skirt. He had a rainbow halo on his head, and he could run, fly and do gymnastics! She also turned Will into a Wolf that had purple skin. He wore sneakers and a mini-dress. He had scales and loved shiny things by dumping some magic juice on them.

It had been two hours, so they went back to the witch's house while she was sleeping, and they started looking for the magic juice. Then Will the wolf said, "Look on the shelf, there is the shiny magic juice!" Then Sid flew there and crushed it and then they turned back to normal and lived happily ever after.



Samera Bader - Gr 4A



THE BIGGEST MISTAKE YOU CAN MAKE

Have you ever made a big mistake that you regret to this day? Yeah, well I have. The mistake I did was ride the fastest ride in the world, the Ferrari rollercoaster. The ride is so dangerous that people get heart attacks because of how fast it is. It's so dangerous that when I was there, I saw a person being rushed to the hospital because he was in a coma. This ride is dangerous!

It was a normal sunny day in the summer of 2016. I woke up to my mom calling my name for breakfast. When I went down to see, everyone was smiling at me, even the sun was happy to see me. What really surprised me was that everyone was awake in the summer at 7:00AM; I was in shock because this only happens on rare occasions. Therefore, I was ready to hear the news. After a few hours, the conversation was over and it was 9AM. Me and my family were going to Dubai to our newly bought home.

After a few days of waiting, the day finally come. I was so happy when my dad said, "The day is here."

I answered with, "Yes!" My sister and I were exploding out of happiness; we drank a full river of coffee. We started running around the house waking everybody in sight. Afterwards we got out our golden spacious Sequoia; it's big but it has an amazing engine. We were on our way to the airport.

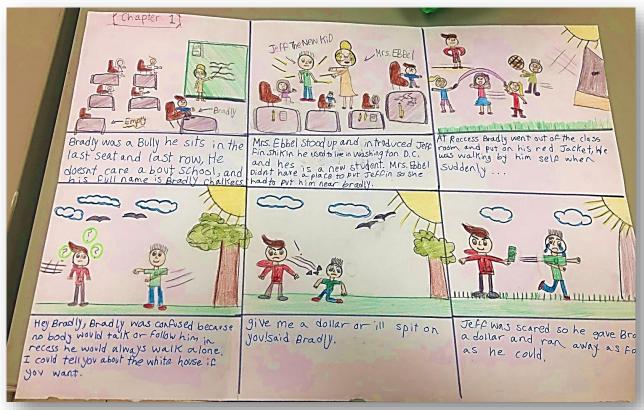
After waiting in the airport, our plane came to take us to Dubai. On the plane I chatted with everyone I could talk to but the chats that had me thinking were the ones with my sister. The chat went something like this... I said to her, "Are you ready for the best amusement park in the world?"

She replied, "I am so ready for the scariest ride on earth – the Ferrari Train of Doom!" When she said that I got the chills and how she described it made me want to refuse to ride it. I started thinking about how when it flips the seatbelt might fall off and I fall and break all my bones or die. After thinking about it, I went and asked my dad if I should ride it. He said, "It's too dangerous but if you want to it's your choice."

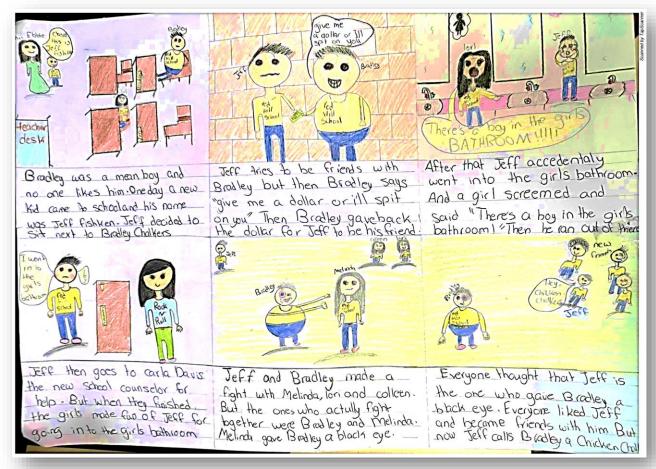
When our plane finally arrived in Dubai, we got out and got our checked bags. Then we went to see if our driver had reached our location. Soon after he reached us, we arrived at our new home. When we arrived, we saw our luxurious large mansion. It looked like something you would see in heaven. Even the moon was jealous of how good it looked. Then we slept until morning.

We woke up and went to the Ferrari Amusement Park. My sister and I got tickets and started to play but there was one game that me and my sister were thinking about – the Ferrari Train of Doom. We waited in line to play it. When it was our turn, they made us sign papers that if anything happened to us, it was our choice to ride it. When we got on the ride, I closed my eyes so I would be less scared. It seemed like a good idea until we were going 1000000000mph!! I fell asleep because of how fast it was. I woke up to see the ride end. I learned that I should not do dangerous stuff that could end my life.

Story board

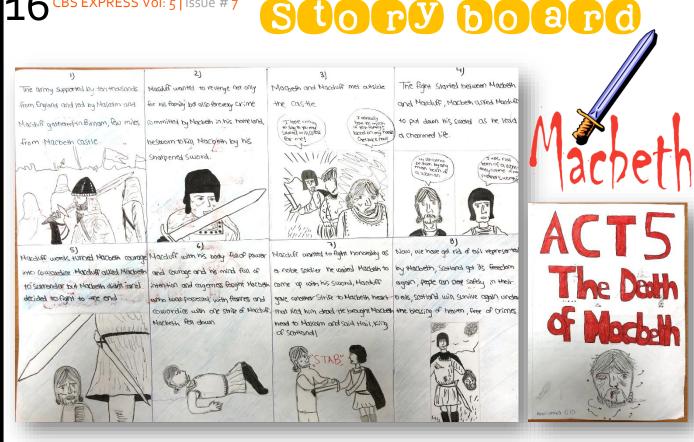


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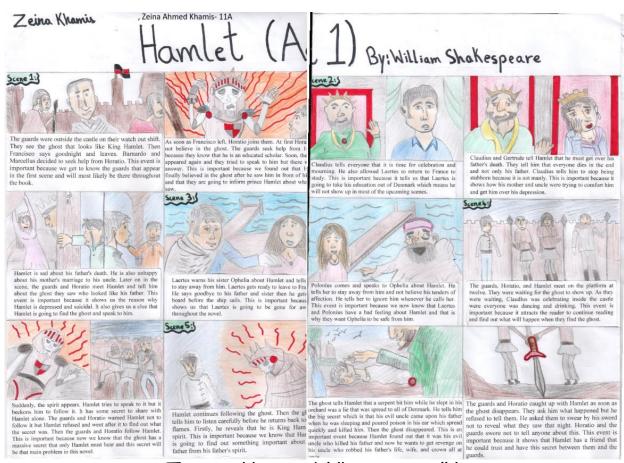


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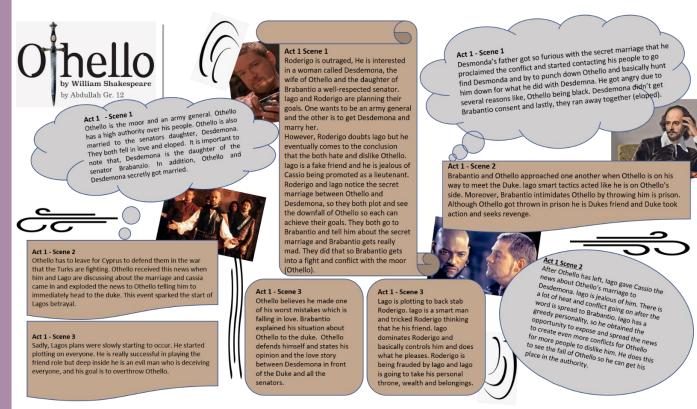


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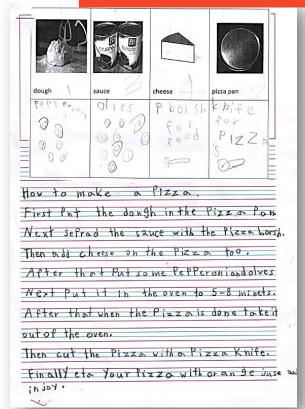
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STORY MAPPING



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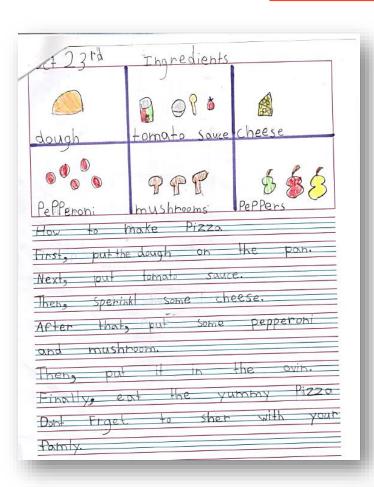
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Jouri Mohamed - Gr IB

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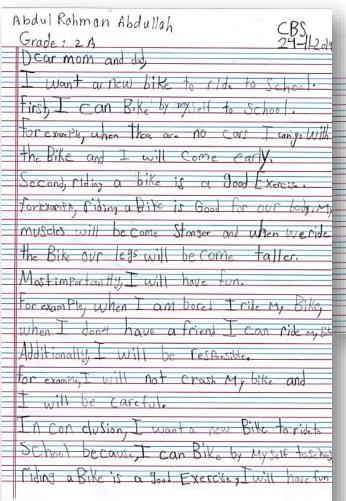
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October 24, 2019 18-Jouri Abdullah Mohamed				
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Letter Writing





and I will be responsible.

I Promise I will not hit the girls, I will not Push in the Line, I will not say bad words, I will not talk with all Grade 12, I will Clean My class, I will not ripthe the and I will not Put all the Pencils in a desk.

Love,

Abdul Rahman Abdullah - Gr 2A

ABDUITAL



"Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on."

- Louis L'Amour



Diary Writing

Dear Diary,

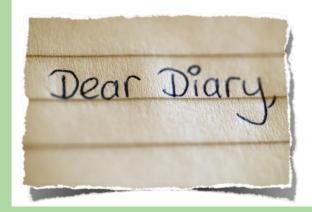
Today I went to the mall with my friends, Jawa, Reem and Taibah. Jawa is always smiling, funny and is always having fun and leaving the sadness behind. Reem is an animal lover, loves hanging out, is very caring and will never stab you in the back. Taibah loves video games, travels a lot, and is always doing the best for herself and her friends. What makes us a good group of friends is that we all love soccer so much that we all became friends easily.

The first thing we did today was go Starbucks so we could discuss what we were going to do. We had nothing to do we decided to just walk for a little while. After just walking for a while we remembered it was Reem's birthday. So we decided that Taibah should stay with Reem to keep her busy while Jawa and I secretly went to buy her a birthday gift. We all love soccer, so we bought her a new soccer kit. Then we went and left her gift in the car without her knowing. So glad she had no idea.

After that we kept walking and walking and then we found a place called Goal!!! It is a game about you and your friends playing against another team. We were going to play an intense soccer match. We were ready to play as soon as we saw a soccer ball. The referee saw us playing very well and since it was our favorite sport we were really good. The ball was flying in the air and we won. We won a 100kd coupon from Nike.

After that victory we went for dessert. We were there from 11:40 and we waited for it to be 12, so we could surprise Reem for her birthday. We ordered ice cream, since it was such a nice hot day. When it was 12 exactly the place had filled up with confetti. They even gave her a large cake for free. She was completely surprised as she didn't suspect anything. She was so happy even without the gift, she just appreciated the effort.

I am so glad we had a blast. I am even happier that Reem enjoyed her day and surprise birthday. This would have never happened without my friends. I am so lucky to have them as friends. I wish I could always see them because even in my dark days they make me smile and laugh. I am the luckiest person alive to have them as friends. I do not know what I would do without them.



Lily - Gr 7A

Essay Writing



"Read a thousand books, and your words will flow like a river. - Lisa See"

THE KING

The king was smart and wise to look for answers to his three questions that a king should ask. I do not question why the king asked these questions, but I do question the people he listened to. To the people who recommended the king a time table I entirely disagree with them. This is because the future is unpredictable and a simple time table will become outdated; therefore, it will not be the proper time and the right course of action.

Next, others recommended the king to talk to magicians. I would say this statement depends on the current state of the world. This is because is the King's time was before the prophet the magic indeed would be affected. However, at the birth of the prophet, the magicians lost all their power because now the jinn could not eavesdrop upon the heavens and bring the message back to the magician. For now, let's suppose this king came before the time of the prophet where magic did have a use, then the people who recommended magic to the king may have a fair point.

After that, other people recommended that the king keep a council of wise men. Not a bad idea, unless the king is arrogant. A council ensures that the king won't make any poorly directed actions by 80%, so the actual best idea so far is the idea of a council. This plan will work if the right councillors are select and the classes are balanced so there is one representative from the soldiers, priests, doctors, common folk etc. With all of the proposed options, the king should have been satisfied enough, and select one or maybe two of the ideas proposed to him, but instead he then decided to go and talk to a wise old hermit.

I would assume that many people who heard of this plan would have thought that the king was out of his mind, but the wise men knew better. For the king to leave his castle and spend a decent amount of time with the small folk is like an instant refresh mentally for the king and most importantly it gives him a great amount of experience.

Lastly, I will discuss what the king learned from the hermit. I could say that the lesson learned here is that everything during its given time and patience, and that to rush things or force them into action disturbs the essence of life. What happened to the king was something called the Nova effect otherwise known as a reaction where one action may affect the future in a negative way then that action can have positive or negative affect on someone's life. This is summarized as the Nova effect.

In my opinion I think that the king was not satisfied with the answer the hermit gave him as it was not straight forward like the king was expecting and looking for. Therefore, I think the king should have been satisfied with his other solutions. However, he would most likely been killed had he stayed, like I said the above effect, it has its pros and cons.

Bader Tagi - Gr II





GAME OF THRONES -

The Rest and Worst TV Show to Watch

Game of Thrones is the best and worst T.V. show to watch. Game of Thrones started in 2011 when television wasn't taken as seriously as movies. Shows were commonly about teenage love stories and soap operas. When Game of Thrones was released it revolutionized television and how people perceived T.V. shows. The first 4 seasons were an absolute masterpiece of writing, visual effects, and character development.

Even though season though season 6 was my favorite season largely due to Lena Headey's outstanding performance as Cersei Lannister, it still had a lot of obvious flaws and plot holes. The quality dipped down a bit in seasons 5-6 because the show creators focused more on the audience being shocked than logical paths for the characters and where they would end up. Seasons 7-8 proved that with their brain dead logic where characters teleport for one place to another in mere seconds disregarding its large map where in previous seasons characters took seasons to go from one place to another.

Arya Stark

Arya Stark was one of the best characters on the show before the show writers slaughtered her character. When Arya joined the faceless assassins in season 5 it was a very welcomed change for the character as it made sense for her story. However, it led to the character's vulnerability to any and everything in comparison to characters in previous seasons dying from a single stab or scratch but hey, they're weren't Arya. Arya got stabbed in the stomach multiple times, swam in a river, was jumping from houses like a ninja, fell out of a window, rolled down stairs, ran across a whole city, while still having those stab wounds and bleeding out. You'd think she would die, right? No she was perfectly fine with out any long lasting injuries.

The writers proved how much they loved Arya in season 8 where a building literally fell on her and she was totally fine. Arya was teleporting from one place to another because "she's a cool and mysterious assassin". On top of that, the writers made Arya kill the "Big Bad" of the show even though they had clearly built Jon Snow to be the "Prince that was promised" who would kill the Night King but hey, 'she's a cool and mysterious assassin'.

The writers really twisted the knife when they made Arya say the stupidest 'cool and mysterious assassin' one liners like, "I know a killer when I see one." This line was directed toward Daenerys after she burned a whole city alive in front of everyone. Did anyone not think she was a killer? Arya should have lent some of that plot armor to her father and maybe he'd still be alive.

Jon Snow

Throughout the seasons Jon Snow was built as the 'prince that was promised' who would ultimately kill the night king and end the very (short) long night but as we know that honour was given to our favorite 'cool and mysterious assassin'. You're probably wondering "But what did Jon Snow do in the very short long night?" Well, Jon had the great privilege to scream at an undead dragon's face. Yes, you read that right - he screamed at an undead dragon's face. When the undead dragon collapsed, Jon was probably stupid enough to think he killed him with his screaming.

In season 8 Jon Snow had 3 default lines, "I don't want it.", "She's my queen", and "That's treason!" When Jon was revealed to be Aegon Targaryen (the rightful ruler to the iron throne) everyone thought that would lead to something, anything, but no, Jon returned to the wall where he started. When Jon killed Hitlernerys he was supposed to be the king.

No one saw him kill Daenerys but he must have told the guards because he's just that stupid. Ygritte always told Jon, "You know nothing, Jon Snow," and in seasons 7 and 8 he proved her right.

Daenerys

In the beginning of the show Daenerys was sold to a warlord of savages. In return, her abusive brother would get an army and a golden crown so he would be the king of the seven kingdoms. Daenerys adapted to the life of the Dothraki's and gradually loved her husband and got pregnant. When her brother visited her to claim his payment of an army and a golden crown, he hit his sister and when he was called to claim his payment Khal Drogo gave him a golden crown of melded gold and it melted his whole head and killed him.

When her husband died from a scar infection most of the Dothraki's abandoned Daenerys and she swore that if they followed her, she would avenge her husband and their enemies would die. She stepped into the fire with three dragon eggs and made it out completely fine with three dragons on her shoulder.

Over the course of the seasons Daenerys freed a lot of slaves from their abusive masters and cities from awful rulers. She kept her good morals for years. Daenerys proved again and again that she was good and that she wouldn't hurt innocents but would hurt her enemies. In season 7 when she lost one of her dragons she was still good and she didn't change her morals even in episode 3 of the eighth season when she lost her most trusted advisor and friend. She was good but suddenly in episode 4 the very next episode the writers wanted us to believe she was crazy all along and in episode 5 she burned a city of innocents with her dragon because 'she's evil'. In the fifth episode (finale) she suddenly changed all of her morals and wanted to rule the whole world and became Hitler-like with her army of Nazis. She then was killed by Jon. Here the writers really proved that they can't write a storyline for any character.

Tyrion Lannister

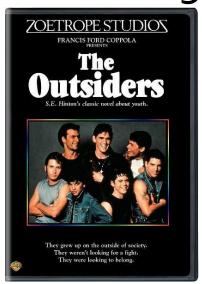
Tyrion Lannister was one of, if not the smartest character on the show. From seasons 1-4 he was everyone's favorite character, but in the last few seasons Tyrion became the dumbest and stupidest character on the show and seasons 7 and 8 take the cake. At the end of season 7 when Cersei lied to them saying she'd send men to help them fight the dead, Tyrion should've known she was lying because she lied to him before but he believes her. He also believes she's pregnant even though it's obvious she's not, she's just lying so they don't kill her and let her live.

When Daenerys died and it was time for Tyrion's trail they had to assign a new ruler and Tyrion with his one brain cell said, "There's nothing better then stories and who has a better story than Bran the Broken?" Oh I don't know maybe... everyone! And Bran answered in a smug way, "Why do you think I came all this way?" even though 4 episodes earlier he said, "I can't be king of anything". Given these statement, I don't think the writers watch their own show!

In conclusion, Game of Thrones will go down in history as one of the worst endings to a T.V. show ever. It was a horrible way to end a show which was arguably the biggest show on television. That said, you should watch Game of Thrones as it is truly a wonderful experience. The lore and the mythology of the show is phenomenal. The earlier seasons of the show have the best writing and character development in any T.V. show ever. However, if you start watching the show be prepared for a disappointing ending.

Loss of Innocence in 'The Outsiders'

We are curious about life, when we are young. At first we are very green like nature, young, cheery and untroubled; oblivious to the world's many evils, we lived joyfully and took our time while growing up. But have you ever wondered what it would mean to lose that childhood innocence? In S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*, the greaser gang is forced to mature at a young age in order to survive. They've seen and done so many things early in life that eventually it took their childhood away and changed their worldview. The boys in the story find it hard to uncover positive aspects in the world because of how much it has taken away from them and how unfairly it has treated them. S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders* shows that the greasers lost their childhood innocence through the lives and experiences of Johnny, Ponyboy and Dally who were forced to grow up way too fast due to uncontrollable life circumstances.



Johnny was forced to grow up quickly and lost his innocence at such a young age because of the life he was living. He grew up in an unhealthy environment at home where he was neglected and abused physically, mentally and emotionally by his parents. Still, he managed to keep a little bit of that childhood innocence due to the help of his gang who he considered as his family. They looked out for him and gave him the affection he was missing. He had to learn how to take care of himself and be independent at a young age meaning he had to grow up quickly. Ponyboy says, "If it hadn't been for the gang, Johnny would never have known what love and affection are" (Hinton 11). This shows that even the gang are aware of how troubled Johnny is and how lost he'd be without his friends.

Johnny goes on to lose more of his innocence when he gets jumped by the Socs and is beaten up badly. After that day, he was jumpier than ever and wouldn't allow anyone to hurt him like that again. Ponyboy explains, "And Johnny, who was the most law-abiding of us, now carried in his back pocket a six-inch switchblade" (Hinton 31). This shows how deeply traumatized he was after that experience and even though he didn't believe in violence or breaking the law, he decided to start carrying a switchblade. Through this event, we can see how Johnny further loses his purity because no child at the age of 16 should be carrying a weapon to protect himself. He had to learn how to stand up for himself and use violence when he needed to even if it was wrong.

Johnny completely lost his innocence when he accidentally killed Bob while trying to save Ponyboy from drowning. He knew right then the consequences of his actions and decided to run away knowing he couldn't go back. By making this decision, he realized how much of his childhood was taken away and wished for a normal life as a teenager. As Johnny was dying, he told Ponyboy, "Stay gold, Ponyboy. Stay gold..." (Hinton 126). Here, Johnny is referring to the poem "Nothing gold can stay," by Robert Frost. He related the idea of staying gold to keeping your youthful innocence because eventually you are going to lose that. Johnny urged Ponyboy to stay innocent and pure because as he lay there dying, he realized how much of his life was wasted and how it could've been different if it wasn't for all the fighting. He knew that if Ponyboy held on to the good things in life, he could create a better life for himself. Throughout the story, we watched as Johnny slowly lost both his youth and eventually his life as a result of all the chaos that he grew up with.

Ponyboy was forced to grow up and mature at an early age due to the traumatic experiences that led him to lose most of his innocence. His parents died in a car accident leaving him with his two older brothers, Sodapop and Darry. Because of this event, Ponyboy had to grow up faster. He had to go through the feeling of loss which made him lose his innocence and he became more aware of the evils of the world around him. Ponyboy witnessed how his brothers were also forced to grow up quickly by dropping out of school to make money for their family. Ponyboy said, "I'll fight anyone anytime, but I

don't like to" (Hinton 114). This shows us that Ponyboy didn't enjoy fighting and hated violence but living in the environment he grew up in caused him to lose his purity because violence was a part of his life and the lives of those around him. He's been involved in many rumbles between the Socs and the greasers which forced him to adapt his lifestyle and learn how to fight at the tender age of 14.

When Johnny kills Bob, Ponyboy sticks with Johnny and together they decide to run away, scared and sick of the life they were living. They had to go into hiding and take care of themselves without the help of the older boys in the gang. This meant that Ponyboy needed to mature and that is when he lost even more of his innocence. When Johnny tells Ponyboy that he is only 13 and he shouldn't have anything to do with this, he responds with, "No!" I screamed at him. "I'm fourteen! I've been fourteen for a month! And I'm in it as much as you are. I'll stop crying in a minute... I can't help it" (Hinton 64). This shows us how quickly Ponyboy realized he had to mature and be independent since he didn't want to seem like an incapable child.

Even though Ponyboy was trying his hardest to be an adult and handle hiding out, he was under a lot of pressure and it was clearly evident that he was having trouble with letting go of his youth. Ponyboy said "I liked my books and clouds and sunsets" (Hinton 66). He was still a child at heart despite the fact that he was forced to grow up quickly. He enjoyed things that helped him maintain his innocence and a child persona. After Johnny had passed away, Ponyboy was still in denial. When Randy talked to Ponyboy about Johnny's death, Ponyboy responded with, "Johnny is not dead" (Hinton 141). Ponyboy, scared and distraught, couldn't believe he'd lost another loved one in his 14 years of life. His innocence was being taken away from him after all the things he'd seen at a young age. Ponyboy struggled to hold on to the little bit of innocence he had left while trying to overcome the pressure he felt to rush his childhood.

From the very beginning of the novel, Dally had already lost all of his innocence because of his hard life. Growing up in a rough neighborhood, he had to learn how to toughen up and be independent. Ponyboy explains, "Dally had spent three years on the wild side of New York and had been arrested at the age of ten" (Hinton 10). He lost his innocence getting in trouble with the police while living on the streets without a family to take care of him. Dally was so reckless that he didn't care if he got into trouble or was thrown in jail or even died. As a way to shield his feelings, Dally had built a tight wall around his heart that kept him from genuinely loving and caring for most things in life.

As a child, he was never given love or shown affection which resulted in him growing up faster. But Dally had a soft spot for Johnny. Johnny didn't have a great family life either and was technically growing up in the streets surrounded by violence. Johnny embodied the hope that Dally had lost, and he tried to protect Johnny from the things that threatened to drag him into the cycle of violence that had consumed Dally. This is why after the death of Johnny, Dally was devastated. Ponyboy says, "Johnny was the only thing Dally loved" (Hinton 130). Right then, we realize that Dally has had everything taken away from him all his life and now, when he finally found something to love, it wastaken away from him. Towards the end of the novel when Dally gets shot, Ponyboy says, "I knew he would be dead, because Dally Winston wanted to be dead and he always got what he wanted" (Hinton 131). This shows us that Dally was clever and he knew what would happen when he waved his gun at the cops. Both Dally and the rest of the gang knew that he didn't have anything worth living for anymore. Dally lost his childhood and innocence and eventually his life growing up the way he did.

In *The Outsiders*, Johnny, Ponyboy and Dally didn't get the chance to live their youth to the fullest because of the events that led them to lose their innocence. Growing up, they learned all the things that kids their age shouldn't know such as travelling in groups so they will be less likely to be targeted

by the Socs. Johnny would've liked to learn how it felt to have loving parents and what the world was like outside the city. Dally would've liked to learn how to love and care for others. He might've even liked to learn what it was like to have a job. Ponyboy would've liked to learn how it felt to be living an easy, stress-free life where both his brothers could go to school and everything was fair. By writing this novel, S.E. Hinton shows us that many kids around the world are forced to grow up in a similar environment and eventually, they become completely different people. The loss of innocence is a heartbreaking reality, not only for the greasers, but for many children around the world.

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