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Ideology

by Manny Nunez

A word has killed millions,
from right to left
the war rages on;
years pass and nothing
changes,
and why should it?
In the endless struggle we find men are many things:
selfish, power-hungry, cruel—
and what of it?
Isn't that the way of the world?
Ideology controls men,
that and fear.
There's no escape from its all-inclusive gaze.
All who indulge in its rays of false hope see a future
for themselves.
Capitalism, Communism, Fascism, Liberalism,
Conservatism, Patriotism, Socialism,
and many more—
all ideas that cost life,
one way in another...
Oh, who am I kidding?
With the 4 for 4 at Wendy's, we all have nothing to
fear.

Wendy's 4 For \$4 Meal Deal Now Includes 8
Sandwich Options. Wendy's celebrates the arrival of
2018 by expanding its popular 4 for \$4 Meal deal to
include eight sandwich options. Each 4 for \$4 Meal
includes fries, chicken nuggets, and a drink, plus one
of the following: Double Stack, Crispy Chicken
Sandwich, Crispy Chicken BLT, Grilled chicken wrap, Spicy Chicken wrap, Jr.

Cheeseburger, Jr. Cheeseburger Deluxe, Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger



Untitled

by Ellie Castleton

I woke up bright and early that morning. I had so much homework to do that day, and I wanted to get an early start. I lost my charger, so my phone was dead. I had to wait till my mom got home from the gym, so I could beg her for some money for gas to get to the store.

As I was doing my homework, I heard my parents walk through the door. I went upstairs, but before I could ask her for money she said, "Have you looked at your phone?"

"No, it's dead. I lost my charger."

She handed me her phone, and I saw that the video I had posted on YouTube the day earlier had over 100,000 views. I could not believe what was happening. I never imagined a video of me reading a poem would be seen by so many people.

I went downstairs and immediately began planning on how to capitalize on my fame. Of course, I only made an outline of a plan; I didn't want to get ahead of myself. I started writing down ideas I had for poems that would change the world. I knew I was definitely going to solve all the world's problems.

After I wrote down my ideas, I looked in my closet to decide what to wear when Ellen called to invite me on her show. I wanted something that I would look good in if she scared me. I thought about my outfit for Jimmy Fallon, but I didn't really think it would go that far.

I wrote another poem titled, "Ten Ways You Can Make a Difference." I posted it and waited. I kept refreshing the page, waiting for the views to pour in. Sadly, the second one didn't have as much of an impact. My Ellen dreams were crushed, and the world remained hideously the same.



Prompt Response

The prompt from January was as follows:

A viral video suddenly puts you in the limelight. You're not rich (yet) but you're famous, and people are listening to you. What do you do with your newfound fame?

Thanks to everyone who submitted their responses. Here is our top pick for January's prompt.

February Prompt: Open Letter

This prompt is a little different. We're giving you an opportunity to write an open letter to the school. What do you think the Vikings need to hear? Send it in for a chance to have it published!

Submissions should be 250 - 500 words.

Send all work to:

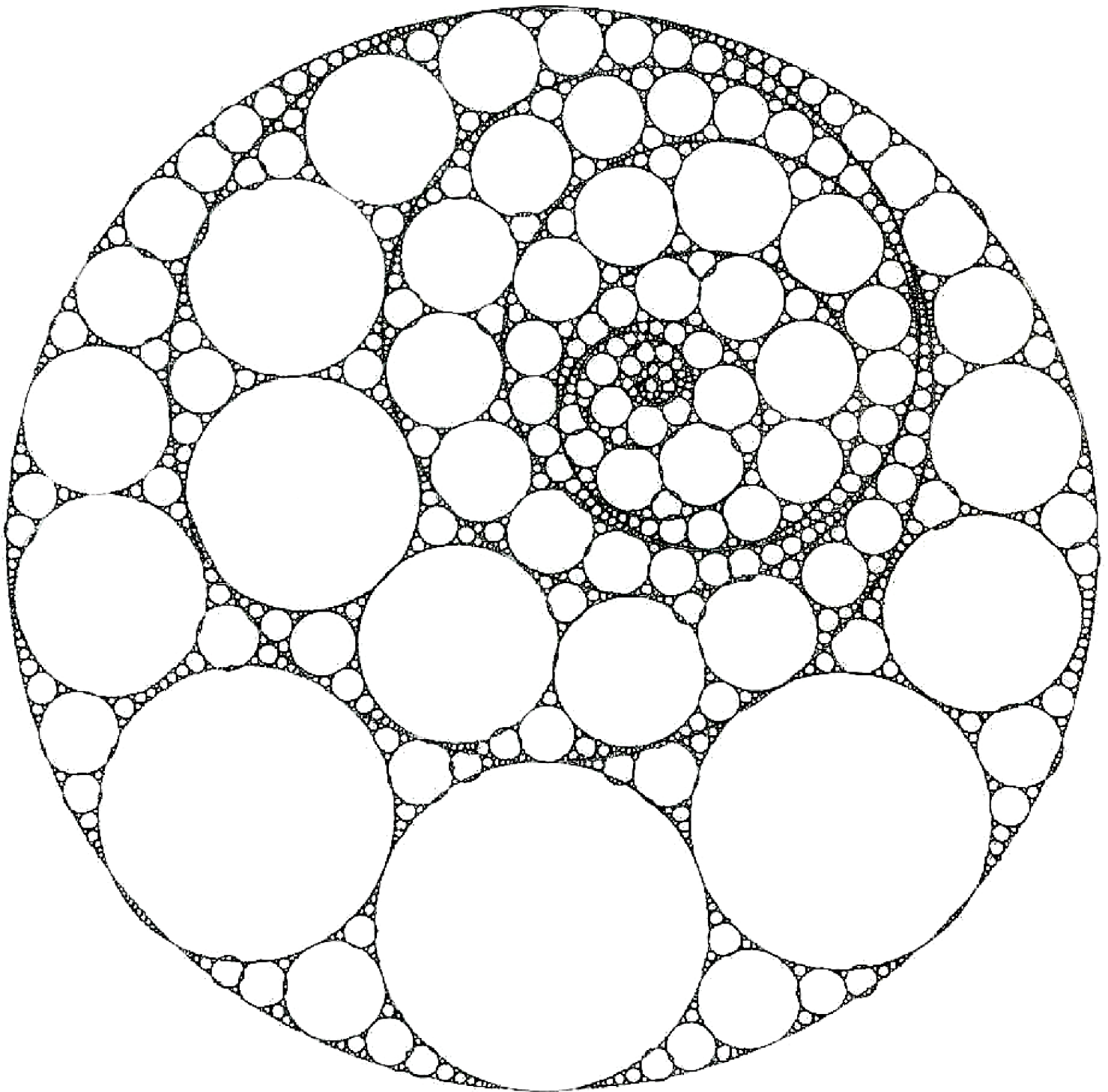
ViewmontVikingRunes@gmail.com

A Fractal

by Rebecca Turnblom

Look closely at this piece, and you'll notice a pattern that swirls around and around until you can no longer see it. This is called a fractal. Rebecca defines a fractal as "a shape that divides infinitely into or out of itself."

She enjoys creating these fractals while listening to lessons in class. She says that "[her] brain is running 50 miles an hour," and doing something with her hands helps her stay focused and engaged.



Last Month's Puzzle: Crossword

In January, you had the chance to complete a Viewmont-themed crossword puzzle. The question most people missed? Our school motto: “A Tradition of Excellence.” January’s puzzle was a very popular one, and we hope that February’s will be too! The winner of January’s \$10 Amazon gift card was Jordan Farnsworth!

But next month it could be you! See February’s puzzle on the right, and check back each month for a new puzzle and a chance to win.

February's Puzzle: Selfie Scavenger Hunt!

by Zeb Rhodehouse and Mr. B

We’ve got something special planned for February’s puzzle! We’re sending you on a selfie scavenger hunt

throughout the school. The catch? You’ll have to solve a few riddles to find the right photo ops!

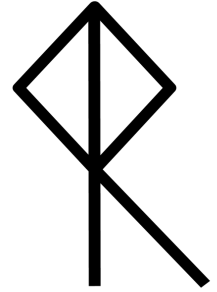
The prize this month is **2 free Cinemark movie tickets**. You only need pictures of yourself at 3 different locations to enter the drawing—but you’ll get an extra entry if you get pictures at all 5!

Look for the *Viking Runes* symbol (right) at each location to know you’re in the right place.

Take a selfie there and send the pictures to **ViewmontVikingRunes@gmail.com** to be entered.

Everything’s better with friends, so feel free to enter as a group—but there’s only one set of tickets for the winner!

Hint: #5 is not a typo...



Clues

I.

I stand and shield the school when most other thresholds are barred.

II.

When you open the covers, you open the door to places where your mind can soar with the wingéd pets of the Father of Thor and you shall be bored... *nevermore*.

III.

“When the wind doesn’t blow—”
well, you know,
but these ones don’t have to,
though they can *snack* and *train* below
the frame if they do.

IV.

"It means if there's something wrong,
those who have the ability to take action
have the responsibility to take action."

V.