

Harry Potter

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made enemies with Draco Malfoy (a rotten Slytherin); became the new Gryffindor quidditch seeker, (more on what a seeker is later); fought a troll in the girls bathroom (yes, this really happened), and got gifted an invisibility cloak (it used to be his father's, but Dumbledore did the honor of giving him the cloak.).

Warning! Spoiler Alert

In the end of the first book/movie, we find out that Professor Quirrel was hiding Voldemort under his turban, (Harry defeated Voldemort again), Professor Snape was trying to help Harry not hurt him, and the reason he survived the killing curse is because his mother sacrificed her life for him.

Quidditch-Quidditch is a very popular sports game in the wizarding world; there even is the quidditch world cup that happens every four years.

Positions:

Chaser- chasers are the players that tries to score points for their team.

Beater- the beaters are the players that use a baseball type stick to hit a flying ball towards the chasers, hopefully knocking the chasers of their brooms and/or knocking the ball out of the chaser's hands.

Keeper- the keeper is like the goalie; they defend the three tall hoops where the chasers try to score.

Seeker- The seeker is the only player that can end the game. They end the game by catching the golden snitch. The golden snitch is a small, almost impossible to see, winged, ball that flies around the quidditch pitch.

Objective:

The objective of the game is to get the most points before the seeker catches the golden snitch. The golden snitch is worth 150 points and usually that extra 150 points wins the game for the team who got them. When a chaser scores a goal it's worth 50 points.

Important Characters:

Harry Potter- the main protagonist/character in the series

Ron Wesley- Harry's first and probably best friend at Hogwarts.

Hermione Granger- another one of Harry's best friends and (by popular opinion) the most insightful of the trio.

Draco Malfoy- your average school bully who tries at every opportunity to get Harry and his friends in trouble.

Hagrid- the loveable half-giant who might have wanted a pet dragon too much.

Dumbledore- the headmaster at Hogwarts and (arguably) the most powerful wizard of all time.

Professor McGonagall – the head of Gryffindor house and she gifted Harry his very own Nimbus 2000

Voldemort – the evil wizard with no

nose who killed numerous winches, wizards, and muggles.

Professor Snape -The mean potions teacher that always seems to favorite the Slytherins

Terminology:

Muggles – non-magical people

Muggle born – a witch or wizard born with no magical parents

Half blood - a witch or wizard born with one magical parent (or a relative that is not magical)

Pure blood – a witch born with two magical parents and their whole family tree contains magical blood .

Fun Facts:

- The longest quidditch game lasted three months and ended with no snitch caught.
- J.K. Rowling and Harry Potter share a birthday on July 31, making them both Leos.
- The name Harry Potter is mentioned 18,956 times in the entire Harry Potter series.
- Hogwarts castle is over 1000 years old, it was founded around 900 A.D
- May second is international Harry Potter day. Why May second? Well because that is the anniversary of the Battle of Hogwarts

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Was Sheduer Sanders Ever Going to Go in the First Round?



**By Cole Dolan
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About three months ago, when the first NFL mock draft came out, most NFL analysts had the Colorado quarterback going number one in the draft.

Skip ahead to a few days before the draft, most mock drafts had Sanders sliding late into the first round, and even into the second round.

One more skip ahead and we are at day one and the first pick of the draft the commissioner calls the name of Cam Ward, Miami quarterback, to play for the Tennessee Titans. So now could he end up with the Giants? But they didn't draft him with the number three pick, so now where could he go?

As the round went on, it seemed he would slide into the second round. But then the Giants traded up to the number 24 pick and the pick was



Jaxson Dart, Quarterback for Ole Miss. So now Sanders slides to the second round. New day, new round. He's a definite early second round selection, or so we thought. But his name didn't get called round two, or round three, and not even round four, but a free fall all the way to pick 144 in round five to the Cleveland Browns.

Did anyone expect this free fall to happen? No. Is this something that humbles Sanders? Definitely. And could he come in to the NFL with a chip on his shoulder and be the best player in that draft? I believe so.

Sanders was believed to have terrible meetings with NFL teams, which could have played a factor into the gigantic slide. I believe that the Cleveland Browns got the steal of the draft with Sanders, especially getting him so late in the draft. Do you think Sheduer Sanders can succeed in the NFL?

Earth Day Allows Us to Honor Our Planet (It's All We Have!)



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Earth day was on April 22nd. We are going to be talking about why Earth Day is so important, why we celebrate it, and when it originally became such an important day.

Let's start with why Earth Day is so important!! Earth Day is the first holy day which transcends all national borders. Wow, I didn't know that! However, it also preserves all geographical integrities, spans mountains and oceans and time belts, and brings people all over the world into one resonating accord.

It is devoted to the preservation of the harmony in nature and yet draws upon the triumphs of technology, the measurement of time, and instantaneous communication through space.



Next, why do we celebrate Earth Day, I wonder? More than a billion people celebrate Earth Day in order to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees, we're making our world a happier, healthier place to live. Earth Day was originally established in 1970 and is now a worldwide cele-

The Cute, Endearing, and Endangered Axolotl



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My favorite animal is an axolotl! What's yours?

Axolotls are fascinating salamanders native to Mexico, known for their unique ability to regenerate lost body parts and their neoteny (retaining larval features into adulthood). They are critically endangered in the wild, facing threats from habitat loss and pollution. Which is a fact I didn't know, but now I do.

Axolotls can live up to 15 years, while in the wild. In captivity, their lifespan is shorter, around



5-6 years. Axolotls have small, fine teeth used for gripping rather than chewing or tearing food apart. While they are naturally brown or tan in their wild habitat, axolotls can come in a variety of colors, including white and pink, which are genetic mutations that rarely occur in the wild.

Sadly, most of them live in pet shops and home aquariums since these endearing amphibians – with the appearance of a perpetual smile – have become popular pets. In the wild, however, axolotl numbers are very low. So low that the "Mexican walking fish" is classified as critically endangered. This makes me sad. But I learned a few things from here.

Tacos and Salmon are Great Meal Ideas



By Elizabeth Alonzo Javier
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Do you want to learn new recipes so that you can re-create them this spring? Well, I'm here to tell you some delicious recipes.



First off, we have **salmon**: A healthy and delicious option, salmon can be baked, grilled, or pan-fried and pairs well with roasted vegetables or a simple salad. How do you make this, you may ask? WELLLL here: Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Season salmon with salt and pepper.

Place salmon, skin side down, on a non-stick baking sheet or in a non-stick pan with an oven-proof handle. Bake until salmon is cooked through, about 12 to 15 minutes. This is for oven salmon, which is a personal favorite!



Tacos: A quick and customizable dinner, tacos can be filled with various proteins, vegetables, and toppings. To assemble tacos, layer beef mixture, cheese, lettuce and tomatoes in each taco shell. Serve with salsa; top with sour cream. If you want to know more about delicious recipes, ask me. (I'm a pro cook in my imagination).

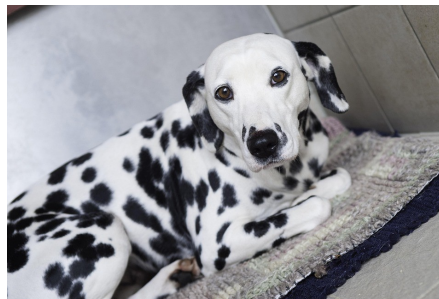
Can You 'Spot' the Dalmations?



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Dalmatians are famous for their cool spots! These dogs have white fur covered with black or brown spots/dots making them unique, like a starry night sky. Nobody knows exactly where they came from, but stories say they're from Dalmatia, a place near the sea. A long time ago, they weren't just pets, they ran alongside horse drawn carriages, keeping them safe and sound!

Guess what! I just found out—Dalmatians are strong and smart! Well, in my opinion, all dogs



are smart. Dalmatians are energetic and need lots of running around and games to stay happy. Imagine them zooming across a field! They're also good at learning tricks. Because they're so active, they need owners who can give them lots of exercise. But these dogs are awesome! They're loyal and love to play. Their spots make them special, and their history is interesting.

Even though they need lots of attention, their playful energy and cool look make them amazing pets for the right family. (I REALLY WANT THEM; THEY'RE SO ADORABLE!)

Swimming Won't Leave You High and Dry



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Have you ever wondered about the history of the sport swimming? Well, I have! And today we are going to talk about it.

Did you know swimming is one of the oldest sports?! (Yeah, I didn't, either). Long before fancy pools and Olympic medals, people swam just to survive. Early humans swam in rivers and oceans to find food, cross water and escape danger. Think about it, swimming was essential for life, but why is it a sport now?

Swimming became a sport because people naturally loved swimming. It was useful for ar-



mies, and it was exciting to watch! Ancient people swam for fun and to be able to survive. Armies used swimming training to prepare soldiers, so they could compare who was the best. Swimming races were fun, like a really cool show!

As time went on, people got better at swimming and wanted to see who the fastest swimmer was. They made up rules and started official competitions, turning swimming into the organized sport we know today.

Today, swimming is a huge, worldwide sport. Swimmers train incredibly hard, and the Olympics feature many swimming events. From casual dips in the pool to high stakes competitions, swimming has a long and fascinating history.