



Halloween Costume Inspiration!

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Since Halloween is coming up, it's the perfect time to pick out a costume. You always want to be prepared, and I advise not to wait until the last minute because last-minute costumes can be stressful, and they may not turn out how you wanted it to.

If you are struggling on finding a costume, here are some non-basic Halloween costumes. If you have a big friend group and all want to coordinate, you could be Disney princesses--for example Belle, Ariel, Jasmine, etc. You could also be Sesame Street characters like Elmo, Cookie Monster, etc. For a group of 4 you could be Winnie the Pooh characters like Winnie the Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, and Eeyore.

If you want to have a comfy costume, there are many characters that are onesies like Care Bears, Bluey characters, Minions and more. There are also so many onesies of animals like sharks, giraffes, bunnies, cows, pandas, frogs, etc.

For a duo costume you could be Thing 1 and Thing 2, Mike and Sully, and more. If you want to have a semi scary costume, you could be a vampire, which is a costume I really like. If you can't think of a costume that you want to be for Halloween, I hope this article gave you some inspiration.



It's Never Too Early to Get Set for Halloween



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Halloween- the one day a year where you can be whoever you want and even get treats instead of being judged. Now while Halloween is definitely not my favorite, nearly one quarter of Americas say its theirs. I mean, who can go wrong with being able to dress up and get candy in return?

Also, when someone says "Halloween", most people think of two things: ghosts and pumpkins! At least that's what I think of. Did you know that about 41% of America believes that ghosts are real?

I've always hated everything scary, but it's hard to think of Halloween as something scary. I mean, think of all the fun it brings! Painting pumpkins and looking for Halloween costumes is always a tradition that I'll follow even when I get "too old for Halloween".

Halloween is definitely not my favorite. I live for Christmas, but I'm still super excited to celebrate Halloween this year- and the best news is this year it's on a Friday!

Anyway, I know Halloween is still a little bit far away, but now is the perfect time to start searching for pumpkins and decorate your room perfectly to your Halloween liking!



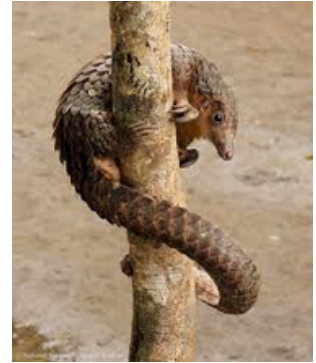
Check Out These Weird Animals!

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Here are some of the weirdest animals in the world! First off, we have the Pink Fairy Armadillo! The Pink Fairy Armadillo is one of the smallest species Armadillo, which was first described by Richard Harlan in 1825! The Pink Fairy Armadillo is 90 – 115 mm long and usually weighs around 120 g. This tiny creature is only found in Center Argentina. They are super rare that not even scientists have been able to classify their conversation status. They are small enough to fit in a human's hand! They are often hard to find because of their shyness. Yes, even creatures are shy!

Pangolins. What are Pangolins? Well let's find out. A Pangolin are much closely related to dogs, cats and even seals. Some people, despite their looks, might think they are cute. Whenever they are threatened, they curl up into a ball. Which I personally think is very cool. Which other animals do you want to know about?



Jellyfish are Pretty Cool Creatures

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Do you have a favorite sea animal? Well, I have many favorites and today I'm going to be talking about JELLYFISH! First, we are going to learn all about them then list some fun facts, so let's get started.

Jellyfish are squishy, gelatinous sea animals with bell shaped bodies and long tentacles that can sting, but they aren't actually fish at all because they have no bones! Shocking, right?

They also don't have brains, or hearts which is even more shocking!! Jellyfish float and drift in the ocean, using the water's currents to move around, and can be various sizes and colors.

That's all about jellyfish! I hope you learned a lot about jellyfish. Now I'm going to list some facts about jellyfish that may shock you. So, let's get started.

FIVE INTERESTING FUN FACTS

- Did you know some jellyfish can be immortal? (immortal means living forever, never dying).
- Some jellyfish actually have teeth.
- Dead jellyfish can still sting
- Jellyfish can clone themselves
- Jellyfish are NOT fish.

That's all about jellyfish! I hope you loved and learned a lot from this, and I hope you liked all the fun facts I listed.



Celebrate World Smile Day Today

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Today is World Smile Day! It's a holiday celebrated on the first Friday of October every year.

This holiday was created in 1999 by a guy named Harvey Ball. It originated with the iconic smiley face emoji that was made in 1963. I mean, if you think of smiling, you probably think of the yellow smiling face. It's been one of the most well-known symbols throughout the year.

Harvey Ball created this holiday because he thought his smiley symbol lost its original meaning. Now, you can look up tons of funny interesting national and international holidays, but this one has a deeper meaning. It celebrates how people are born with the simple ability to smile, laugh, and love. The holiday's simple purpose is to promote kindness and happiness. The act of smiling can brighten your mood, along with others. And just like a human's fingerprint, everyone's smile is unique and different. So, to conclude, I hope you join me in smiling on World Smile Day.



The Debate Begins: Cell Phones on Washington Trip Or Not?

By Allison Posadas
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Do you ever think we should be able to take our phones on the D.C trip this year? Well, a lot of people say we should and today I am going to be talking about it.

What do I think?

I think we should be able to bring our phones for the D.C trip. Why you may ask? Well, because . . .

- Say we are lost, and by “we”, I mean yourself and your entire group. Let's also say there is no one to ask for help. A phone call wouldn't hurt right?
- Some kids don't feel comfortable talking to teachers if they need help (yes, I do know some people who are), and with their phones, they could ask for help comfortably.
- Yes, some students may lose their phone during the trip but if they lose it, that's not the school's problem, so I think the students should have a choice whether to bring their phone on the trip.

I wanted to talk about this topic because a lot of people don't think it's fair, and I don't think it's fair either. What do you think?



All You Ever Wanted to Know About Conan Gray

By Allison Posadas
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Conan Gray is another one of my favorite artists! And today I am going to be talking about him. Who he is, what he does, and song recommendations. Let's get started!

Conan Gray is an American singer and songwriter. Conan Gray was born on the 5th of December, 1998 in Lemon Grove, California. As a young kid, Conan moved to Hiroshima, Japan before returning to California, and then as a preteen, he moved to Texas.

He started making music because he was bored in his town and needed an outlet to express his creativity. At 12, he started writing songs and posted them on his YouTube channel that he started when he was nine years old. In 2017, he self-released his debut single, "Idle Town", which went CRAZY viral. He self-released his second single, "Grow", before getting signed to a public record.

Some things you may not know about Conan are . . .

- He dropped out of his dream school, which was UCLA, to pursue his music career.
- Adele was his biggest inspiration when he started song writing.
- Conan is scared of sharks and whales and just the ocean in general.

SONG RECOMMENDATIONS!

Some song recommendations are from the new album that recently came out on August 15th, 2025.

- Eleven Eleven (From new album)
- Nauseous (also from new album)
- Actor (Yes again also from new album)
- Carmel (you guessed it also from the new album)
- Heather
- The cut that always bleeds
- Memories
- Crush culture
- Bourgeoisies

That's all the songs. I really recommend you guys should listen to Conan Gray.

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Who Really Is She?

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This is a fiction story.

Two girls named Sammy and Chloe were on their way to the cafeteria at Northern Wood High School. On their way, Sammy saw a girl standing next to her old locker, but the girl looked really familiar. Sammy says, “Hey, doesn't she look oddly familiar?” They both stop walking and look at each other.

“Who are you talking about?” says Chloe. They both keep on looking at each other with confused expressions.

“Her!” says Sammy, while pointing at the girl she sees.

Chloe slightly tilts her head with a creased brow. “Are you going insane? There’s no one there!” says Chloe.

Sammy walks over to the locker where she sees the so-called “Familiar girl”. “It’s Sarah, Chloe. I think you’re going insane!” she says with an excited smile.

“Who the heck is Sarah?” says Chloe “And where even is she? Let's just get going to lunch.”

“Fine” says Sammy. Both girls are on their way to lunch.

“Finally,” says Chloe. “Do you really not know who she is?”

Sammy says, “No. I don’t know who she really is.”

“Are you sure this isn’t another one of your dumb pranks?” Chloe says while chewing on her sandwich.

“She’s the new student!” says Sammy.

“What new student? How do I not know about her, but you do?” asks Chloe.

Both girls continue to eat. Then the bell rings: DING DING DINGG! Both girls go back to the locker. “She still is here?” asks Sammy.

“Who your imaginary friend, Sarah?” says Chloe “Come on, we must get going. We’re going to be late to science, and you know Ms. Davis is like the strictest teacher in the whole school.”

The second bell rings: DING DING DINGG “Yes I know she is strict but . . .” Sammy pauses. “Well, guess we’re late.”

“It’s all your fault! We are probably going to get sent to the principal’s office,” says Chloe.

“Yeah, yeah,” says Sammy, while opening the classroom door.

“PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE NOW!” says Ms. Davis. Both girls stand up and leave the classroom.

“What did I tell you Sammy? What did I tell you? Feel free to tell the principal all about the so-called ‘New student’. Who really is this girl Sammy, who really is she?”

That’s all for the fictional story I made. By the way it ended on a cliffhanger so there is no part 2 but I hope you enjoyed it.

What Makes Sponge Bob So Popular?

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SpongeBob has been with us since 1999! (Basically the 20th century) Many kids and adults are watching it. SpongeBob is on shoes, shirts, even Internet memes! But why is it so popular?

SpongeBob started streaming on 5/1/1999 as a simple comedy cartoon for kids. The answer to the show's popularity was because it has lots of funny moments in it. Especially "Imaginaaaaaation" is funny because SpongeBob makes a rainbow out of thin air. The most iconic songs from it would be the intro song, and of course, "Sweet Victory".

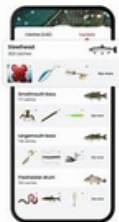
But how did it all start? The show started out with a young Stephen Hillenberg. He was obsessed with ocean creatures and marine life. Because of this, we have the show we all know and love. It was so popular that movies were released in 2004, 2015, 2021, 2024, 2025. Also, prepare for the new SpongeBob movie in December! I also look forward to the movie.

Bach (part 2), Rockestra and Jazz!

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Hello and welcome to the **Daily Life of A 6th Grade Musician!** We'll continue with our music history with Bach. In Leipzig, Bach composed music for the principal Lutheran churches of the city. In 1726, he began to publish his own music. He had trouble working with his employer and accepted a new title as . . . but that's it for music history! Sorry to leave a cliffhanger but now we go to music and SMS,

This Fiddle Friday, we 6th graders don't have orchestra unfortunately, but Rockestra has started and don't forget about Jazz! Join us on October 17 in the music room. Go to Mr. Gilbert for more information. As for the winter concert, there's a poster on his door with more information. Even the drama club dates are on there, so make sure to check it out. That's all for today and see you next time.



Go Fish with the App, and GET YOUR SKIS!

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Hello and welcome to **The Great Outdoors Man**. Today's main topic is the fish bait app. It is used by fisherman all over the world! You can start by making your account. It signs you in with your real name, and later, you can change your name and your image.

Next, choose your area. I recommend 10 to 15 miles from your house, but you can also make it 20 to 25 miles for a challenge. Make your first post by adding pictures. You can also add the fish that you caught and put it down. You can make it to check posts only in you area.

Now, we interrupt our regular fishing program for special announcement: Make sure to rent your skis! Do it now or else you might not have them for the season, because everybody's lining up to get them so get them early. I personally recommend you go to Hickory and Tweed in Armonk. They're really good at skis; they've been doing it for like 100 years . . . maybe.

Step one: make an appointment. Don't forget to bring socks. And, if you don't have one, get a helmet while you are there. Be ready to spend one hour there. It gets busy.

That's all we have for today see you next time on **The Great Outdoors Man**.



Gel Manicures: Safe or Dangerous?

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Gel manicures are a special type of manicure where the nail polish stays on your nails for longer. They also dry fast with the help of UV light and look shinier. But recently they were banned in Europe along with many more places. So why the ban?

They were banned in September 2025 because of the chemical TPO. TPO is a chemical that absorbs UV light and hardens the gel. Scientists discovered that when animals such as mice were exposed to TPO they developed issues such as not being able to have babies. The government of Europe decided to ban gel manicures because they thought it could affect humans like this as well.

Gel manicures are still available in the US for now. There are other options to paint your nails other than gel such as regular, dazzle dry, and acrylic tips. Those might be a safer option for now until more research is done.



Is Daylight Savings Really Worth It?

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Daylight Savings is when the clocks either move forward one hour or backward one hour. This tradition originated in World War I, when this was implemented to save energy consumption during the nighttime, and after the war, it was kept as a tradition.

But is it really worth it?

Positives: Today, daylight savings allows us to have more time during the day, which allows us to spend more time outside. It also saves energy which costs less money and time. When the law was passed to keep daylight savings, farmers had more time to till and harvest their crops, which raised its reputation.

Negatives: Many people talk about how daylight savings messes up their sleep schedule. Another negative is how when it turns back, all the positives reverse into negatives. The last negative is how there isn't much of a purpose anymore, since many people stay up past daytime to work on school or work.

So, which side are you on, and why?



Scooterbot Comic
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