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MS. ALEMAN

TWE has a lot of great teachers. This month we chose to talk with Ms. Aleman. She is a first grade bilingual teacher.



1 What did you study in college and what college did you go to? "UIC in MEXICO. I studied Touristic Relations."

2 What do you think about kids? "Let me think, the kids are the hope of humanity."

3 What do you think about teaching? "Teaching is like engineers work but we help design little kids' minds."

4 Do you like first grade? "I love first grade."

5 What other grades have you taught? "4th and 6th grade."

6 Do you have kids? "Yes I have 3: Briana, Sylvana, and Priscila."



By: Luciana Illas-Govea and Sylvana Valadez-Rodriguez (Daughter of Ms. Aleman)



Luciana Illas



Sylvana Valadez

7 What schools do your kids go to? "Sylvana is in 4th grade at TWE, Brianna is at Seven Lakes Junior High in 8th, and Priscila goes to Texas A&M."

8 Do you have pets? "No, but I name the animals in my backyard."

9 Have you ever gone on vacation outside of the U.S.? "Yes. Hungary, Spain, and France."

10 What is your biggest fear? "Let me think, disappointing my students"

11 Do you have a favorite student? "Yes the kid that gives the most effort."

QUESTION SYLVANA VALADEZ, 4TH GRADER, FOR MORE

MY FAVORITE ANIMAL

Do you know what animal I like the most? I'll give you a couple of clues!

One; this animal can be a wild or house animal. Second; this animal has a long tail. Do you know it? Yes, you guessed it! It is a cat!

Do you know why I like cats so much? One; they can be any kind, and I find that very interesting. I like all kinds of cats, and I wish I could see every single breed.

Two; they are all cute and fluffy! That is what I like about cats most. I have a cat, and she has very fluffy fur. 3; is defences. If a cat senses a predator, she/he will fluff up its tail to look very puffy. If the cat feels harmed, the cat will hiss and put its tail under his/her body. But if you are nice, the cat will purr and nuzzle across your legs.

4; is that a cat's nose has prints much like a human's prints. 5; is that cats can not taste sweetness unlike humans and dogs. 6; is that cats have 32 muscles in each ear! That allows cats to rotate their ears 180 degrees to pinpoint sounds. 7; cats can jump 5 times their own height!! Last, a group of cats is called a 'clowder' while a group of kittens is called a 'kindle'. All that explains why I like cats so much.

Written by Ashley W.



Kittens sleep 18 to 20 hours a day.



Kittens love to play with things that bounce around.

Fun facts

- Cats are rated one of the most quietest animals.
- Cats can run faster than the fastest human in history.
- Cats are one of the most cutest animals in the world



This is a kitten playing with some string.



SLOTHS

The three toed sloth is the slowest animal in the world! Can't you believe that? Anyways, I'll tell you about sloths.

Habitats

Sloths live in many countries, but the most common country sloths live in is Brazil. Brazil has a lot of tropical forests like the Atlantic Forest and the Cerrado forest.



Diet

Sloths usually eat leaves, shoots, and buds, but sometimes they eat fruit, insects, and bird eggs. They also eat sweet potatoes, and carrots.



Fun Facts

- Sloths are much stronger than us.
- Sloths are extremely vulnerable to deforestation.
- Some sloths really turn heads.

In conclusion, I think that sloths are really cool animals to learn about. Someday, I think that other people will like sloths too.



by Siya Aditri





A MAN'S BEST FRIEND DOGS

woof

woof

FRIENDLY, CARING, CRAZY



By: Dyuti Bharathan

I love dogs so much and these fun facts blew my mind! Did you know they have three eyelids? They are used to protect them from the dust and debris they find.

Another KA-RAY-ZEE fact is that a greyhound could beat a cheetah in a long distance race!! And cheetahs are one of the fastest animals in the world! After hearing this fact, you may think that the greyhound is the fastest dog breed, but the fastest is actually the Saluki. The reason is that they have longer legs, so they are able to run faster.

Did you know that dogs have dreams too? It may seem obvious but even I didn't know that!

Now, for the final fact! Some people don't like dogs because they bark ALL THE DARN TIME, but Basenji dogs actually don't bark! They must be super calm!

All these facts blew my mind and they are my favorite animals. Dogs really are unique!





HISTORY



THE OCEAN



ECOSYSTEM

ANIMALS



HORSE SHOE CRAB

Horseshoe crabs are really old animals that have looked the same for 350 million years! Even though they're called crabs, they're not real crabs. They're more like spiders and scorpions. There are four kinds of horseshoe crabs in the world, but only one kind lives in North America.

BY: ESTEBAN AND MATTEO



The ocean is not just a big place where water covers the land. It's like a superhero with a cool secret under the waves! The bottom of the ocean is super busy, always making new stuff and breaking old stuff. This helps change how the ocean looks and even affects the land we live on!

The oceans have been home to some of the first animals ever! Life in the ocean started about 4 billion years ago. Back then, things were super simple because the ocean was mostly filled with tiny things like bacteria and plants. Then, about 545 million years ago, these little guys changed into other kinds of animals. Some of them, like the horseshoe crab, are still around today, but others like the Anomalocaris, which are kind of like shrimp's cousins, aren't here anymore.

Anomalocaris

The Anomalocaris was a big sea creature that lived a long, long time ago, about 500 million years! It was like a boss of the ocean back then. It had spiky arms to grab stuff, and its mouth was round and kind of weird, like an experiment from back when life was just getting started on Earth.

<https://www.marinebio.org/oceans/history/>



Stop pollution



WHAT IS POLLUTION?

POLLUTION IS A MAJOR GLOBAL PROBLEM. BUT FIRST WHAT IS POLLUTION? POLLUTION IS A HARMFUL SUBSTANCE THAT CAN DAMAGE THE EARTH AND ECOSYSTEMS. POLLUTION COULD EVEN WIPE OUT A TYPE OF ANIMAL! POLLUTION IS ALMOST EVERYWHERE. THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF POLLUTION. WE ARE JUST GONNA TALK ABOUT 2 TYPES OF POLLUTION.



AIR POLLUTION

FIRST IS AIR POLLUTION. AIR POLLUTION CAN BE SMOKE, DUST, AND SOME GASES. AIR POLLUTION CAN MAKE PEOPLE GET ASTHMA, HEART ATTACKS, AND EVEN CANCER. IT HARMS ECOSYSTEMS. OUR CARS CAUSE AIR POLLUTION BY RELEASING HARMFUL GAS. THIS GAS DAMAGES THE OZONE. IT CAN BE TOXIC TO AN ANIMAL'S HEALTH AND EVEN THEIR REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM.



WATER POLLUTION

NEXT IS WATER POLLUTION. WATER POLLUTION IS CHEMICAL AND TRASH IN A BODY OF WATER. OIL SPILLS ARE STICKY AND CAN HURT ANIMALS. SOME SEA ANIMALS EAT TRASH AND CHOKE. ANIMALS CAN GET TANGLED IN TRASH. SUSPENDED SEDIMENT CAN CLOG FISH GILLS. WE MIGHT BE DRINKING POLLUTED WATER.

HOW TO STOP POLLUTION

HOW DO WE STOP POLLUTION? YOU CAN STOP AIR POLLUTION BY NOT DRIVING A LOT. TRY RIDING A BIKE OR WALKING. FOR WATER POLLUTION, TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS. DO NOT LITTER. WITH YOUR HELP POLLUTION MIGHT EVENTUALLY STOP.



BY: PARNIKA VASANTHA



EXPLORING THE BEAUTY AND POWER OF OUR PLANET

Nature's Short Poem

If Mother Nature could have power she commands all of the animals and the winds in the sky. And river streams and oceans all together at once. Then the mountains she would rise then to the challenge and deep in the oceans to control the sea floor. After she would explore and command the whole world with her power of nature. And help us be the maintainers and protectors of this powerful and beautiful planet. To sustainable every thing and be our responsible.



By Sarah Perez

Mother Nature

If Mother Nature was beautiful She would be climbing mountains growing trees and blessing us with fresh air. Then she would be whispering through the air making the sun glow infinitely with her rays so bright. Then come us, we are responsible don't pollute the planet or else this will be gone so let's help mother nature keep being beautiful still and for many more years still.

SUBNAUTICA

Subnautica is probably one of the scariest and coolest games I know. The graphics make it look like real life. The reason it's so scary is that when you have so many good things and then you wander into the void, a ghost leviathan comes and kills you, and you lose some of your good items. It's also scary for obvious reasons. There are 39 biomes in Subnautica; each biome has diverse life, shape, and hazards. My favorite animal is the sea treader. You can learn way more about Subnautica if you play it.



bulb zone



reaper leviathan



sea treader

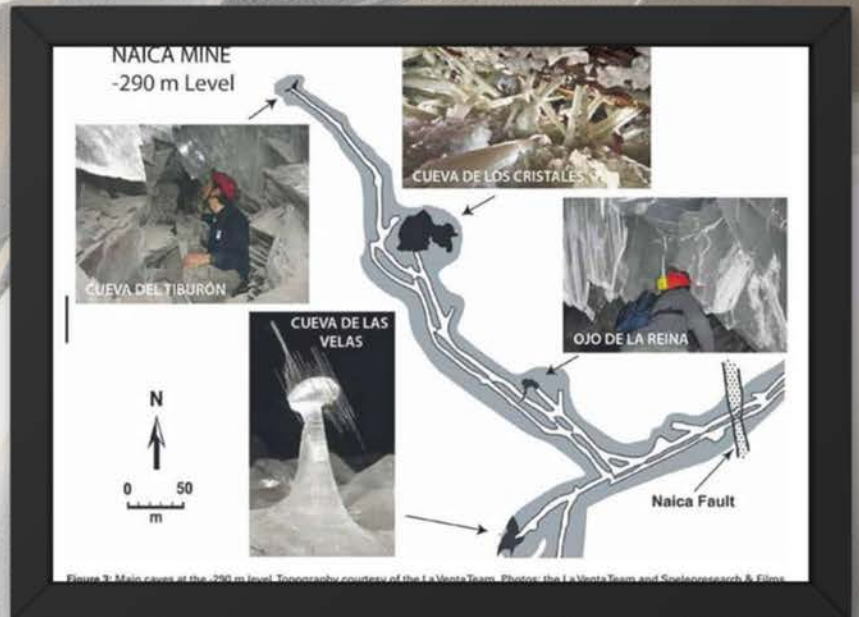
grand reef [favorite biom]



by:Alexander Tannous

The Crystal Cave

The Naica Mine's Cave of the Crystals contains the world's largest natural crystals. Located at Chihuahua, Naica, Mexico, is considered the most beautiful underground discovery, but the crystal cave is deadly. Without equipment you can only stay 5 minutes but with equipment you can stay 45 minutes but if you stay longer you will die. The crystal cave was discovered in April 2000 by brothers Juan and Pedro Sánchez. They were drilling for lead and silver in the Naica Mine when they stumbled upon the chamber filled with massive selenite crystals (39 feet long and weighing 100,000 lbs). The crystals' water has 100 bacteria and that makes them deadly but you can touch them. I think the crystal cave is so beautiful it has 500,000 years.



By Nicole Gonzalez

NEW YORK CITY!

New York City is a very cold and magical place in winter! And if you want to go see snow you want to go in November, December, or February. It's very magical! Make sure you bring A LOT of layers of clothes.

Hungry? There are so many food trucks, and lots of yummy food like hotdogs, fries, and other hot foods. Just know that NYC is a very crowded city but you will have lots of space!



here are many religions and a lot of different nationalities, including Mexican and French.

You need to make sure you are careful.

There are a lot of cars!

You really want to get cozy in the cold weather. Drinking hot chocolate will be nice.

I recommend visiting Town Square and Hudson's Yard, going to the Jelly Cat Store, and seeing the Macy's Parade.

Now I think you are prepared for a visit to New York!



By: Harper Warren

HERECULES HERECULES

We start by telling a story about a hero named Hercules. There are 12 laborers.

#1 Hercules slayed the Nemean lion, which has an impenetrable hide.

#2 Slayed the Lernaean hydra. A multi headed beast, and if you cut one 2 will grow back in that spot.

#3 Captured the Ceryneian which is sacred to the god Artemis.

#4 Capture the Erymanthian boar that terrorized the land.

#5 Cleaned the Augean stables. Hercules had to clean the massive, filthy stables of King Augeas in a single day. He accomplished this by diverting two rivers to flow through the stables and wash them clean.

#6 Slayed the Stymphalian Birds.

#7 Captured the Cretan Bull: Capture the mad bull terrorizing Crete.

#8 Stole the Mares of Diomedes: Steal the flesh-eating horses of King Diomedes.

#9 Obtained the Girdle of Hippolyta: Get the girdle of Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons.

#10 Seized the Cattle of Geryon: Killed the three-bodied giant Geryon and stole his cattle.

#11 Stole the Apples of the Hesperides and retrieved golden apples from the garden guarded by the Hesperides.

#12 Captured Cerberus: Brought Hades' three-headed dog, Cerberus, up from the Underworld.



I'm Zeus



p.o.v. me being as drippy as Hercules



the drip is kick'in in.



We like Greek mythology

Callan Stoll & Joey Hitch



KATSEYE

A WONDERFUL BAND

My favorite band is Katseye, and I have a lot of reasons why. Here are some of the best reasons why:

#1 I personally think their songs ATE and left NO crumbs. Some of their best songs are Gnarly, Gabriela, My Way, Touch, and I'm Pretty.

#2 The members of Katseye are so beautiful and elegant! Take a look!

#3 They are very young! The oldest one is only 24 years old!

#4 They are so successful! They debuted in 2024 and became famous instantly! I am highly inspired by them.

#5 Last but not least, they are really, really funny and they are so

supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! They have made so many funny interviews, but at the same time, they are super caring and sweet.



Inspiration!

This group really inspires me to try hard and never give up and be really successful! So, whenever you feel discouraged, think about this hardworking group. KATSEYE!

BY: DEEKSHA.S





CANDY CANE



Have you ever wondered why candy cane is a candy that represents Christmas? Well Candy canes became a Christmas symbol primarily because of a widely circulated legend that attributes their design to a religion. The choirmaster bent sugar sticks into a 'J' shape to symbolize Jesus. A choirmaster bent sugar sticks into a 'J' shape to symbolize Jesus. dates back to 1670 in Germany, when a choirmaster at Cologne bent sugar sticks into a shepherd's staff shape to hand out to children during services.

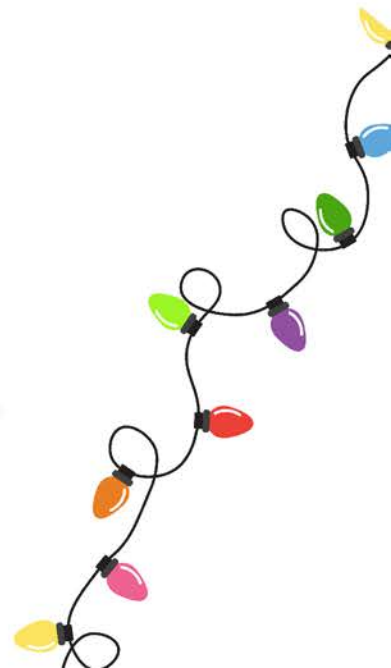
What the colors on the candy canes represent

White color: Represents the purity and sinless nature of Jesus.

Red stripes: Symbolize the blood Jesus shed for humanity on the cross.

By:Linda Li

MERRY CHRISTMAS





HOW TO MAKE THE PERFECT DRINK FOR A COZY CHRISTMAS

Hot chocolate began as a bitter, frothy drink for the Mayans and Aztecs, who mixed ground cocoa beans with water, spices, and other ingredients. It was introduced to Europe in the 1500s by Spanish explorers, who sweetened it and began drinking it warm. The beverage remained a luxury for the upper class until the 19th century, when an invention in Holland made cocoa powder and mass production possible, leading to the more affordable and widely available versions we know today.

1. Get your hot chocolate (Any type! Just not beef. Please, no beef hot chocolate...)
 2. Cover the opening FULLY with whipped cream.
 3. Sprinkle sprinkles over the whipped cream (Optional).
 4. Top it off with marshmallows (Optional as well. Any size!).
- If you have candy canes, stick them on the side of the cup.

There!

You now have a perfect drink!

Remember to warm it up!



By Anvi Katole





CHRISTMAS, THE UNBELIEVABLE CELEBRATION

The Fun Celebration of Christmas

For a really long time, like more than two thousand years, people have been celebrating Christmas with lots of joy and happiness. It's a time when everyone comes together to eat yummy food like turkey and chicken.

One of the best things about Christmas is giving and getting presents. This idea comes from a super cool guy named Santa Claus. The first Christmas happened on December 25th, way back in the year 336. People picked this day to celebrate because it's when Jesus was born, which was a really big deal.

Lots of people around the world celebrate Christmas, but there are also other special days like Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Yule, Boxing Day, and Bodhi Day that people enjoy too.

Interesting Facts

- *Did you know celebrating Christmas was illegal? In the mid-17th century, the Puritan-led English Parliament banned Christmas celebrations in favor of a day of fasting.*
- *Also, did you know hanging stockings started by accident? The historic St. Nicholas heard about the plight of a local man who did not have enough dowry money.*
- *Lastly, did you know that Rudolph isn't an original reindeer? The original eight were Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen, but Rudolph was created much later in 1939.*



Santa
a Christmas legend that
delivers gifts to kids



by David
Perla



REINDEER



Reindeer

Did you know that reindeer eyes change color? If you keep reading, you'll find out more fun facts about these amazing animals. One cool thing is that some reindeer have red noses! This happens because their veins are cooling down.

Here are two more awesome facts about reindeer:

- *When a reindeer lifts its white tail, it's telling other reindeer to run fast because there's danger nearby.*
- *Also, reindeer like to eat winter moths.*

You might wonder why I chose to write about reindeer. There are so many neat things to learn about them, and they're really interesting creatures! Finally, it's cool to know that reindeer have been around for over 5 million years. Maybe you should learn more about reindeer yourself!



Valentina King



SEPHORA'S/ULTA'S BEST BRANDS

BEST BRANDS TO GET IN SEPHORA/ULTA FOR CHRISTMAS



Sol de Janeiro

First of all one of the brands in Sephora that I recommend is Sol De Janeiro because these are viral, cute, bright smelling and trending perfumes. They are totally worth buying and checking out in Sephora and ULTA. They are super hydrating and affordable for all people. Additionally, they have a variation of scents that are so good. Did you also know that these scents can cheer up your mood? In addition, some of the scents of this perfume brand are 68, 40, 76, 62, and 87 which are all great scents. I would recommend this brand for the holidays for friends family and even gifts. This perfume is amazing for all these reasons



SUMMER FRIDAYS

Summer Fridays is well known for their lip butter balms which are only found in Sephora. These lip balms are super hydrating and colorful. All these different flavors, scents, and colors add a unique piece to every lip balm. For the holidays, I would recommend getting the hot cocoa flavor. If you don't like that you could try one of the original flavors. For example, there is Vanilla, Vanilla Beige, Brown Sugar, Pink Sugar, Cherry, Poppy, Sweet Mint, Iced Coffee, and Pink Guava. This is why I would recommend this brand of lip balms for this Christmas. Plus this is why these lip balms are so good, unique and feel amazing on the lips and you should totally buy them for this holiday season.



Link to Sol De Janeiro's official website



Link to Summer Friday's official website



By: Prakrithi Garimella and Sarah Perez





Swimming

THE BEST WATER SPORT

Fun Fact:

Swimmers dive off blocks to start their race



Freestyle is my fastest stroke and is also one of the most tiring strokes for most people who aren't the best at holding their breath. Freestyle is the stroke where you use very fast kicks and arms.

I am now going to talk about Breaststroke, also known as my most favorite stroke. It is the slowest of the four strokes. In my opinion Breaststroke is actually a very unique stroke because of the arm strokes and the kicks.

The next stroke I am going to talk about is backstroke. Backstroke is the stroke that you will see people do on their back, as its name suggests. In many swimming schools, backstroke is the first stroke you learn.

The last stroke I am going to talk about is Butterfly. This is my least favorite stroke because it is so tiring. This stroke involves a lot of energy going from your hands. Your kicks can be related to a marine animal. Can you guess which one? If you thought it was a whale or a dolphin, you are correct!



By Krishna Iyer



SOCCER FACTS YOU WANT TO KNOW

SOCCER IS THE BEST SPORT in my opinion. Here are facts why.

Soccer is the most popular.

Ronaldo has the most career goals.

Soccer was created in 1863.

Real Madrid is the most favorite team in the world.

The 2026 world cup is hosted in north america.

The Netherland best team is Ajax.

Real Madrid has the most champion league with 15.

Barcalona has 32 copas del rey which is the most.

Porto won the chamion league in 2004.

My favorite team is Real Madrid. There rivals are Barcalona

Lance Lindholm





HOUSTON ROCKETS

The Houston Rockets are my favorite team. The Houston Rockets have won 2 championships, one in 1994 and another in 1995. The Houston Rockets were created in 1967. They first started in San Diego, California. The Houston Rockets moved from San Diego in 1971 after four terrible seasons.

Some of the best players currently are Kevin Durant, Alperen Şengün, and Jabari Smith Jr. The Houston Rockets are well-known for the Yao Ming and James Harden era. They are also known for their rivalries against the San Antonio Spurs and the Golden State Warriors.



By: Max Gonzalez



Basketball

Basketball was created in December 1891 by Dr. James Naismith. Players had to pass and shoot and couldn't dribble. If they made a basket, they would have to get a ladder to retrieve the ball. They used actual baskets because of the name basketball. It was created because they needed a new winter sport. It helped people be more physically active so they could have stronger handles, which refer to dribbling and shooting technique.

The USA had many stars like LeBron James, Steph Curry, and Kevin Durant. They have insane peak fitness and flexibility to be shifty in different situations. They know when to use their moves or when to pass. Not only do they have to be physically strong, but they also have to be mentally strong. They need to have the ability to think fast and make decisions.



By: Naksh Jariwala



TENNIS NEWS



NEXT GEN ATP FINALS SOON!

WHAT IS THE NEXT GEN ATP FINALS?

THE NEXT GEN ATP FINALS IS LIKE THE ATP FINALS EXCEPT IT IS A CHANCE FOR YOUNGER PLAYERS TO COMPETE WITHOUT FACING SUPERSTARS.

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All the players: Jakub Mensik, Learner Tien, Alexander Blockx, Dino Prizmic, Martin Landsaluce, Nicolai Budkov Kaejr, Nieshesh Basaverdy, and Rafael Jodar are prepared.

How did they qualify? Mensik made the cut because he had a huge advantage since he won the Miami Masters 1000. Tien secured a spot right after he won the Moselle Open. Blockx had to work his way through challenger titles in Oeiras and Bratislava. Prizmic, being consistent, made it. Kaejr, Basaverdy, and Landaluce earned a place. Basaverdy, though, got the opening when Jao Fonseca retired. Finally, Jodar made it after a surge, winning three challenger titles.



Brandon Nakashima holding Next Gen ATP final trophy.

Who do you think will win this year? The odds are on everyone! Predict and make sure to tell your fellow tennis friends!

Stay tuned on [tennischannel.com](https://www.tennischannel.com), the Tennis Channel app, or on the Tennis Channel (Cable TV).



By: Julia Pachon



Soccer

Soccer superstars win massive trophies like the World Cup, Champions League, Premier League, and La Liga, along with prestigious individual awards like the Ballon d'Or, Golden Boot, and Best Player honors.



They train relentlessly for insane fitness, master skills like dribbling and shooting, study tactics, and maintain discipline, but beyond the pitch, they act as global ambassadors, engage in intense media and sponsor duties, focus heavily on recovery (sleep and diet), and often give back to communities through charity, building brands, and promoting youth sports.



By Bastian Faina





BASKETBALL

HISTORY OF THE GAME

Basketball is a super popular sport! People all over the world play it. It has an amazing story of how it started small and grew into something huge, like the NBA and the Olympics. This happened because of cool new rules and awesome players who became superstars. The game started a long, long time ago, in December 1891, in a cold place called Springfield, Massachusetts. A teacher named James Naismith needed a fun indoor game so his students could stay active when it was too snowy to go outside. He didn't want a rough game like football. So, he had a great idea! He got two peach baskets and nailed them high up on a track around the gym, ten feet off the floor. He used a soccer ball to play. At first, there were only 13 rules. The biggest rule was that you couldn't run with the ball! You had to pass it. This new game was a big hit right away and spread fast, thanks to places called the YMCA. The game changed fast as it got more popular! Soon, the old peach baskets were replaced with metal hoops that had nets, making the game much quicker since the ball could fall through. Basketball also moved from being a simple game where you could only pass the ball to the fast-moving sport we know today, especially when players were allowed to dribble.



MB.04 PHONIX LaMelo BALL



KEVIN DURANT 18



KOBE REVERSE



JORDAN 1 LOW



CURRY 3Z7



LeBron XXII



ABOUT OUR STARS

Michael Jordan made basketball famous all over the world in the 1990s because he could jump super high and was the best scorer ever! Then there is LeBron James, who has been one of the best players for two decades because he is strong and can do everything on the court—score, pass, and rebound. And don't forget Stephen Curry, who totally changed the game by being the best three-point shooter ever! He showed everyone that shooting from far away is the most exciting way to win. Even some shoes are admired by these stars.

BY:VIHAAN PUTTA

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Do you like football? Then this article is for you. Some facts about football are that it was invented in 1869. Football is not an international sport. For American football, the biggest game of the year is the Super Bowl. During this game, a player could get a bonus of \$171,000. One football team I like is the San Francisco 49ers. Here are some fun facts about the 49ers:

They were named after the 1849 California gold rush prospectors.

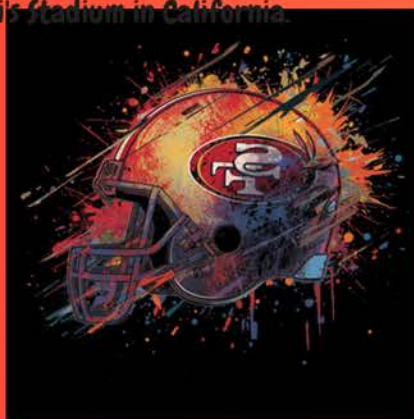
They won 5 Super Bowls and had 8 appearances in the Super Bowl.

The team dominated in 1980-1990.

Legendary players are Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, and Frank Gore.

Their biggest rivals are the Cowboys, Raiders, and Rams.

They mostly play at Levi's Stadium in California.



My favorite team

I like the 49ers because my family is all big fans. We are from California, so we have strong loyalties to this team. Plus, they are so fun to watch. I also play football because the players inspire me to be strong, agile, accurate, and consistent. I really have fun playing the game because of the San Francisco 49ers!

By: Desmond Campbell

THE MEMES

This is how I feel everyday?

**ME TRYING TO FIGURE
OUT WHY 67 IS SO POPULAR**

**ALSO ME TRYING TO FIGURE
OUT WHATS WRONG WITH THIS GENERATION**



but why tho

They make ads

for ad blockers



**Me: "puts on hand sanitizer"
A cut that i never knew it existed**

