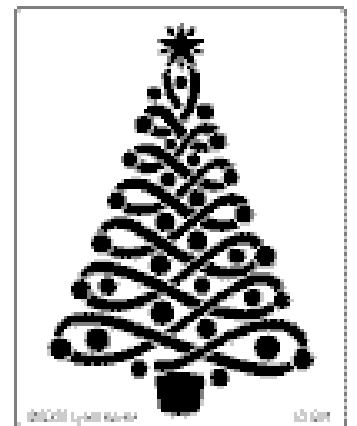
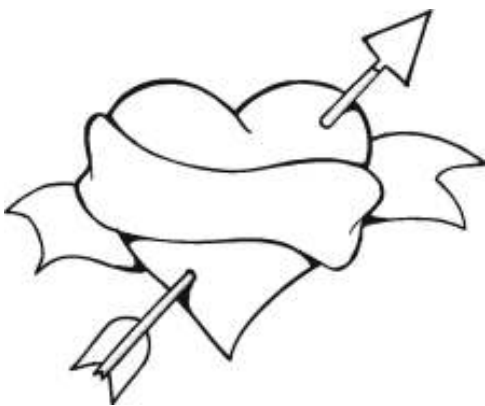


Dictionary of young life



IGS Garbsen Wahlpflicht Englisch-Kurs 2005/2006

i*earn Learning Circle: Mind Work
Dictionary Of Young Life

We are in year 10 and there we communicated with schools from other countries all over the world. Our topic was the 'Dictionary of Young Life' where we wrote texts about different themes. We did not only write texts; the other schools sent us texts, too. The biggest topics we had were death penalty, family and terrorism.

THE PARTNERS

Esse Penoukou

Dear teachers and students

Part1: Introduction

Teacher's name: Esse Penoukou Grade level: basic, intermediate and high

Class favourites:

- 1-Music: reggae and local music
- 2- Authors: African author called Camara Laye
- 3-TV programs (music program)
- 4-Foods (rice, fish, cassava and chicken)
- 5-School subject: Practical business, English and French
- 6-Sports: Football

Part2:Introduction of the school

School information

Name and address of school: Ecole des langues étrangères, 01 Bp 4902 Lome-Togo West Africa

Number of students in a class: 5

Number of students in School: 100 students

Size of school: 10 classrooms, 1 toilet, head office

Number of computers: We use public computers

School history: We established this school in order to assist many people in our community to improve their business acumen and languages skills.

School emblem: two students with books in their hands

B- School program

- 1-Business subject, languages and school schedule attract people
- 2-Events which can prevent our students: Christmas

Community introduction

Community

- 1-Name of community: Nyekonakpoe
 - 2-Lome and nearest city: Aneho
 - 3-Location: South of our country
 - 4-We are not far from sea and we are near boarder between Togo and Ghana.
 - 5- Population of our community: roughly: 500 people
- Special characteristics
Nice season throughout the year. This natural asset attract strangers.

C-Industries;

Milk powder plant, Biscuit factory and glue factory.

ANDIJAN STUDENTS

Hi!

I am Mulyukova Rufina. I was born in 1992, July, Andijan. In little family.

I am 13 year old, Now, I'm a schoolgirl and study in "8" form. At school I study hard. I can speak

Russian, Uzbek and English. My favourite subjects are literature, history and mathematics. But most of all I like English, because I love England and Great Britain's history and culture.

My hobby is dancing and basketball. I like domestic animals very much and I have a little cat and bird. When I had a free time I like listen to music and read interesting book. My favourite musicians are Britney Spears, Eminem and Tarkan .

Hi!

I am Seytablayeva Djever. I was born in 1992 9th February in Andjian. I study at school #44 in Andijan In 9 form. In 2005 I have finished music school special fortepiano. My hobbies are reading books, play chess and play table tennis. My favourite food is Palov and Shashlik. These are our national meals. Uzbek nation like them. My favourite subjects are English, algebra, and chemistry. I have many friends at school. My e-mail address is: Djever05@mail.ru

Virtual High School's Student Survey

This is Amanda and Gaby here, and here's what we did. Each of us polled twenty students at our respective schools in USA, Massachusetts, Holy Name High School, and in Uruguay, Uruguayan American School, and picked the 3 most voted. We put the results together and came up with this....

A. Name of teacher: Stephen Olivo

B. Grade level: from 10th to 12th

C. Class: Writing and Telecommunications (a.k.a., Write On for Real!)

In Uruguay what every girl is doing right now is cutting their hair in lots of layers so it is longer each time you go down. I do not know if it explains it well, but is something like that. It seems that you have more hair. The boys are doing something similar to their hair, cutting it all but the end of the hair, so they have what they call "chapas" here. Both styles are very unique, and they give the person a fashion style. I do not cut my hair in layers though. It is kind of "I like it on others' heads" lol

The most famous activity that teenagers do in Uruguay during the day is to go to the shore of the river (Rio de la Plata) and drink "mate" which is a very hot tea typical from south South America, I mean Uruguay, Argentina, some Brazilians states, and Paraguay, but in Paraguay they drink it cold. Many friends gather together and have a talk; it is very fun to watch the sun set with you r friends drinking this typical tea. During the night, whatsoever, everybody does the same. People from 16 and up go to pubs to talk with friends and stuff, and after that go out dancing.

Name and Address of Class and school
Hudson High School
69 Brigham Street
Hudson, MA 01749

I guess my school is pretty big. We have a little over 1000 students from 8th-12th grade. There is an average of about 20 kids per class.

Size of school

My high school is brand new. It is only two years old. This is my third year in the new building. It is big, and it is nice. It is two floors, but it is very long. There are six pods with seven classrooms in them. Then along the hallways, there are the science labs which are upstairs, and then there are the computer labs which are downstairs. We have an auditorium and a mini-theatre which are state-of-the-art facilities. Our gym is also very impressive, and it contains two basketball courts and an indoor track which is the second floor of the gym. There are two elevators in my school. My school is really nice.

Hudson Hawks! Hudson High School has been around for a long time. We have an important history. Hudson has been in a long rivalry against our next-door neighbour Marlboro. Every Thanksgiving we have the most anticipated football game of the year. We play Marlboro High, and this has been a tradition for over one hundred years. Hudson High School has changed from building to building in the past 50 years. What is now our elementary school was once our High School. Therefore, the population at Hudson High has increased. Hudson High moved to Brigham Street and stayed in that building for about 30 years. Two years ago they built a new building behind the old school, so now Hudson High has all new equipment and facilities. I do feel very privileged to be a part of Hudson High School.

A – Angela Merkel

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Angela Merkel is our new German chancellor. Her party is the CDU.
Angela Merkel was born the 17th of July 1954. Her full name is Angela Dorothea Merkel. Her parents were theology student Horst Kasner and the teacher Herlind Kasner.
After her examination she had start with her physics study.
1977 she had married with Ulrich Merkel.
After her study she had start scientific employee a institute physics chemistry.
1982 was the divorce of Ulrich and Angela.
Seven years later entry in the party “Demokratischer Aufbruch”.
One year later she is entry in the party CDU of the DDR.
Angela Merkel were well-known as minister for women and teenager.
She was chairwomen of the protestant study group, too.
She was minister of environment, protection of the nature and safety of the reactor.
2000 she was nominated as candidate for the party chairwomen.
And today she is the chancellor of Germany.

We don't like Angela Merkel, because we think, that she can't do her job right.
Yes a good side there is, because we must change always, it's good to change, to have new experiences and a new chancellor.
Angela Merkel had a good life, with a examination and a study, we hope that she is good to do the chancellor, because we want to live a good life in Germany.
We hope that the four years she is and stay fair and constant in her job and in her private life.
Otherwise the next time we would vote another person for the chancellor.

Letizia and Marc



B – Boys and shopping

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In this part of the "Dictionary of young live" I will write about going shopping in Hanover. I think the most of you think that the girls go every time in the city and go shopping and for boys it's the same, it couldn't care less. But at Hanover its another thing. I like to go in the city for shopping. I go mostly in the clothing shops and look for new fashion for my wardrobe.

When we will go in the city we go by underground. We mostly go on at 10.00 o'clock in the morning and we drive 27 minutes with the underground train. When we in Hanover we get off at the Steintor. It's a very famous place for the night live. When you know what I mean.=) At first we go to Clockhouse its one of the biggest shops in Hanover. Then mostly to New Yorker, H&M, Planet, Footlocker or Blade Runner. Footlocker and Blade Runner are shops for shoes. New Yorker, H&M and Planet are clothing shops like C&A but Planet is more for basketball style and is new since the last year. At Planet you can buy baggie's, basketball shirts and everything about basketball clothes but it is not sport clothing. At C&A, H&M and New Yorker you can buy the normal clothes like wear here almost everyone. They have really cool clothes and i buy there mostly my clothes but also at Planet. Here in Germany it is almost no different between girls and boys at shopping, expect that the girl are mostly longer in the city.

(Nils Glenewinkel)

B - Boyfriend

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The Topic boyfriend is a big topic in families. Girlfriends too but I will tell you about boyfriends because I'm a girl and so I can better talk about that. The most girls have a boyfriend when they are 15. sometimes with 14. I'm 16 and I have a boyfriend too. He's 17. We are together since 7 month. At the beginning it was embarrassing for me in front of my parents. And for that reason I didn't tell them from Marcel. Besides I didn't know if I should tell them because I didn't know if he is okay for my parents if my parents like him and they are agree with him. And I think that other girls thinks like I thought. A girl finds a boy who she loves and she's happy. They are happy together and they have fun if they do something together. She knows that one day the day will come when her boyfriend wants to come with her to her place. Evenings before she sits in her bed and has a lot of thoughts like: "Should I tell them from my boyfriend? Or better not? What will they say?" Then is the day there and for example after school the boyfriend comes with his girlfriend at home. They spend the time in her room. Maybe they go out. And if the boyfriend is away then happens that what she doesn't want because her mother asks if this boy is her new boyfriend. In the most cases it is the mother who asks because she's also female and mostly she has the better wire to her daughter. At least she talks around this topic and maybe she gets red. And if she has a good wire to her mother or maybe to her parents she will tell them the truth. In witch I think she will talk and talk and talk around it till she says it. After that information mostly the parents begin to talk with their daughter about sex and prophylaxis. For a girl is a boyfriend a person who you can tell all. For me I can tell my boyfriend more than I can tell my best friends. If you have a good relationship then you have confidence in your partner. You love him and you are happy with him. The love like be very big but in the most cases they are to young to spend the rest of their life together. And that mean that they will have new relations. Boyfriend is a big topic. A topic about what we can discuss a lot.

KRISTIN

C – Christmas

The Christmas time is very soon. It is cold outside, everybody wear fat winter jackets. The people begins to buy presents for there families and friends. You listen to Christmas songs in the Radio. You can feel a harmony in the people. I like the Christmas time. If the snow comes down, then I take my girlfriend and go to a park and we take a walk. It is very thrilling, because you don't know what they wanna gift you and you ain't have an idea what is a perfect present. In some families you should have the perfect present. If you don't it will be a drama. Christmas is so important to me because it is the time of love. We are young and sometimes we are very angry and we hustle like criminals, but we all needs love.

Oeng

C – Christmas holidays

The Christmas holidays start at the 23 of December and end at the 8 of January. In these holidays we celebrate Christmas (Christmas eve and the first and the second Christmas day) and New years Eve.

At first I write about Christmas.

On the 24 of December is Christmas Eve. We celebrate Christmas Eve in our family that means my parents, my brother and me. My mother and me wake up early. We eat anything for breakfast and go shopping. Mostly we walk to our little shop. On the way we often meet friends therefore we need a long time for shopping. At home my brother and my father wake up and eat breakfast. My mother make lunch. Every Christmas we eat sausages, duck, sauce, red cabbage and dumplings. Rather my parents eat sausages anAd duck because I'm vegetarian. I may sit together with my family and talk. We sit not often together because my brother and I often meet friends and leave the house. Normally after eat we decorated the Christmas tree but last year my parents buy a plastic tree. I don't think that the tree is beautiful.

Everyone make up the evening what he want for example look TV or play computer.

At the evening we all sit together in our living room and make distribution of Christmas presents.

Normally after the distribution of Christmas presents my brother leave the house and meet friends. I think this year I leave the house too and my friends or my boyfriend.

At the first Christmas day we meet the family of my mother. Every year we eat in an Asian restaurant.

At the second Christmas day we meet the family of my father. We drive to my grandparents, drink and eat and get presents. At the days after Christmas we meet friends of the family and celebrate.

Now I write about New Years Eve.

The last year I celebrate with friends, my brother and his girlfriend, my parents and friends of my parents. We celebrate in our home. It was a funny evening.

At first we eat and drink. Later we dance and have a party :). At 12 o' clock we touch glasses with sparkling wine. My brother, his girlfriend, my friends and I walk out and meet friends.

This year I celebrate with friends. Unfortunately we have no room where we can celebrate. I hope we find a room.

On the next days of our holidays we sleep our drunk :) or meet friends or something else.

Aileen

C – Classic dance

A lot of young people dance in dance schools. The most dance schools offer a lot of different courses. You can visit courses like Hip Hop, Dancefloor, Video-Clip dance and Classic. I will write about Classic Dance. Classic dance is a kind of partner dance. My dance teacher says it is dancing with touching. My dance course is very small we are about 5 – 7 pairs. In the other student courses are many more pairs. They have often a few place to dance. I go dance every Sunday from half past three to sixteen o' clock. We have a lot to laugh. The dance with our partner is funny. Everyone dance always with the same partner. We have learn the dances Disco Fox, Fox Trot, Rumba, Jive, Cha Cha Cha, Salsa, Tango, Walzer und slowly Walzer. In each dance hour we learn new figures to the dances. They are also championships where pairs begins each other. My cousin should begin with the north German championship in Disco Fox but she had an injury at her leg. I would dance at a Championship, too. In dance schools you meet a lot of new friends. I meet my boyfriend first at our dance course :) . On this regard dance can make a lot of fun :))

Aileen

C-Course of the day

The course of the day in Germany is in general one- sided. For example I wake up in the morning at 6.00 o' clock. Some of my class wake up at 7.00 o'clock. Our school begins at 8.00 o'clock. From 8.00-16.00 we are in the school. The most people must begin to work at 8.00 o'clock, but some people, who work as a bus driver or the refuse collection, must have a nightshift. I have a lunch at 12.30 o' clock when I have just 6 school-lessons. After school I do my homework and I have a supper. If I must not do learn for school, I get my guitar and play some songs, or I watch TV. Normally I go to bed at 10 o'clock during the week, but at the weekend I go to bed not until 11.30 o'clock. That's my normal course of the day, but every person has another course of the day and I think that's good, because it would be very boring if every one person has the same course of the day.

Vanessa

D - Drugs and alcohol

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The most consume of drugs and alcohol you can find on parties and in the disco. There are many young people, who deal with drugs, for example hashish and ecstasy. The persons, who deals with illegal drugs were called dealer. Most of the young people, who consume drugs don't know the facts of life about the drugs and the results. Many people, who drank too much alcohol thinks, that they are cool. It is true that people, who drinks too much alcohol and take drugs, become silly.

Marina, Lisa-Charleen



D - Death Penalty

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Unfortunately we have some states who killed persons with a death penalty. But in 122 states this kind of punishment is abolished. Is it okay to kill people after the death row?

I think not. In my opinion Germany have punishments which are not hard enough in some cases. But in states like the U.S.A. some death penalty are not okay.

To give an example which is not so old is Tookie Williams. I think you heard of him. Before 25 years he came into a death row. He was the gang leader of a gang named Crisp. He came in the death row because a judge said that he is guilty for killing four persons. At a gas station attack he should had killed the worker of this station and later at a supermarket attack he should had killed a married couple and their daughter. But he said that he never killed a person and that it is right that he is the gang leader but he doesn't know who killed this persons. Besides there where no fingerprints at the scene of the crime. I think that he came in the death row because there was the problem of discrimination against a black man. The judge were only white persons. But Arnold Schwarzenegger said that he not got a reprieve. But there are many people who thinks that he has deserve to stay a live because he sat 25 years in a death row which have only a dimensions of 2.00 x 2.50 metres. And to sit there for 23 hours a day is very hard. You can only go out alone and then for only 1 hour.

What I want to say is that I think a person who is so long alone has been changed to a better person and that this person regrets what he did. Besides Williams wrote children books against crimes and force. I think death penalty should be forbidden because every person have a claim of live and when a murderer will killed of the state then the state or a person who decided that this murderer should be killed have to be killed too. In my opinion it isn't fair. Jesus said that equal how hard and bad the action was every person have a claim to live. And one of the Ten Commandments is that you shouldn't killed. It is the 6 commandments. We all know that a person who is murdered can't rise from the death and only because the murderer is killed the victim will be death forever. I think it is enough if you get a punishment to stay for your life in prison because if you have to stay for 15 years your life is gone. I'm 16 and in 15 years I will be 31 and within this time you get a diploma and a education. Maybe a girl- or boyfriend or maybe a husband or wife. What I want to say is if you stay your life in prison you miss your life. And in my opinion it is hard enough. I don't know what you think about death penalty but I'm against. I hope you understand why.

Tookie Williams not deserved to die.

It is very cruel to kill a person with an injection because the first is that your body is paralysed. The second is that your lungs are paralysed and the third is for your heart. If you get it your heart will stand. 30 persons can see how you die. Press, Victim relatives, and the family or friends of yourself. For me it is very cruel.

But make your own opinion

Kristin Seidensticker

Three days ago Stanley „Tookie” Williams got his death penalty. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger demanded his death because Tookie had murdered four people. But Stanley-Tookie always said that he never had done it. In his prison time of 25 years Stanley wrote Books for children and protested against violence.

I think death penalty is on the one hand a good thing and on the other hand it is madness. Sometimes I feel that when someone kills another person it is good to give them a death penalty. I think if somebody commits a murder they must die too. The worst is when I read an article about murder of child and the murderer go to the prison for a few years. For these people I demand death too because an innocent child can't defend oneself. It is horrible when an adult person kill a child. In these moments I think the death penalty is a good thing.

Sometimes when it is a hard crime I think that in German could be the Death penalty too.

But don't think that I find the Death penalty all times good. When I have read the article from Stanley Williams I was very sad. He doesn't have well-deserved to die. In prison he has changed his life. And he has said that he can't lie to live, as Schwarzenegger wanted him to pretend he was the murderer. I think he never killed the four people.

In my opinion death penalty is inhuman. And the kinds of the execution are inhuman too. The electrocution is inhuman because the people have much hurt.

The execution with the injection is also bad because the person doesn't can breathe and he suffocate. Some person never can show their innocence and they must die.

All in all the Death penalty is a bad thing and I think the Death penalty and the execution should be abolished.

If I lived in America or in other countries where the Death penalty is practised I would protest against them!!!!

Sandra Korthals

In this text I will write about the death penalty and my own opinion.

In the bottom of this text I will write about my own opinion but at first about general. In 74 countries were killed people with the death penalty. Only two of these countries are in Europe but not in European union. This are White Russia and Serbia. The most countries are in the USA. Since 1977 is the death penalty in the USA. And since Tuesday the 13TH December 2005 there was the last and maybe the event fullest death row in this year. It was for the American children book author Stanley Williams called „Tookie”. He was 25 years in the death prison for waiting of his execution. He had written so many children books in the time which he was in prison. But this were not only children stories but also stories which should tell about bad acts and why they shouldn't do this things. He was at prison because he was a gang member and the court had decide that he had killed people but he said that he wasn't that. The whole 25 years he had deny that he is a murderer. But the governor Arnold Schwarzenegger didn't believed him and he had sentenced him to death. On Tuesday at 9.01 o'clock in European time he was at the death row. He needed more than an half hour to be death. It was a horrible death for him and all for his relatives and friends. People think that the reason for the death penalty was that his skin was black and the people on court were all white and had discriminate Tookie.

In my opinion the death penalty is a bad thing as punishment.

Nobody had well-deserved the death penalty. I think that in the whole world the death penalty should be did away. It is so horrible that people must wait for 25 years in prison and know from the beginning that one day they will be killed. It is good that the death penalty were be did away in Germany since 1949 but in the old DDR it was did away since 1987.

I hope in future the death penalty will be did away on the whole world because I think 25 years in prison is enough for a punishment.

Alex

F-Family F-Family

My family is my biggest treasure, the most beautiful gift in world.
My family gives me a home support, something to eat, clothes, a own room, my pet and a lot of love.
In my family we are four persons. My family includes many members, but the most of them are living in Hildesheim and we are haven't contact to them. I live with my mother, my father, my sister and her boyfriend in a big house in Havelse.
My older brother lives with his wife and his two children in Altgarbsen. We visit him often, just to talk or to play with his children. I don't know, what I would do without my family. They help me with homework, school and many other things. They give me a home and support me in every bad situation. We take our dinner all together. Now my mother goes to health resort since one month. On Sunday we will visit her. Usually we live in harmony, but sometimes there are disputes. On every Friday we watch a movie together or play games like "mensch ärgere dich nicht", "Monopoly", card games or we do a puzzle. We drive all together in holiday, but only one time a year. These are mostly the nicest days in year. This is my family and these are the reasons why I love them.

Alexander

My family is very big and most of my relatives lives in Russia and Belarus.
My mother has got five sisters and one brother, all of them lives there, we visit them regularly one time a year. My first grandma (mother of my mother) died last year and my second grandma (mother of my father) died just two weeks ago and so my family will get smaller and smaller.
My mother and me came to Germany seven years ago because my mother married an German man, my stepfather. They also have a child together my little brother Mike. When I came in this country all was different for me, I don't even knew the German language and had to learn it. Our family live is pretty cool, we do often different things together, like going to an restaurant etc. Of course sometimes we have an dispute but only just a few minutes and get along then. I also often do some things with my stepfather because he is like a real father for me now, he is very nice to me and I can't imagine to live with an other person together in the same house. I love my family and I feel very safe there.
My future family:
Maybe I want to marry with age of 26-27 because then I will have a good job and an own apartment to take care of my family. I want have two children one boy and a girl. I will try to spend a lot of time with my family and do many things, they like me to do. We will spend our holidays in different country's, like Spain or Brazil. I will try to make my children's Life very good. I hope that my children will do lots of sport activities like join some sport club.

Ilija

If will tell you about my family. We are five people @home. 3 Children and our parents. My two sisters are younger than me. They are 11 and 13 years old and I'm 16. In my view I have young parents because the parents of my friends mostly older. My mum is 38 and my father is 42 but to me it is all the same because they are the best of the world. Khira is the youngest of us she visits the 6th class of the comprehensive school in Garbsen. My other sister Katharina is visiting the 8th class and I'm in class 10 but we all in the same school. My mother is a hairdresser and my father is independent as a forwarding agent. Later I will take over this business because I like my father's professional. In free time we all have different hobbies. My father like to do handicrafts, my mother yeah that's a good question. I think she like to read, talk with other persons etc. the standard things- you know. She's responsible for keeping the house but if we have time we help her. For example I do the refuse, I clear the dishwasher or I vacuum. Khira (named Kiki) goes dancing and she's in a circus for children named dreamer, dancer and artists (Träumer, Tänzer und Artisten). Katharina (named Kathi) goes dancing too and she plays tennis. For my own I go riding and dancing too. But we all dance different dances. My sisters dances hip hop and I dance standard. All together we never do something. Because we all haven't the time for that. Hardly ever we play games. Since half a year I have a boyfriend who's 17 years old and my family like him very much and his family like me too. I like my family. My parents are so social that they allowed me and give me the possibility to do my school year 11 in Canada. That's so cool. They allowed me a lot. I can go to disco and parties and a lot more. In my view we have a good family climate. Our meals we take mostly together. I hope that my future family will be like my family now. My biggest wish is to marry my boyfriend Marcel because he's the best young man who I ever acquainted with. And he says the same. And then we want to have 2 children. Boys or girls, that's the same for us. I hope that we stay the rest of our life together. Okay I don't know what I can tell you more than I told you.

KRISTIN SEIDENSTICKER

I want to marry with 25 years because then I will have a job and my own apartment . My wife and me will have two children. A boy and a girl. Then I will work and my wife will pay attention for the children. If the children can go to the kindergarten my wife will work too. But only for a half of the day. At the weekend I will go with my family in the stadium of Hanover 96 and watch the game. If my wife wont see the game I will watch it with my children. Very important is the school education of my children. In the holidays we will travel to a warm country or to a country were we can have fun. After my children are ready with their school I will help them to find a job. At least with 20 my children must move to another house or apartment because they are old enough to live their own life. One time in every second month we will meet each other and go out like eating or something like that. If I m around 70 I hope children don't forget me. If my wife die before I do I will give all my money to my children.

My family now:

In our household there are 4 people. My mum (Heike) my dad (Karsten) my sister (Marnie) and me. At the weekend my father and I got to the stadium and my sister and my mom watch it in the TV at my neighbours place because the wont pay for the game because Hanover lose to often. My parents say that my school education is very important for my future because of the high unemployment. In every autumn we travel to a warm country. My father works the hold day and my mother the half day. The rest of my family lives around Hanover.

At usually day I get up at 6:30am then I go into the bathroom . After I'm ready in the bathroom I eat breakfast. If I'm ready I put on my clothe. At 7:30am I leave the house and drive to school. After school I eat and then I do my homework. Then I play a bit computer and watch TV.

At 10:30pm I go to bed .

Marvin

I live in a litter family with a father, a mother and an older sister. The rest of my family live in an other federal state, in Hessen, exactly in Frankfurt, and in Bayern, next to München. In Hessen lives the mother and father from my mother, my uncle and aunt, cousins and the mother from my father. In Bayern I have an other aunt and uncle. Often we visit our relation in the holidays or at the weekend, but only tree or four times a year, because the trip is very long. My uncles, aunt and cousins comes often to us. But my grandmothers and grandfather comes very rare to us, because they can't drive so long with the car.

Here is a normally day in our family:

In the morning my father stand up very early in the morning, at 5:30 o'clock, when my sister, mother and I stand up, my father is already on the way into his firma. We three girls make the breakfast together and eat, then each of us brush the teeth. Then I went to the bus and drive to school at first. After me, my sister went to her job and then my mother go out to her job. Mostly my mother come home towards at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. She clean the home and prepare the food for my father, sister and me. Towards 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon the rest of my family comes home. Then we eat together, I went to my horse I look after, after the break early, because it be dark early so I must done all this early. In this time My sister meet often friends, my father make any things at the PC and my mother go sometimes in the garden. If I am at home I done my homework and then it is mostly very late and so I go to bed.

At weekend our course of the day is different as the other days.

My father ride on his bike to the baker and buy roll. In this time we three girls prepare the breakfast. Towards 9:45 o'clock I rode with my bike in the ride club. There I help the little kids to clean the horse. Then I drive to my horse I look after at 13 o'clock because there comes a little girl, which ride the horse one time a week. Mostly after that I ride a other horse and drive home. In this time my family do many different things, for example they watch TV listen to music, read a book and so on. At the weekend I go for a walk with the dog from my neighbour. Sometimes my sister or my mother go for a walk with me and the dog. Towards 18 o'clock we eat supper. Then we clean the kitchen. Sometimes we watch TV or we meet friends.

If we are at my relation I play with my cousins or read a book with they, because they 10,5 and 12 years. When we are in Frankfurt to visit our relations, then we visit every person from they, because all they live next to themselves.

That was about my family.

Marina Junge

My name is Kunakorn Daenkhanan and I'm 16 years old. I want to tell you about my family. I was born in Kalasin (Thailand). There are a big family. My grandpa and grandma has born 10 children. My mom was the 9th. I have also a good contact to my cosine. It feels good to have a big family. Now I was seven years old. At this age I went with my mom to Germany. We were live by the new husband of my mom. He was a great person. First I was scared about the moving to Germany, but he gave me secret and cut it off. I was very happy. But then my mom move away and found another men. That was not very good, but I move to my mom and her new men. I was a social person so I found very fast a lot of friends. With 15 I found my future wife. We were ½ years together. It was the best time of ma young life. But we would seen us again.

Oeng

F-Fitness F-Fitness

Fitness is a very funny thing. It makes fun and it keeps you fit.

It's very important that you keep move your body two for three times a week.

You must pay attention of many things.

It's very important that you always warm up before training begins. You can warm up for example with the cardio tackles or the treadmill. After that you can use the strength apparatus for build up your muscles.

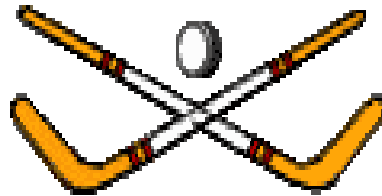
After the training you can take a shower or you can use the wellness area.

If you have children it's no problem because you can let your child in the children area. There the children can play and you don't must take care because there is a guard who watch out for your child.

I personally go two to three times a week at the fitness centre with a friend. We are there since four month. We pay approx. 40€ a month. Yes I now it's not so cheap but it is a very good thing for yourself.

Everyone who wants to be fit can or must go to the fitness centre.

Letizia



F-Friends

F-Friends

Friends are one of the most important people in my life. Without them I couldn't have fun. Friends are also needed when I feel bad, to talk with them about my problems and other things. But some friends are not always real friends, a real friend is a person, who enjoy my confidence and I enjoy his or her, too. I can talk about all things with a real friend. All in all friends are very important in every way I couldn't imagine a life without friends. My opinion is that people, who have no friends are very poor and boring people.

Ilja K.

Trust in Friendships

Friends are an essential part of adolescence because without them we would all be so stressed out that we would go crazy. High school can be hard, but friends make all the homework, stress, and mood swings easier to deal with. I have a lot of friends, but I never have enough time to hang out with them all because I'm a very busy person.

Since I'm a bit of a floater, a lot of my friends are from different social groups. For example, I have intellectual friends from my classes, musical and theatrical friends from chorus and plays, and athletic friends from tennis. I also have friends in different grades. Some of my close friends are in college, and some are sophomores in high school.

One of the hardest things about having friends in high school is that people tend to group themselves and define themselves by what activities or teams they are involved in, and they tend to stay within that group, so it's hard for me to stay friends with them after the season is over, or after the play because I do so many different things. Because of this, I am constantly making new friends, and my friends are always changing. This makes it difficult to have parties because I have friends from different groups that don't like to mix.

I am not very discriminatory when choosing friends. I think as long as someone is nice to me and fun to hang out with, then there is no reason why we shouldn't be friends. I am also a very open and trusting person, so I tend to tell people a lot of things early on in friendships, and I end up with a lot of really close friends that way. I usually become close friends with girls that are a year or two younger than me, or with boys that are my age or older. I think that is because girls mature faster, so I can have a closer connection with them even if they are younger, and I find it easier to connect with younger girls right now because girls my age are so competitive about college and school. The younger girls are supportive, and they look up to me instead of competing with me, and I love to be a role model for them and give them advice. My younger girl friends are less stressed too, so they can be more fun to be around, and they always make me laugh to brighten my day.

Boys tend to mature a little slower, so I make friends with boys that are my age or older because they are more at my intellectual level. Boys are fun to be friends with because they never worry about whether or not you say hi to them or what you're wearing, and they just like you for who you are. Also, boys are a lot more laid-back and easier to approach and talk to than girls. I think I usually make friends with boys more often than girls, but I have a lot of girl friends too. I have more close guy friends than girl friends, but there are three girls that I have been very close with since middle school. I have a lot of best friends because I talk to my friends about different subjects, so I have lots of friends that I am close with on different levels.

I think a real friend is someone that I can always go to for support and for fun and someone that feels they can do the same with me. It is important to have trust in friendships, and I think that is the most important component of a close, mutual friendship. Because I'm so open and friendly, I have made a lot of foreign friends because I'm not afraid to approach them just because of culture differences. Several of my close friends come from different countries such as China, Poland, and India. I also

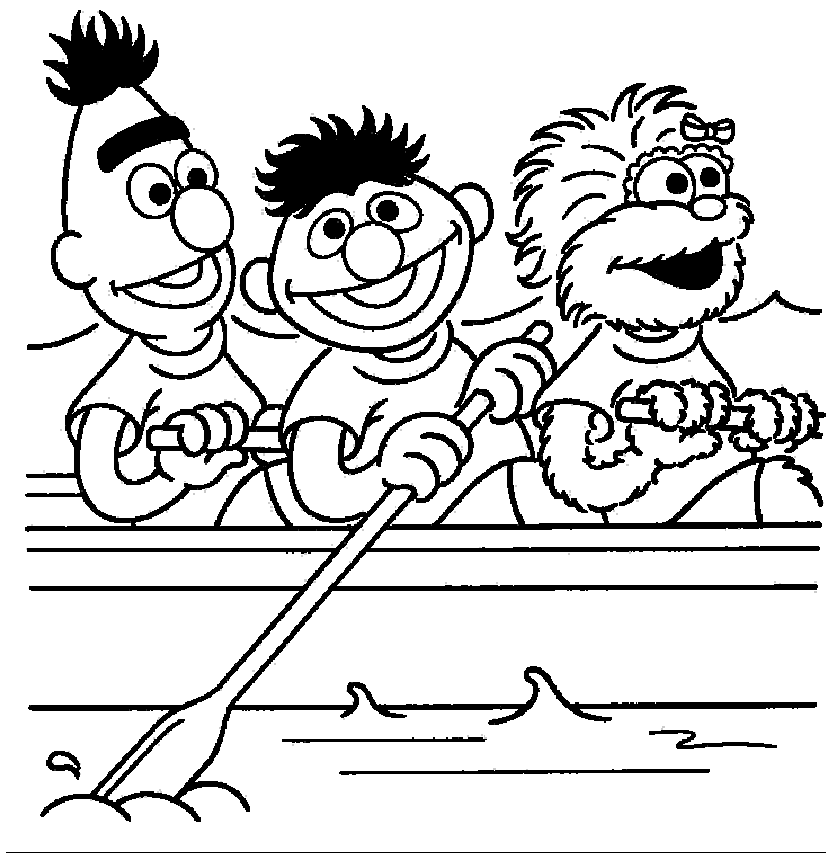
have a few friends that live in different countries- friends that I made while I was in France this summer. I think it can be really fun to have foreign friends because I love to learn about their culture and share mine with them. I enjoy sharing music, movies, ideas about school, parents, friends, religion, and politics . I like to learn about other countries and other people, so I surround myself with all different kinds of people. I love making new friends and learning new things, and I hope that I can connect with some of you through this project.

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H-Holidays

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Holidays, there are the Easter-Holidays, summer-Holidays, autumn-Holidays and the Christmas-Holidays.

Holidays are every time a good thing for young people. You must not go to school and you can sleep as long as you like.

The majority pass there holidays in foreign countries, like Spain, Italy or America.

You can meet friends, go shopping, eat in restaurants, make parties or go to concerts and have a lot of fun.

Easter-Holidays the people stay at home. Celebrate with they family and go to the church.

The summer-Holidays are in my view the best holidays, because it is a good warm whether and the holidays are very long.

Autumn-Holidays are very short.

In the Christmas-Holidays happen many things, the Christmas night, Christmas and at last New Year's Eve. Christmas you stay at home with the family, go to the church and eat a lot of things. New Year's Eve you celebrate all the night with friends or family.

Holidays can be good or sometimes boring if for example your friends are not there you don't now what to do.

I like Holidays very much specially the summer- Holidays, because it shining always the sun and in the evening you can stay long time with your friends.

Letizia



I-Internships

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The internship

The last two weeks we had an internship in our school, we went to different workplaces and learned a lot about them. Some of us thought it was too long, they were bored or, on the other hand, they needed to do too much or hard work. We three liked the internship, because we had nice colleagues.
Do you have an internship at your school? What have you done there?

Alina worked as a physiotherapeutic and is now the perfect masseur!
Fredo worked in a district court and learned something about negotiations and the juristic jobs.
Isa worked as a doctor in a village and learned nothing, but therefore she got money and cakes! And she got a trimming bike for her great working in social areas.

Alina, Fredo and Isabel

I - Irregular Verbs

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The Irregular Verbs stray with the English grammar.

There are three tenses, the infinitive, the simple past and the past participle.

Example for go: go- went- gone or for be: be- was/were- been.

By the regular Verbs you hang an -ed behind the Verb. For Example: play becomes played or paint becomes painted.

You use these forms in the past tenses.

An Example Sentences: I go to school.- I went to school
I play football.- I played football.

It's important that you learn these Verbs, because you need for yourself and for the language and grammar.

It's not funny, but you see that you learn a lot.

Marc und Letizia

J - Job

Now we are in year ten and that is very important because we have to do a good leaving certificate. After year ten we can do our German school-leaving examination and university entrance qualification or we have to work. That's mean that we have to write an application very early to business were we want to do our job training. And for that we have to decide which job we want to do. After this year I can and will do my German school-leaving examination and university entrance qualification but I will do my year eleven in Canada. And after class thirteen I can go to the university but I have to write applications in year thirteen because I want to do an job training as a businesswomen for forwarding and logistics. While I do this job training I will do an evening study. And after three years I will have a job training and a year later I will have my study. If I get a job I can work and earn money. We all have to work to earn money because we need it to live. At the beginning we all have to decide what we want to do and for what we have the abilities. And if you are get an answer to one or more of your many applications then you have to go to the employment test in this business. If this test was good and okay you will get an invitation to an interview. And if this was good too and they want you then you will get a letter and there you will have a confirmation for your job training. It is a very long way to here but if you work hard then you will manage it. GOOD LUCK TO ALL !!

Kristin Seidensticker



L - LANparty

First everybody who will join the "LAN" need a computer a mouse a mouse pad a keyboard and a monitor. For each computer you need 1 cable to connect all with a distributor box. If we are ready with connecting the computers, we vote teams and the games we want to play. Then we install the games. We only need 1 CD of the game for all because we've got cracks. The cracks do that we don't need a CD to play the game. We do nearly everything at the computer or in the near like drinking eating and sleeping. We play the whole night. The longest LAN was 26 hours gaming with no sleep. Sometimes there are some accidents. Accident mean if somebody spill his coke above the keyboard because he can't play any more because the keyboard is broken. Then we must organize a new one.

It's very funny to play with your friends next to you because you can treat them if they play bad. It's always funny. After the LAN you are very shattered because you didn't get enough sleep.

Marvin

L - Love

Love. The young love is very precious, hurtful and very beautiful. Young people are very emotional between love.

I am in love. Love is for me the most important feeling in my life. Love is strain. But if you know how to love a person then it can be very nice.

Most of the connections of boys and girls are found on friendships. Then they do something together, they fall in love and then they MAKE love (very hot). I met my love in the school. We phoned a lot of times. Then we got our first kiss, I met her parents, her friends and then... You know how we do!!! But love is not just nice and easy. Love means to do something that you never did before, to look in her eyes and know how she feels or thinks. Love means stress, dispute and trouble. Love means to change your life for your partner, to sacrifice something.

Love is everybody, in all of us. When you do sport, then you love this sport. When you visit a football team every weekend, then you love this team. When you listen to your lovely song, then you love this song. When you are happy, then you love the world.

So... go out and find your love!!!

A poem of love:

Oeng

M - Movies

M - Movies

More to Movies Than Meets the Eye

Movies are a huge part of the American culture. Movies are also a huge part of entertainment in America. Every year millions and millions of dollars are spent by Americans to go watch a movie in theatre or to rent movies. I can attest to being one of those people who probably spends over or around a hundred dollars a year buying movie tickets or renting movies. Some joys of movies are the plot lines, the way they are made, and the story that they tell. Movies also are appropriate for certain things, like to tell a story, and offer people a chance to be critics.

I love going to the movies even though it is an hour drive, or renting a couple movies for a raining Saturday afternoon. Personally I enjoy movies for the stories that they tell. Everyone, though, has their own reason why they love to watch movies. There is a type of movie for everyone and for every occasion. There are little kid movies like Spy Kids and Shrek, and then there are movies called chick flicks, such as the Notebook or Cinderella Story. Those are just two examples, but there are many more movie genres.

Movies are an excellent way to tell a story. A lot of movies are based on books. Even though I am a huge fan of movies, the book is usually better. The book and the movie both have their own separate qualities. For instance, if you can't stay focused on a book, then watching the movie is a good way to go. If you love little details, then it is probably safe to say that the movie will probably disappoint you. Personally I would rather not read the book and just watch the movie.

After I took a film class in school, I found myself analyzing movies when I watched them. For instance, I noticed that some movies aren't lighted real well or the camera angles aren't so great. For the most part I also like to watch movies to pick up on the little things that make movies good, for instance camera angles, transitions, lighting, and editing.

Being able to pick up on little things like camera angles and transition shots can make a good movie even better to watch. For instance, in the movie Crash they use a lot of good transition shots. A good transition shot would be when someone goes to open a door, and when the door opens, it is a new scene; they transition from scene to scene or person to person using transitions like that.

My favourite types of movies are war/action, scary, comedy, and sports. I love to go to the theatre and watch movies, however it is a little over an hour drive to the nearest theater. I can't really list any favourite movies off the top of my head at the moment. Here are a few of my favourites though: Mystic River, Crash, Saw, Saw 2, Blow, 61, Scarface, Hostage, It, The Shining, White Noise, and Black Hawk Down. I have many more movies that I love, but those are just a few.

Overall I feel like movies have a lot to offer. They are entertaining as well as informative, like documentaries. Movies can tell a story better than any other form of entertainment. In years to come movies will get even better with more elaborate plot lines and probably more special effects. One thing that will stay the same is that movies will continue to be a great form of entertainment for people of all ages.

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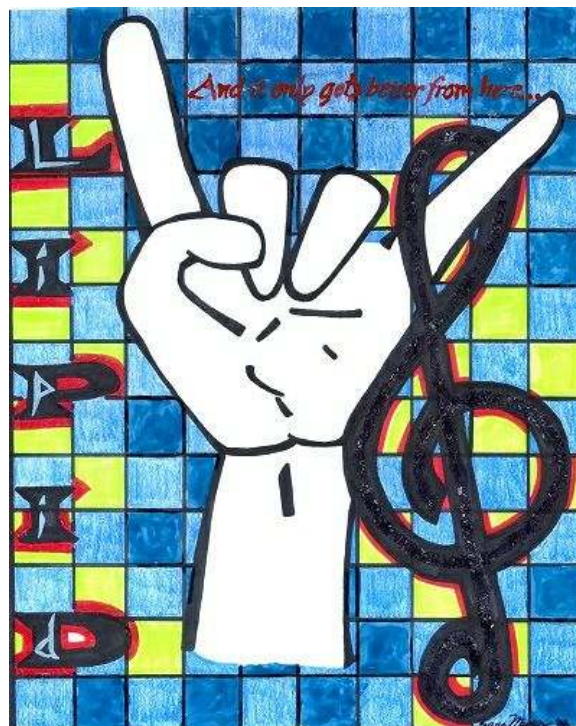
M - Music (Rock)

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I'd chosen this topic, because I love rock music. Every day in my life I hear rock music and I can't say, that this is a wastefulness. When I was 13 years old, I heard the Red Hot Chili Peppers the first time. For the first time I heard this band I loved them. The songs of them were so powerful and the guitar solos were so good. But this band is not the only one, I hear. I love the old bands like Deep Purple, AC/DC and Uriah Heep. Since two years, I play the e-guitar, and the rock music has inspired me. At the moment I have guitar lessons with another boy who loves Metallica. Later I will play in a band and I want to sing the back vocals. I have some questions for you and I would be happy, if you can answer them for me:

This was my topic about rock music. I hope you liked it and I hope I'll get an answer soon.

Vanessa Kapitiza



M - Music

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Music...More Than Just Sound

I am a person who enjoys listening to music. I am not a music-aholic like some people I know, but I do enjoy music. When I say music-aholic, I mean people that are overly obsessed with the music they listen to, usually always have headphones on. Usually I just listen to music when I am driving. The reason I like to listen to music is that it keeps me from being bored when I drive. I have to drive 15 minutes to get to school, and that can get boring especially driving home at 1:00 A.M. after getting back from a sports trip. Of course I also listen to music when I am at dances, parties, or concerts. I like all types of music except for classic music or the extreme metal stuff. There are many cool things about music.

Some of my favorite music groups are Less Than Jake, Eminem, Greenday, Atreyu, Blaine Larson, and Kanye West. So as you can see, I enjoy music from all genre es. The other type of music that I can't stand is like the whole N'Sync, Backstreet, Britney Spears; I can't stand that sort of stuff either. I don't consider myself picky, but I have some friends that are extremely dedicated to one certain genre of music. That is okay with me, but I personally like to be more flexible and open with my music options.

One cool thing about music is that it is always cool. What I mean by that is that a song that was cool in the '70s can be still be cool and popular today. I can't think of a lot of other things that can remain popular over a couple decades. My parents still are listening to Grateful Dead and Pink Floyd even though it has been many years since they last made an album. A lot of people like the '80s music and '70s rock music. The only other thing that I can think of that can remain popular over many years would be movies.

Another great thing about music is that it is easy to connect to. There is a certain type of m music for different activities. When I'm driving, I like to listen to hip-hop, rap stuff because of the beat. When I am lifting weights or something like that, I enjoy music in the punk rock music genre. So as you can see, there is a music genre for every mood. Music is a something that can be relaxing to some people, or gets some people pumped up before a big game.

Music can also be considered a form of self-expression. Many people listen to sad songs when they are sad or energetic, and loud songs when they are feeling excited. Music can also be a form of self-expression because anyone can make music. Music isn't something you just have to listen to, to enjoy, you make it yourself. I have a lot of friends that are in bands so they can play music that expresses the way they feel. Being able to create music and write songs can be fun for some people, and others have a talent to make it into a living.

Overall I feel like music is something that is a great form of entertainment and self-expression. Music has been part of society for hundreds of years and will continue to be in society for hundreds of more years. Music will continue to thrive in the world as long as the world exists. Like Aaron Copland once said, "To stop the flow of music would be like the stopping of time itself, incredible and inconceivable."

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M - Music

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Living in Harmony

Music, in my definition, is the expression of the soul that lets out all emotion, free flowing, and sharing with others so they can relate. Music's purpose is not only to entertain but it is also designed for people to express themselves through a carefully planned and organized piece of melodious notes for all that want to hear. There are many different types of music. Country, rap, classical, you name it. There are many differences to the styles of this music, but there is one thing that they have in common: a purpose. This purpose is not only to amuse but also to project a meaning to its listeners. The message, rather than what the song actually sounds like, is what the listener must learn to appreciate. Every single song has a meaning, and while sometimes it's hidden, other times it's not. For example, Voodoo by Godsmack is about the lead singer's former addiction to heroin. The only lyrics you can relate to the message, though, are in the opening lines: "I'm not the one who's so far away; When I feel the snake bite enter my veins; Never did I wanna be here again; And I don't remember why I came." The issue addressed in this song is not clearly stated by the lyrics, but more implied and supports a subliminal message. Then, there are songs that have a meaning clearly acknowledged by the lyrics, such as Blessed the Broken Road by Rascal Flatts: "Every long lost dream led me to where you are; Others who broke my heart they were like northern stars; Pointing me on my way into your loving arms; This much I know is true; That God blessed the broken road; That led me straight to you." This song is obviously self-explanatory by the contents of its lyrics. My point being is these are two totally different types of songs, differentiated by the way they are written, but they get their message across. The messages are also both very different themselves, but in the songs, both bands and or artists were able to express their emotions through the wonderful thing we call music.

Music has its many differences, and so do people. If music and people are so similar in so many ways, it means that every single person, regardless of these differences, also has a purpose. These differences are infinite, some of which could be taste in music, differences in culture, religion, or skin colour. But is it not true that deep down inside, we all feel the same way about a lot of things? It is very true that we are all only human, and we are all capable of sharing the same feelings about the same things that others may feel also, despite our differences. Point being, every human being can relate to any message in a song, the same way as any other person. People can relate to the message in the song "Une Monde Parfait" (A Perfect World), by Ilona Metrecy. This song is sung in the language of French, but when you translate the meaning, anybody can relate to it. This does not mean everybody interprets it the same way, but everybody has his or her own perspective. The song sings about what a utopia might be like, and the fantasies that may come true. Who in this world has denied their mind the right to a fantasy? Who has not thought about what their perfect world would be like? Every person on the face of this earth can relate to this song, regardless of the fact that it is sung in French by an eleven-year-old girl. One of the strongest purposes of music is to bring people together.

What do you think of when you hear the word unity? What about togetherness? How about harmony? One word that could eventually pop into people's minds is music. Even though one may question the fact that music symbolizes all of these things, it does in many ways. Music is something combined to create harmony; notes played on different instruments, merged together as one. The words come together to demonstrate a message, and the person poor trying it validated their abilities to put it all together. The message is this: we all have the potential to live in harmony, and we all have the potential to create unity. Music reaches out to everybody all over the world, and it doesn't pay attention to age, race, or religion. Music is something that very well could amalgamate us all.

Music portrays many different things in many different ways. But music, in many ways, is like the people of today. Music has many different messages that are delivered in different ways. However, music also has a lot of similar messages, delivered in different ways. This just goes to show that everybody in the world is different, but deep down inside, we are all meant to be as one.

Courtney Taylor

M - Music

M - Music

Music is Everywhere

Music is a global thing. People from all over listen to different things, but all listen to music. People here in China listen to a version of POP, and their own traditional variety. In Scotland, there is extreme diversity in music. Many of them like Pop, and many of them like Hard Rock. Most people fit in either category. In America there is probably the most diversity. There can be everything from Gospel Hymns to Hard Core.

Not only is music a global thing, but also, it is everywhere. Music can be found anywhere from the concerts you attend, to the elevator you use to get to your house. Music can be soothing. It can also create a certain mood. A mood of anger, or a mood of worship can be created by certain sounds. Music is often used in worship, but it is everywhere.

Some people, particularly in the southeast (a.k.a., the Bible belt), think it is morally wrong to listen to screaming music. They feel that if you have to scream, you must be worshiping Satan. They detest the sound of it, while other people enjoy it and have made it into a form of worship. Groups like Living Sacrifice, Dust for Life, 12 Stones, and Zao are Christian groups that use the attraction to screaming to worship God.

Some people in the church only prefer Hymns. They feel that it is morally wrong to use anything aside from the piano to glorify God. Some people go one step further than that even, and they only use a pitch pipe to worship God. They believe that music has no place in the church at all. There are many beliefs about music and whether or not it belongs in the church, and if so, what type is acceptable.

My personal favourite is by far, Heavy Metal. Heavy metal is anything that has a relatively fast drumbeat combined with wicked awesome electric guitar and base and lots of screaming. I love it- the hard er, the better. I especially like Coal Chamber, Still Remains, and Kitty these days. Those are mostly guy groups, however Kitty is all female. I don't usually care much for girl metal groups, but Kitty is really good. The vocals are absolutely amazing, and the drummer is extremely talented. I do not think that it is morally wrong to use screaming music to glorify God; it is merely a difference of opinion.

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N - Nature

I will tell you something about the nature in Hanover but specially from our town Garbsen.

At first generally about Hanover.

Hanover is most flatland. Here are no mountains but here are very much forests and countries

All around Hanover are countries and forests.

In autumn its wonderful when you go in a forest and see all the leafs which lies on the ground.

The sun is shining and the wind blows between the trees.

Then when it goes on to winter the first snow is falling down.

Last year we didn't had snow in winter.

But today was the first snow. I think winter is my favourite season because it is so cool when you do little snowball fights. In holiday I will go to a snowboard holiday to Swiss and to the Harz. In this two holidays I will shoot a film from me about snowboarding.

Harz is a little mountain chain in Niedersachsen and it is only about 900m above the see.

In spring you see how the leafs are growing on the trees.

The first birds come back to the north and the whole animals which did a hibernation.

You feel slowly when it is become warm.

When the summer is coming it is sometimes rainy. But when it is may the first people go swimming in a lake in Garbsen. It is called the blue lake.

In summer all my friends and many other people go to this lake and go swimming.

Next to the lake is a forest were you can go jogging or simply walking.

You find there fitness stuff were you can train your body.

Garbsen is a town with much agriculture. In all the villages around Garbsen is much farming.

You can get here many BIO-products because here is no forcing farming.

In Garbsen are many nature parks were you can go for a walk.

But we not only have the blue lake. Here are the black lake, berenbosteler lake (Berenbostel is a village in Garbsen), any very much private lakes and one big river. It is called the Leine.

I think nature is an important theme in all countries, cities and villages all over the world.

That is the reason because I write about it. I wanted to give you a look for Garbsen and Hanover and I think that here is many nature.

Nils



N - Nuclear Power

In this text we will tell you something about nuclear power.

We are against nuclear power because its dangerous for the environment. If a reactor explode it will be a catastrophe like Chernobyl. We can use the energy of the wind water and the sun. Because nuclear power makes very much waste and the nuclear waste is hard to handle because its dangerous for the environment. The waste is nuclear radiation and so dangerous for every species on earth. But were take the nuclear waste?

In the world are not so much places for the nuclear waste.

So we must be careful with using nuclear power.

We as teenager think not so much about that but when we hear what problems the nuclear power take with it its very bad. Of course the nuclear power brings more energy than naturally power but we must pay attention for our environment. Besides you can build with the help of nuclear power atomic bombs. And that's dangerous for the hold world because terrorists can steel atomic stuff and build a atomic bomb. In the next few years the final depots will be full and no more space to deposit. So at the latest then we must change our energy from nuclear power to naturally power to supply the households.

But natural power is not so powerful as nuclear power but so much healthier for every species on earth.

Marvin , Nils



P-Pain

Perhaps...

Please don't cry,
Don't look like that,
As if you want to give up,
And nothing I do can help.
I want to stop the pain,
But though I've tried,
Nothing seems to help,
And your pained look continues.
I would hold you,
I would whisper that it will be fine
If only I knew what it was,
That haunts you in the night,
And makes you cry that way.
O my soul,
Tell me why you pain me,
Why, when I look in the mirror,
I see only your sadness.
I cannot heal my own wounds,
And so if you tell me yours,
I at least can try to help you.
Every night,
I feel new tears,
Welling behind my eyes.
They don't seem to be mine,
Even though I feel the same pain.
Tell me your sorrow,
And I will tell you mine.
Perhaps,
Perhaps one day,
We can heal each other's wounds,
And stop the tears from falling.
Somehow though,
I know you hurt
For the same reasons I do,
And that it's my pain that wounds you.
If this is the case,
Then there's nothing to be done,
But to endure,
And to wait for one
Who might help us both.

Amanda Bruso



P-Parties

P-Parties

- How often do you have parties?

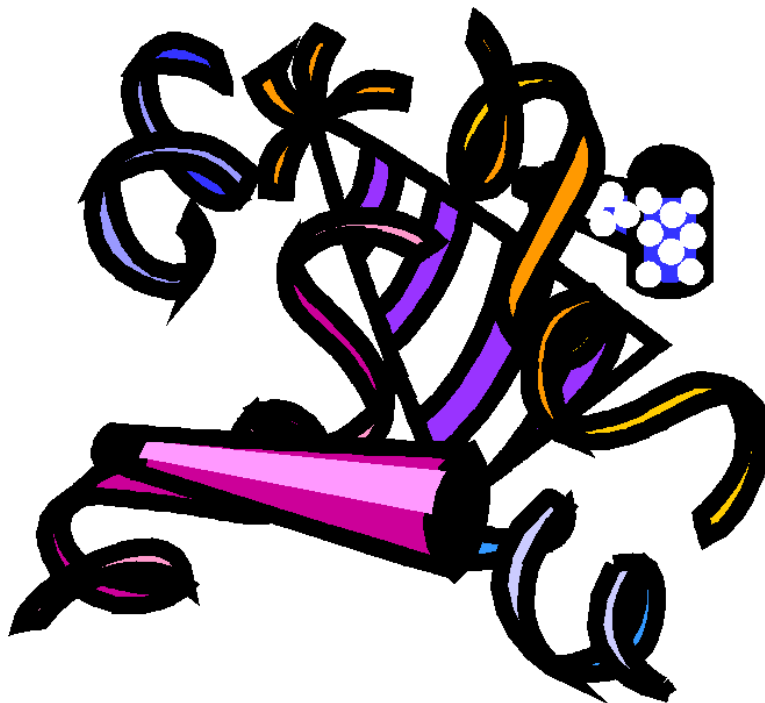
Jasmina: I go to parties nearly every weekend and on holidays even more often. I like them very much and I'm always having a lot of fun!!!

Vi: I don't go as often as Jasmina to parties. Mostly I'm going with my friend to a little nice "Irish Pub" in Jever.

- What are they like?

Jasmina: It's difficult to explain. At first we're sitting there, drinking and smoking, and listen to music. And after two hours or so, when we're drunk, we're really having fun with each other!!! =0) But it's not every time like this. Sometimes we just chill and drink a beer, or two...three...

Vi: Parties with my friends are not so...exhausting like Jasminas...=0P Often we're just sitting in the pub and talking about different subjects. We also love just listening to music=0)



R-Religion R-Religion

What Religion Means to Me

Religion has always been an important part of my family and my heritage: both the Christianity of my father's side and the Judaism of my mother's. To me religion is very personal, and more of a family tradition than following a certain set of laws and worshipping specific deities. The sense of community, tradition, heritage, and family that comes from religion means more to me than the spiritual aspect of religion.

My mother raised me to be Jewish, but my father is Christian, so it is almost like I have two religions. My faith lies in Judaism, and I pray at a local synagogue, but I also celebrate Christian traditions such as Easter and Christmas. Because of the difference in religion, it is like I have two separate families, and sometimes it can be hard to balance the split. For example, because Judaism is based on the lunar calendar, some years Christmas and Chanukah overlap. Every Christmas, my family goes to New Hampshire to visit the Christian side of my family, but on Chanukah we visit my Jewish family in Boston. So there is a bit of a problem when the holidays overlap because obviously we can't be in two places at once. In these years my family brings our dreidels and our menorahs to New Hampshire, and we celebrate Chanukah with just my immediate family. This situation can be awkward for the Christian side of the family because they are not a part of this private celebration. Also, in these years our stay in New Hampshire is shortened so that we can get back to Boston to celebrate with my Jewish family. These years are difficult because I enjoy spending time with both sides of my family, and I don't like to leave early from New Hampshire, but I also hate to miss spending a night of Chanukah with my family in Boston.

Although we observe all of the important Jewish holidays, my family is not very religious in the sense that we go to temple regularly. We never go to church, and we go to temple only on the high holidays, three or four times a year. Recently, my father lost his job, and it has become too expensive for us to belong to the congregation. This year, for the first time in my life, I did not go to temple on the high holidays because tickets to attend the service were \$100 per person, and my family could not afford it. This disappointed me quite a bit because I think that religion should be open to everyone, regardless of socioeconomic status, but the world is not perfect. Instead of going to services at the synagogue, my family held a private ceremony in our living room, led by my mother, and we worshipped in our own way. For me, religion is more about tradition and family than following the Torah.

Every year my Jewish family gathers on all of the holidays to celebrate. Rosh Hashanah is our New Year when we reach the end of the Torah, roll it back up, and start over for the next year. On Rosh Hashanah, it is a tradition to eat apples and challah, Jewish braided egg bread, dipped in honey for a sweet new year. Yom Kippur is the most holy day of the Jewish year, and it is our day of atonement. It comes about a week after Rosh Hashanah, and on that day we fast and go to temple to cleanse ourselves of our sins, and we apologize to all those we have hurt with either words or actions during the previous year. That night my family makes challah French toast to bring to our neighbour's house to break the fast. Our festive winter holiday is Chanukah during which we celebrate the miracle of oil lasting long enough to create light for eight nights in the ancient ruins of a temple. So we light candles for eight

nights and give presents to our family, and we play dreidels, a type of top used for gambling, but we usually play using chocolate coins called gelt, to "gamble." In the spring we celebrate Passover, and we remember how God freed the Jews from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land. For eight days we eat matzah, unleavened bread, to remember the struggle of the slaves on their journey to the Promised Land, and on the first and second day we hold a sear, a ceremonial meal during which we retell the story of the exodus from Egypt. It is not so much the spirituality that is important for me, but that sense of family and tradition because we always celebrate in the same fashion within my family every year for each holiday. I know that I am celebrating the same holidays that my ancestors celebrated for thousands of years, and that is what religion means to me.

Being Jewish is like being part of a huge community, and that is what I like most about it. I have a lot of Jewish friends, and our shared heritage creates an even closer bond between us. My faith also links me to my family and my ancestors. I know that I share the same beliefs as they did, and this common ground connects us. Every year my family lights a candle for my grandfather, and I know he did the same for his grandfather, and this shared faith and tradition of Judaism makes me feel like part of a never-ending cycle.

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Answer to religion and culture.... (Anne, Kristin)

(To: FRIESEN)

Hey! You ask us about our religion and our cultures. So Anne and I (Kristin) will answer you. We are from Garbsen in north Germany too. We have almost the same opinion. For us is religion unimportant because for us is family, school, friends and hobbies more important. But in school we have the subject religion and there we talk about it and we learn new things about our own religion. Kristin is Protestant and Anne is Catholic. We are separate because we have different religions and there we learn different things. How we know we have in Garbsen a lot of teenagers for who religion is unimportant but we have teenagers too who says that religion is important for themselves. They go to church every Sunday morning and they pray. Kristin is active in Church with children but she does´ t go to church or prays. Anne only goes to church if we have Christmas or special feasts. How do you know we have feasts of the church and when we have these days then we have mostly no school. For example a feast day is the Ascension of Christ on 25th May. We are not interested in Culture. Sorry but we will try to tell you something. We live in lower Saxony and our capital is Hanover. There we have many museums like the ´´Landesmuseum´´. Then we have monuments and statues. Besides we have the ´´nanas´´ of Niki de Saint Phalle. Earlier we went with our classes in these museums to look at projects of artists. But private we never do. If you go to the homepage of Hanover you can have a look of our culture.
<http://www.hannover.de/deutsch/index.htm>



R-Right-wing extremism

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We tell you something about the exhibition of Right-wing extremism.

In our school we had an exhibition. There were two persons, who told us something about the right-wing extremism in Garbsen. First they stocked cards with "Yes" and "No" in different corners in the room. They want to know our opinion so they told us some questions and we must decide if we thought that the question is right or not. After that they want to know why we thought so about it. For example: "Do you think that people, who are radical right-wing mostly are older as 25?" The two persons had told us, why we stood at this site. The people, who stood at "Yes", had said "Yes, I think so, because the most people, who are radical right-wing had the right-wing opinion, because they were in the war. So they said 'it doesn't happen in the past'". The people on the other side said, "No, mostly young people had that opinion, because they hadn't a work. The unemployed persons mean they hadn't a work, because the foreigners had taken away the jobs. That's the reason, why the most younger people are radical right-wing."

After that we had discuss about the opinions of them. We had the resolution that the two parts of persons are radical right wing.

Then we had written our experiences with right-wing extremism on a notice board. There was written for example: "I had get a CD with right-wing extremism songs in front of the school", or "I was hit by a Nazi, because I look like a foreigner."

In this exhibition we had learned a lot of the right-wing extremism.

We think to be a Nazi is a attitude- and a upbringing thing, because if your parents, friends and other people told you often that would be much better without any foreigners then you haven't another chance to have a normal opinion opposite foreigners.

Lisa, Vanessa and Marina

We tell you something about Garbsens initiative against Right-wing extremists.

This weekend (10th dec.) starts a demonstration against the right-wing extremism in Garbsen and Hannover. All people who are against right-wing-extremism are invited. This demo will started because of the „Schulhof CD“. A right-wing extremism party called NPD (Nationalsozialistische Partei Deutschland//National Socialist party Germany) distributed this CD on schools. These CD enlist young people to interest the NPD. The CD contains Right-wing fanatic texts of famous right-wing rock bands. They want to strengthen the right-wing ideas. Also homosexual, handicapped one, homeless person, left-wing extremist//punks don't fit in the conception of the right-wing extremism. Nobody is talking about this topic and therefore the demonstration is called „BREAK THE SILENCE“.

In this year acquaintance could appear right-wing extremists on Garbsener celebrations and spread racist, anti-Semitic, sexist, authoritarian and homophobic opinions. Especially Foreigner and left-wing alternative looking young persons are victims of right-wing extremists.

We take part on this demonstration because we're against right-wing extremists. We were already insulted and attacked by right-wing extremists because we don't fit in the conception of them. We look left-wing alternative.

We want to break the silence!

No acceptance the right-wing extremist ideas,

Neither in Garbsen nor otherwise where!

Alex & Aileen

W- Winter Depression

The weather can change the mood of the people living on the world. For example if you are happy if the sun shines on you and your ice-cream on the beach you are more happy than if it rains and everything is grey and the birds aren't singing no more. There are depressions, called here in Germany "Winter-Depression". Their dark environment depresses the people and they push each other more and more into their bad mood.

A help to change your mood is to turn on the light. You must have a lot of lights in your house then changes your mood again.

If nothing helps you must go to a psychiatrist. In the winter suicide rate is higher as in the summer.

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