

Best Games of 2018 Yoel Glover and Saajid Amin

1. Fortnite: There is no doubt that Fortnite is the biggest game of 2018. Fortnite's key to success is that it is free to play on almost every major gaming device like Playstation, Xbox, Nintendo Switch, and even mobile! Overall, Fortnite is a viral sensation, and it deserves to be the number one best game of 2018!



2. Overwatch: Overwatch is an extremely competitive team fight game that's known for its many game modes and classes. The game has become so popular that they have a player league and a World Cup! Because of Overwatch's extreme popularity and global impact it had to be on our list.



3. Minecraft: Believe it or not but Minecraft is still doing amazing even if most of the community is "dead". Minecraft is one of the most popular games in the world because your creativity is out of the world! Even now, Minecraft sold 144 million copies, which is the second most bought game in the WORLD. This is why Minecraft had to be on our list!



PS5 Marek Solowiej

The brand of Playstation had come to the future with the new PS5. When is the PS5 coming out? The best estimate for the PS5 release is November of **2020**. While we did see some rumors about a possible release date in 2018 or 2019, Sony has already confirmed that they won't be announcing any hardware at E3 2018. Well that's when the PS5 comes up. Some people say that the controllers are very unique. The price of the new PS5 is \$399.99. The PS5 is a futuristic gaming console. Check out the graphics. I would consider buying this because it is a brand new console and it is quite a collectors item.



The Ford Raptor Olivia Laszcz

Do you know what the fastest, strongest truck is? It's the Ford Raptor! The 2017 Raptor might just be the best! With its twin-turbo 3.5 EcoBoost engine, it will embarrass even the bigger V8 in a drag race. The advanced Fox Racing suspension gives even the Jeep Rubicon a run for it's money. All of the amazing high quality features of this truck, will give you the best truck on the market!

Did you know that some of the Ford dealerships were sold out of this model for six years? The new 2019 Ford Raptor is about 500 lbs lighter than the previous model! These facts just prove that the Ford Raptor differs from all of the rest! People are demanding for Ford to make more of these special trucks. The starting price for these trucks is \$50,855. This truck is bigger than ever! The engine in this truck can get you "...from 0 to 60 miles per hour in a little over 5 seconds" (advantagecarrentals.com). This article continues, and reads, "It is so big in fact that it is technically not a commuter vehicle but rather a utility vehicle that is because it is over 80 inches wide." The Ford Raptor has a massive horsepower of 450. This just proves that the Ford Raptor is the best truck on the market!

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You Can't See What You Can't Hear..... Jillian Levy and Ashely Severino

Were you aware that one out of five children aged 13-18 experience a terrible mental disorder at least once in their life? According to pinnerest.com, mental illnesses affects 19% of adults, 46% of teenagers, and 13% of children every year. You may not be able to see or hear it, but it's there. In fact, one of your friends could be going through a state of depression or anxiety right now. We all know about the big mental disorders (anxiety, bipolar disorder, stress, depression), but what some of us may not know is that mental disorders can also be OCD, autism, post-traumatic stress disorder, and even stigma. Living with mental disorders is not rare, it is many people's reality. So, to help fight this, each year, people participate in Mental Health Awareness Month. Even though Mental Health Awareness Month is in May, you can still take part by helping friends and family members break barriers and informing them with knowledge.

The Butterfly Project came into effect recently, and is to help victims of self-harm, or to show support for those who do. To participate in The Butterfly Project, one must use a pen or marker and

draw a butterfly on yourself when one feels like inflicting self-harm, name the butterfly after a loved one, or someone who wants you to get better, DO NOT scrub the butterfly off. Even if you don't self-harm, draw one on yourself to show support.

"I believe there are hundreds of universes within me. Within you. I believe our ancestors laid the groundwork for me. And for you. I believe if I listen, keep learning, keep trying, I can overcome obstacles. But the short answer is: If even no one else does, I believe in myself." These inspiring words by Ava DuVernay rehashes themselves in the heads of all who hear. If no one else stands, it is more important than ever to be that first one to stand, to be the leader. This ideal is the base of the Me Too Movement Hundreds of strong woman are now able to fight for a cause they believe in and share their stories because of the first woman who had the courage to stand when no one else would. Tarana Burke, the founder of the me too movement and a survivor of sexual harassment herself, and all the men and woman who joined Tarana in speaking out against this abuse are only the first ripples in a wave of change soon to come.

Me Too Movement..... Emily Trainor

Tarana Burke, a fervent survivor of sexual harassment which began at the wholesome age of six and continued throughout adulthood, is heavily responsible for the rising me too movement which is commonly thrown around in innumerable twenty-first century conversations. Burkes years of abuse and hardships strengthened her into the prodigious woman she is today. She began to work with the 21st Century Youth Leadership Movement when she was only fourteen years of age, and is still a strong advocate for women everywhere. Burkes now holds the honorable title of senior director at Girls for Gender Equality. This movement didn't begin with a hashtag, or even a black dress, but with one strong girl's moving story. The me too movement can be traced back to the inspiration of a young, smiling girl named Heaven. Heaven, the name Tarana uses when referring to this bright thirteen year old, crossed paths with Tarana in a youth camp in Alabama. One day Heaven pulled Burkes aside and began to open up to Burkes about her personal experience with sexual harassment. Burkes resentfully "rejected her," and never saw Heaven's spurious smile again (The List: Who is the woman behind the #Metoo Movement?). Tarana everyday wonders why she didn't just say me too.

Black dresses and empowering words, were the focus of the 2018 Golden Globes. After years of woman being asked "what are you wearing" and "how are the kids" questions which completely and utterly ignore addressing the reason they are there, their unbelievable talent. This issue was originally addressed in 2014 with #AskHerMore. Yes, this did work with woman being asked more talent based questions, but the red carpet still needed more equality. A plethora of celebrities banned together and chose to dress in black for the 2018 Golden Globes, to promote gender equality and raise awareness for Times Up, yet another movement against sexual harassment. Many celebrities spoke as to why they are wearing black, "I am wearing black in solitary of all the woman who have come out about being sexually abused," Alison Brie explained, "I am so in awe of the bravery it took for the first few to come forward. They are heroes." Each supporter had a different reason for wearing black, America Ferrera's is as follows. "It's our job right now, the time is now for us to do the work that will make woman and all people more safe and more equal in their workplaces and in their lives."

Oprah Winfrey, a strong inspiration figure in herself easily topped the night with her distinguished speech. Collecting the Cecil B. DeMille award for lifetime achievement Oprah was presented with the opportunity to give a speech, to thank everyone who helped her get to this point, but she took this chance to stand up for her beliefs, to stand for all those affected by sexual abuse. Winfrey starts by saying what an honor it is to be inspiring so many on this day, being the first black woman to receive the lifetime achievement award. "For too long, woman have not been heard or believed if they dared to speak their truth to the power of those men," she continues, "but their time is up. Their time is up!" Winfrey wrapped up her speech with her the compelling words "A new day is on the horizon, and when that new day finally dawns, it will be because of a lot of magnificent woman, many of whom are in this room tonight, and some pretty phenomenal men fighting hard to make sure they become the leaders who take us to the time when we never have to say #MeToo again" (Chicago Tribune).

What is Brexit?.....Nicholas Sklavounos

Have you heard of Brexit on the news or when you're looking for a current event for Mr. Ciccone? Well, Brexit actually means "Britain exiting" the European Union. The EU is a economic and political partnership starting after WW2. The main Brexit politicians are Theresa May, Boir Johnson, and Nicola Sturgeon. Members of the EU contain United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, France and many others. More than 30 million citizens are voting for Brexit or no Brexit. Brexit may start on Friday March 29, 2019. It is an overseas argument, but really important to everyone in the world. The UK will also have the EU laws and EU court. They will have to pay 50.7 billion euros, as said in the UK and EU detailed trade declaration. What would you vote for?



The Horrors of the Dark Web.....Gianna Velazquez

It's a normal day and you are browsing the internet. You suddenly take a wrong turn and you come across livestreams of killings, child pornography, and many more horrifying themes. You just accessed the Dark/Deep web. The dark web is a terrifying place, especially for children. Want to know how to prevent it from going on? You can some interesting facts about it by cautiously searching the internet.



Most people only browse 4% of the internet out of 100%. Crazy, right? Well, this is crazier: 96% of the internet is made of the dark web! You would think that the dark web would be easy to access, right? Well it is actually NOT as easy as you think. You need a special browser (Name not given for safety purposes) to access it. A study in the year 2001 at the University of California shows that the dark web grew BIGGER during the progression of the internet. Another study shows that about one million index pages that existed of the dark web. You may find it surprising to know that the dark web actually has some tips on surviving threats. It has a place called "Strategic Intelligence Network" that provides information on how to survive ANYTHING (list25.com).



If you want to prevent getting hacked and your personal information being leaked, then keep these tips in mind before surfing the web. One tip is to avoid using the same login password on social media or other apps. Using the same password on different platforms will be easier for people on the dark web to hack you. Another tip is to avoid posting too much information about yourself, especially on social media. One final tip on how to avoid getting hacked is to use links from credible sources and sources you know.

Even worse than being hacked by users on the dark web is actually ACCESSING it. Long story short, be as careful as you can because these day, you never know what dangerous sites you could end up in!

The Dangers of Vaping.....Emma Lee, Danica Tannucilli, and Stephanie McNamara

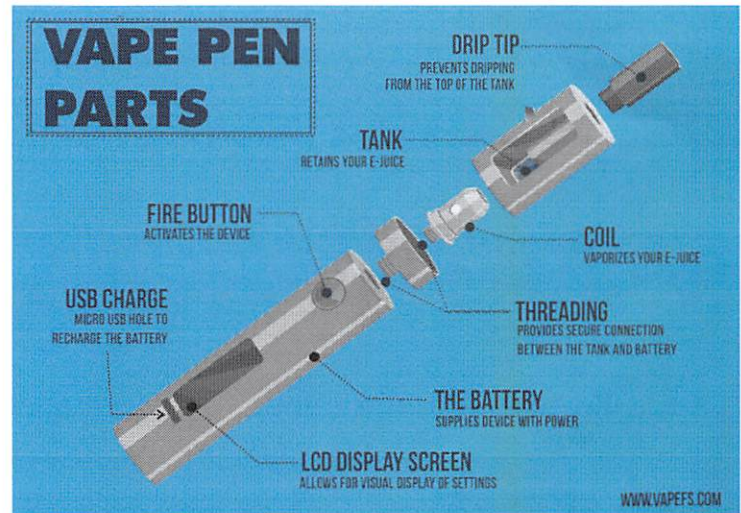
Picture this: You're walking into your school's public bathroom, and you smell an interesting, foreign smoky musk. Your curiosity gets the best of you, and you turn only to see two high school girls, vaping in the corner! This scenario, while unfortunate, is a sad but inevitable reality of our modern world. Vaping is an alternative to the traditional tobacco product, cigarettes, originally created to help smokers quit their addiction. Now, it is a dangerous and deadly epidemic that is spreading throughout the nation, and affecting countless teens and young adults.

A vape is made up of many complex parts. The upper chamber (as shown to the right) is called the **tank**, and it is used to hold the e-liquids. Then, attached to the tank is the **drip tip**, a little hollow part that prevents dripping from the tank. The **chargers** are used to charge the vape. According to a document, these batteries are known to blow up and injure people in their pockets or even while they're vaping. Vapes need to be charged since they are electronic.

As has been noted, JUULs and vapes in general are very popular with young teens. These can cause many complications for their future lives with numerous health problems. This prodigious phenomenon has become a worldwide problem throughout schools and neighborhoods. If some individuals such as students, teens, and adults, vape an entire JUUL pod in one day, they are consuming the same amount of nicotine that an entire pack of cigarettes contains.

While vaping is very dangerous to people of all ages, vapes are especially dangerous to teens and young adults. All vapes have a substantial amount of nicotine in them. When you introduce an adolescent to a product that has nicotine in it, the nicotine can harm their developing brain greatly. Diacetyl, another chemical used as a flavoring, is also found in vapes. This chemical is highly lethal, and has been linked to a respiratory disease called bronchitis (the popcorn lungs!). Along with all of these issues, e-cigarettes can also be linked to lung irritation and asthma. But, the scariest thing is that manufacturers are not required to report ingredients, so no one knows what is actually inside of them!

More than three million middle and high school students use some type of e-cigarette. These alarming numbers are only growing by the day, and risking the lives of many minors in the U.S. This highly addictive drug can ruin the lives of many people. One puff off a vape can cause a lifetime addiction that affects not only the people addicted, but the people around them. So knowing this, it might be a better idea to stick to candy cigarettes!



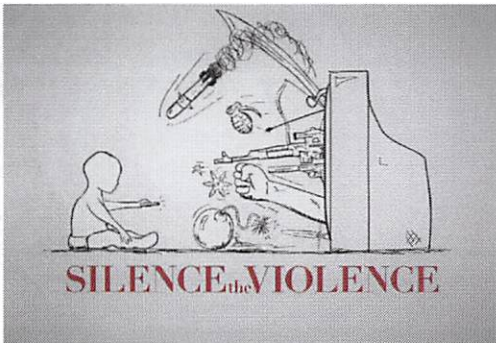
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Desensitvity to Violence.....Alishba Khan

Today, shootings are now common news that we hear quite often. Although, how come we're so okay with it? Well, studies show that children across the U.S are getting desensitized to violence because of all the things they hear and see on T.V. Becoming desensitized can mean many things. It can mean playing very violent video games or watching violent movies at a very young age, with parents not really paying attention. It can also mean a child hearing about a shooting on the news, and not feeling sad anymore because of the regularity of them. The question is, what can we do to avoid having these types of feelings?

For starters, we all love video games. We have our favorite game Fortnite, with other popular games such as Call of Duty and Halo. We could deny it and say that they aren't that violent, but they are. However, that can't change the way we think, right? Actually, "A new brain imaging study suggests that emotional responses to violence appear to diminish in teenage brains exposed to a stream of violent videos" (LiveScience). This shows you how video games can be so much more dangerous than you might think. Being constantly exposed to bloody scenes and having to make dangerous decisions will hurt you, in the end. Not only will you start to become desensitized to violent acts, but it will hurt you mentally. Likewise, studies are saying that you shouldn't stop playing games altogether but limit yourself, to avoid these problems in the future.



Violent images in video games are just as bad as scenes in movies. Take us now for instance. We don't get scared of horror movies, as much as kids used to be. Yet, do we ever stop to think why? No, because we as a society have grown so used to the constant violence and hatred, that we just don't find these movies frightening anymore. Plus, parents also don't pay a lot of attention to what their kids are doing. Now, it is so easy to watch anything we want on our devices, while parents just sit there wondering what they did wrong. Parents and kids alike should stay alert to

what they are doing and think before watching that next film.

Lastly, we have the school shootings we hear about every so often. In fact, we hear about these incidents so much, that we don't feel as sad anymore. We hear that these many people lost their lives, and the next day we act like nothing ever happened. Kids as near as New York shared their views saying, "terrorism is common....violence period is common" (WNDU 16). This is a living example of a student who plainly says that in her generation, plain violence is ordinary. This desensitizes teens the most because this will only change if people all over the U.S start doing something so these shootings will stop happening. Only then will teens stop hearing about these reoccurrences on the news, and it won't be such a frequent thing anymore.

In short, until we as a community try to change our teens looks on violence, their mindsets will only continue to grow worse and worse as they get older. We want kids growing up to be living in a more positive environment, and we can do that once we start doing simple things like limiting teens when playing their video games and pay attention to what your kids are doing with so much time on their devices. Only then will we see a change within teens today, and see that our future generations live in a more danger-free world!



Is Dance A Sport? Lindsey Wiessner

People often debate whether or not the art of dance is a sport. But, when you really take the facts into consideration, the answer is clear. What are the four technical categories of a sport? Well, they are, according to www.debate.org, "physical exertion, skill, points, and direct competition," to be specific.

Physical exertion? Dance is all exercise. If you have ever watched a dance warm up, you will notice that the warm ups in dance are just as exercise exerting, if not more, than the other activities that are considered sports. In fact, many exercises that dancers do are the same, or almost the same, as the warm ups in other sports. Skill? Someone doing a perfect triple turn, standing on pointe shoes, or lifting their leg up to your nose, certainly has an insane amount of skill. Skill, in my opinion, means something that someone can do that not many other people can do. Do you think that many people could do the kinds of tricks that most dancers do? There are many tricks that only someone who practices a lot of dance will be able to get. Points? When you go to a dance competition, they score you with

ACTUAL points, to judge you. There is a whole point system, and there are specific things to take off points for. It's not the kind of activity where the judges just give you a score, based on no rubric. Direct competition? You are literally competing against other teams, in the competitions. Sometimes, in more advanced competitions, mostly those that are on television, one team or performer will literally be competing specifically against a different team or performer.

And you still think dance isn't a sport? If you have never seen a dancer do physical training, or sweat, then you have never been to a real dance class. Every minute of a dance class, they are working hard, moving, and trying to perfect their every move. Do you think that any dancer can do even half of the incredible tricks that they do, if they don't do hours and hours of hardcore, intensive training, in order to achieve these skills. Of course flexibility is a significant part of dance, but flexibility won't ever matter for a dancer, unless they have the strength to match it. For example, when doing a *développé* (a move where you slowly bring your leg up, as high as you can, and hold it a while), yes you need the flexibility to have your leg up high, but

you also certainly need the strength to leave it up there. How can you say that strength is not involved in keeping your leg up there.

Some may say, "Oh, but sports need a ball or puck, and there's no ball or puck in dance!" Well, things like running, wrestling, swimming, skiing, snowboarding, skateboarding, etc. don't have either of those, but no one ever doubts that they're a sport. So what's the difference with dance? How can those sports and others be easily considered sports, and dance is not, even though they have mostly the same components. Also, you can become a professional dancer, as a career, just as you can become a professional in any other sport, and professional dancers practice for hours a day, every single day, to be as good as they are. They have to exercise and work just as much as any other professional athlete would, so why wouldn't they be considered athletes, too? How come they don't get the credit that they deserve, for all the hard work that they put in? So, next time you are wondering if you would consider dance a sport, or not, think about the amount of competition opportunities there are, the amount of hours that they practice, to achieve their tricks and talent, and the precision that they need, to make everything perfect. Also, think about the qualifications to become a sport, and how dance surely fits every single one of them.



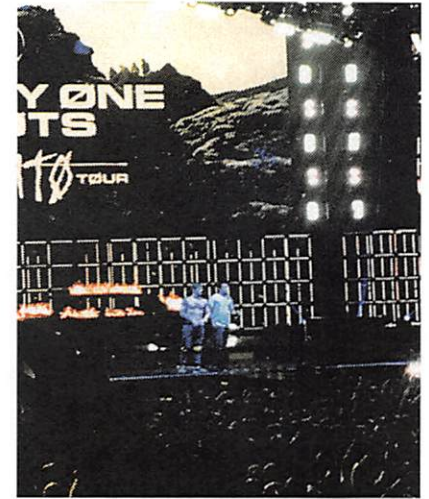
1, 2, 3 Music !

Who are Twenty One Pilots?.....By Amira Souda

Twenty One Pilots is an alternative rock band that includes Josh Dun and Tyler Joseph. Starting in 2009, the band formed in Columbus, Ohio, and is now under the Atlantic subsidiary Fueled by Ramen. In 2013, Twenty One Pilots then released *Vessel*, the third album. The album included platinum singles, "Holding on to You", "House of Gold", and "Car Radio". The album included Billboard 200 topping, single "Stressed Out" which was a Grammy winning hit. In addition, their Grammy nominated song "Heathens", was added to the soundtrack of DC comics film "Suicide Squad".

After all their success, Twenty One Pilots took a year-long break which fans called a hiatus. On October 5, 2018 the long wait was gone, and their fifth studio album finally was released. Fans were relieved and very excited for any new tour information, and of course there was. The worldwide tour called "The Bandito Tour" will start in the United States and will continue with legs in Oceania and Europe. They also announced additional 2019 tour shows in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. Billboard's Gabe Ginsberg described the Bandito Tour as a must see performance. He also noted the bands stunts on stage which include backflips, leaping, vertical crowd-surfing, suspended bridge walking, and scaffolding scaling. They also have a behind the scenes of the tour on their Youtube channel.

Trench includes 14 diverse songs that have a lyrically deep meaning that touches all their fans. The starting track and single, "Jumpsuit" starts with a heavy bass riff with drums which hooks you in to listening more. The bridge turns into piano with the drums softly in the back however, then it slowly turns into Tyler screaming with the original bass riff. It is very powerful and brutal ending to a starting track. All of the other songs have the same meaningful and connected lyrics. This album really sums up Twenty One Pilots as a whole and how diverse their music is.

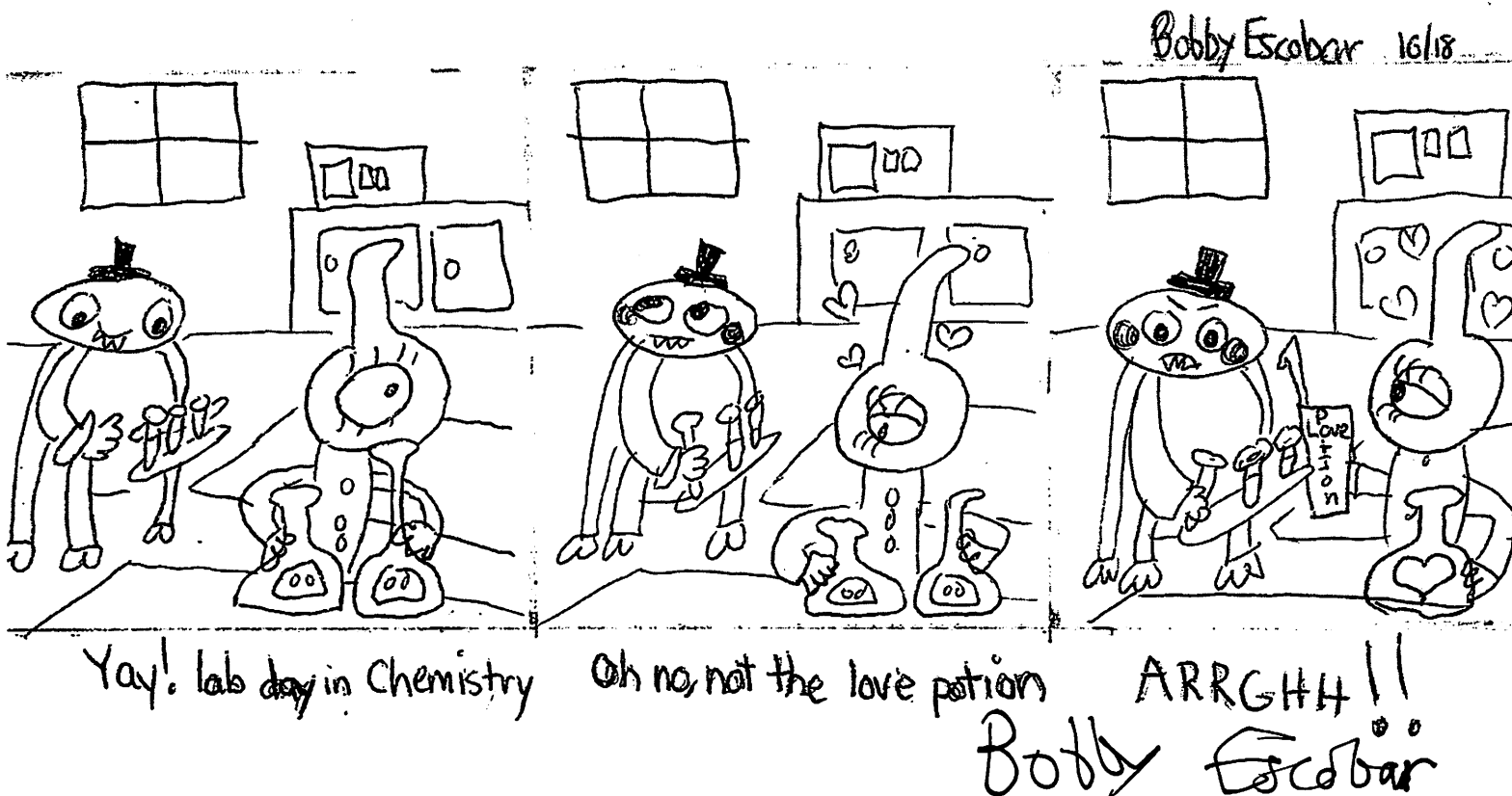
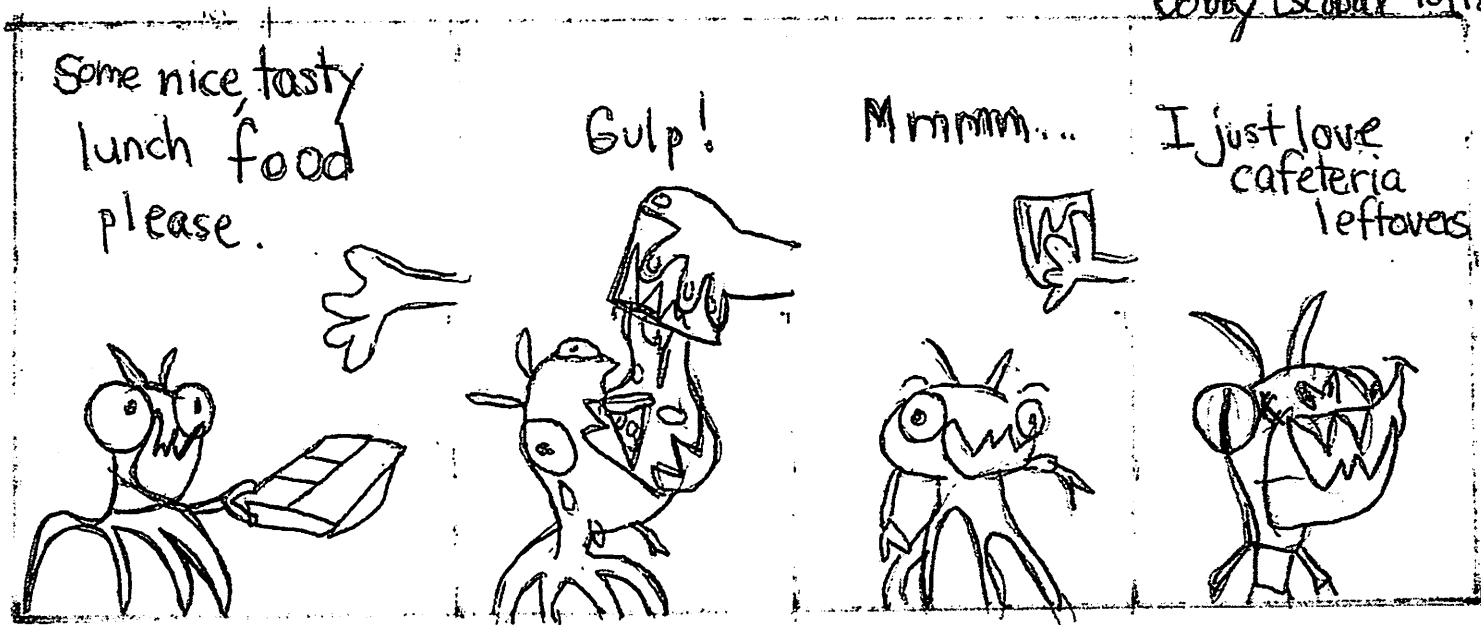


BTS at Unicef.....By Nicolette McGuire

On September 24th, 2018, BTS joined world leaders, UNICEF, and other global, education, business, and youth leaders at the 73rd UN General Assembly to launch a new partnership to get every young person quality education, training, or employment by 2030. This is called Generation Unlimited, which will tackle the global education and training crisis that is currently binding millions of young people around the world and threatening progress and stability by focusing on three main areas of employment. These are secondary age education, employability, and decent work, skills for learning, and empowerment. In his speech, Kim Namjoon, leader of BTS, addressed these issues and things in relationships that have occurred in his own lifetime, like thinking he was unsuccessful at first, being lost in his own mind as well as in the real world, and almost giving up on everything that has become of him.

"Soon, I began to shut out my own voice and started to listen to the voices of others. No one called out my name, and neither did I. My heart stopped and my eyes closed shut. So, like this, I, we, all lost our names. We became like ghosts."- Kim Namjoon, 2018. At this point, he started speaking about how nothing seemed useful anymore. He lost his own voice. His voice was physically there, but it truly felt gone. Namjoon was lost in his own mind, a mind that was telling him that he was useless and that he should give up. At first, he had nothing, but now he has everything he could have ever wanted, and more. He's an inspiring role model for struggling young people around the world. He doesn't want anyone to give up, and with the help of UNICEF, he and his band will be able to help the struggling people around the globe and show them how it's never good to give up, but only good to keep going. By vocalizing his own struggles in life, Namjoon can help these young individuals not just physically, but mentally, by telling them to never lose hope. He came from the bottom and rose to the top, and hopes that other people can do the same.

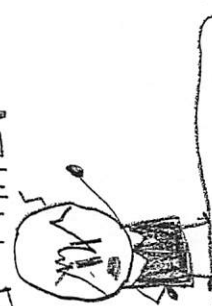




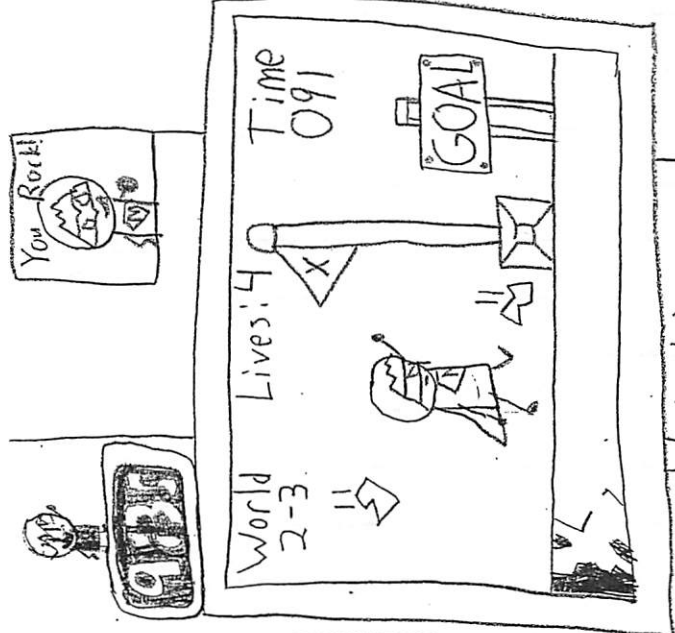


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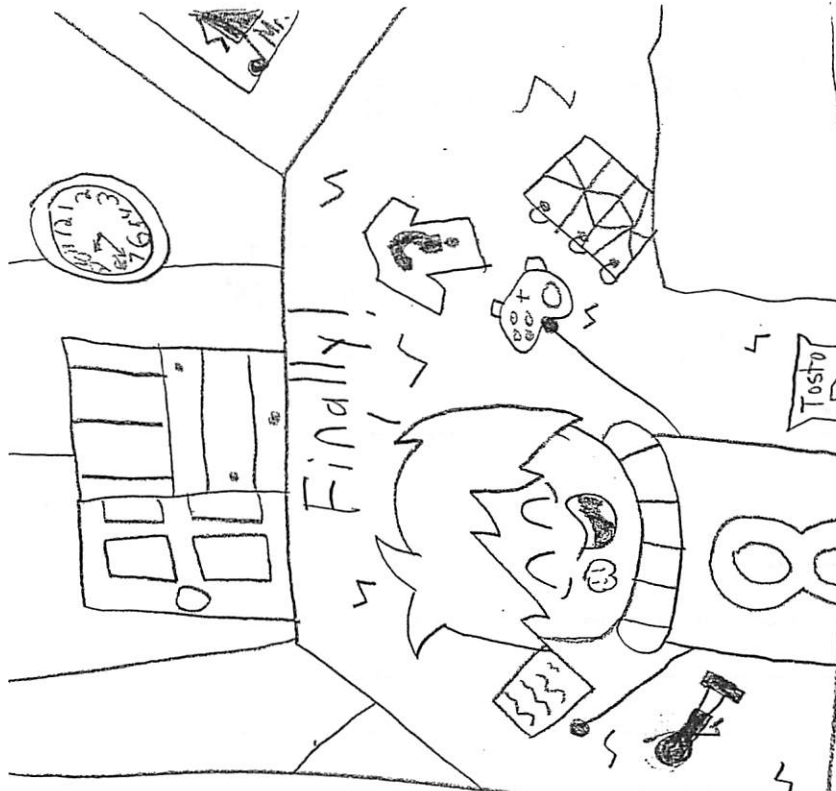
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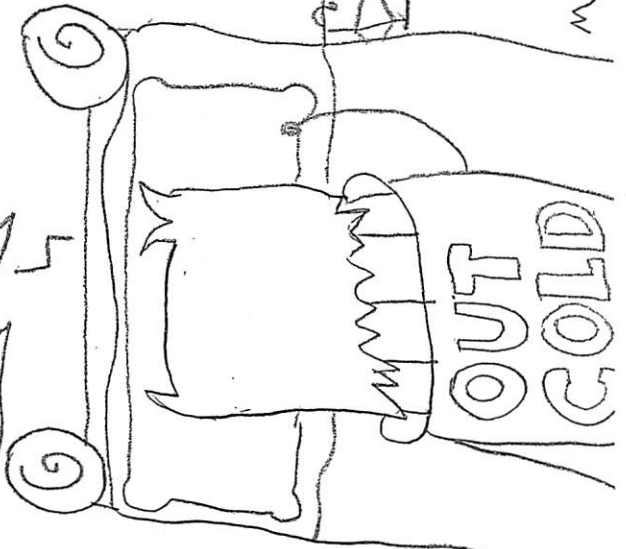
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