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"For the students. by the students"

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Should America Adapt a Communist School System?

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The American school system is full of many different students. What kind of students do you have in mind for middle and high school students? Most of the time, the answer is students who do not focus in school, who fool around, and students who are not always respectful to each other and adults. These students consider school as something gifted to them, something they deserve to have, but is that really the truth? The truth is, parents are actually paying for their children's precious time in school through their taxes. There is a big reason for this - when students do not actually realize their parents are paying for their time while learning, they do not take it seriously. As a result, they fool around and disrespect teachers and



students.

Let's compare college students to these middle and high school students. Most college students know that they are paying thousands of dollars to go to school. However, the middle and high school students do not realize that their parents pay for their school and thus should value their education more. Another reason for their foolish behavior is because of the freedom we have in this country. When the students' rights are limited, it generates more discipline that will help with some disrespectful

behavior.

A solution to all of this is to convert the school system from a Democratic system to a Communist school system. These new Communist rules will change all of the negative behavior. The rules give each and every student the same rights so that they will not be disrespectful towards each other. If one is disrespectful, then he or she will be punished with more than just a scolding for that student. Also, teachers can enjoy teaching to all students that are respectful and value their education. Lastly, a benefit of a Communist school

system is that students who actually want to learn will not be able to be interrupted just because someone is trying to be disruptive or a class clown

Even though America would probably not fully adapt to a Communist school system, there are still many features that we can adapt in our own education.

- Always be respectful to others and your teachers because it is the right thing to do
- Value your education and the education of others by always staying focused
- Realize that consequences are meant to teach you a lesson – not to punish you or 'make you pay' for something you did wrong.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NEWSPAPER CLUB NEXT YEAR?

Fill out this Google Form so that the advisors know to send you more information next school year! (Available only to current 6th and 7th graders)

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War in the Eyes of a Soldier (An Ode to Memorial Day)

Written by Lian Jie Li (Class 703)

We sit down on the trenches that we dug, and
prepare for another night of sleeplessness.
Shots fired, cannons boomed, and people perished
by the seconds.

Nobody will be there to save us from our deaths.

Charging forward with fury in my eyes, I duck
down to elude the firearms bursting in my face.
Taking a brisk look in my pockets, I began to pull
out my family picture.

I am only fighting for them, I thought. I am fighting
for them.

Putting the picture aside, I fired my machine gun
madly with speed.

Suddenly, a sharp pain falls into my chest. Blood
and despair lay there, silent with grief.

Falling back onto my back, I lay on the ground,
helpless and bleeding a plentiful mass.
Alas, all hope was lost, and all my fighting was to
no avail, I thought. What does it all matter?

At the last moment, I send to the gods a final
message, a silent prayer for my mother.
Although you've hoped for me to return, I couldn't
do it. I am a failure of a son for you, I'm sure.

But, can I at least give you something to remember
me by? A mere memory is fine.

Now, I bestow upon you a final wish:

May all your troubles be gone.

The Old Story of The Basket

Written by Adayani Magdaleno (Class 801)



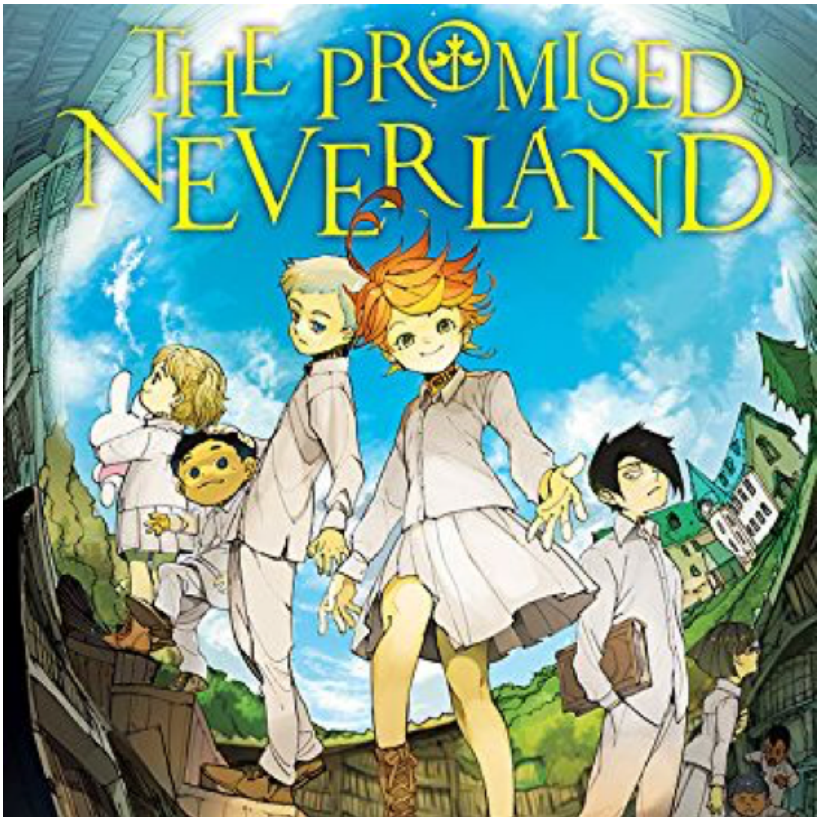
The first basketball hoop; photo from Pinterest

Have you ever played "hoop" was created!
basketball? When you The first "hoop" did not
release the ball from your have an open bottom,
hands, do you ever since they were regular
wonder the history boxes. (I wonder how
behind it? It all started they got the ball down...
the Winter of 1891-1892. like did they climb the
James Naismith, a 31- pole? Or did they have
year-old graduate student, several little balls? I
headed to a school in guess we'll never know!)
Springfield, MA to study Later on, James decided
physical education. to cut the bottom of the
Winter was coming and box so that the ball could
now students were stuck fall down on its own. The
indoors – bored without news of this new indoor
having any games to sport spread wide around
play. There was a need to many other high
for a new indoor sport, so schools and became the
James got to work. His coolest sport. In 1905,
goal was to create a new basketball was officially
game that was fun and recognized as a new
complex at the same indoor sport. Now, when
time. He took two 18- you play basketball with
inch boxes and nailed your friends, you can tell
them into a pole that was them all about the history
inside of the gym. This is behind basketball.
simply how the first

Anime Review - The Promised Neverland
Written by: Amanda Ruan (Class 801)

Genre: Dark Fantasy, Thriller, Horror
Status: Continuing

The book starts with the main protagonists, Emma, Norman, and Ray, playing tag. Then, they discover a horrible truth behind the orphanage, Grace Field Orphanage. The children in the orphanage are raised to be killed as livestock for demons that consume their brains. As a result, Emma, Norman and Ray try to come up with an idea to outsmart their “Mama,” Isabelle, to escape Grace Field. So far, the book is dark but interesting. We’ll keep you updated on what we think of the rest of the book. Stay



Ten Weird Facts

Written by Harry Zhu (Class 804)

1. If you jump on a moving object you will land in the same place that you started.
2. In the morning, birds will drop 12 hours worth of built up poop. (YUCK!)
3. It is illegal to gamble in Japan.
4. Every night, when you go to bed, you are never alone! There are millions of microorganisms all over your body.
5. Snails have over 14,000 teeth.
6. In England during the 1800’s, “pants” was considered a “dirty” word.
7. There are more McDonald’s in the United States than hospitals.
8. In the U.S., 40% of babies are born to unmarried parents.
9. In the U.S. it is illegal for children to smoke.
10. A pair of feet perspires half a pint of liquid per day.

An Update on Co-Ed Gym

Written by Anonymous

I would first like to that I do not enjoy start off by apologizing exercising, gym class is about some comments I generally fun. The made last time talking teacher is nice and they about co-ed gym. Gym understand the fact that I class is not a free 100% am not physically active and it is very unfair to a lot, but they managed make comments like to convince me to that since the teachers actually be physically do work very hard. I was active. Surprisingly, the pleasantly surprised how games we play and co-ed gym has turned exercises we do are out. My new gym pretty fair and balanced teacher continues to between the boys and make the class as girls. Hopefully enjoyable as possible. I Pershing will keep co-ed am actually willing to gym classes and say that, as despite the continue to perfect it.

May Recipe: Cinco de Mayo - No Bake Flan

Written by Shuhana Uddin (Class 801)



Ingredients:

- 5 egg yolks
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon

Procedure:

1. Take a large pot and fill 1/2 of the way up with water and bring to a slow boil (on medium heat)
2. In a blender place all of the ingredients except the sugar and blend well for about 3 minutes.
3. In a skillet (not Teflon) on medium place the sugar and stir constantly until it begins to turn a light brown (caramel).
4. Remove from heat.
5. Pour caramel into the flan pan tilting so the caramel can coat the entire bottom of the pan. Allow to harden.
6. Put the egg mixture into the flan pan and place on top of pot of boiling water. Cover with tin foil, and poke 8-10 holes all over the foil to avoid condensation to form.
7. Cook for approximately 45 minutes. Check after 30 minutes by slightly lifting the aluminum foil and inserting a cake tester.
8. To make sure it is completely done, give it the jiggle test. If the flan jiggles slightly then it is done. You can also insert cake tester or skewer to test for doneness. The tester should come out clean.
9. Cool on a wire rack for about 1 hour before inverting onto serving platter.
10. To serve, run a sharp knife all around the edge of the flan mold. Place a large plate on top and invert carefully.
11. Cool completely in refrigerator before serving.

Tips for Students from an 8th Grader

Written by Walin Wasee (Class 703)

Walin Wasee, from the Pershing Post, interviewed Nabil Rahman, an 8th grader at John J. Pershing about life as an 8th grader. Nabil had some great tips to share to all students at Pershing!

Question 1: What are some of your experiences dealing with bullying and how did you get over it?

With bullying, you have to look at it from a different perspective. Think about why the bully is bullying you – are they going through something themselves? However, if it keeps on going, you have to tell an adult for your own safety. Also, try your best to not give in to what they want or the bullying will just continue. Do your best to stay above it all.

Question 2: How does the process work for applying for high school?

You have to sign up to myschoolsnyc, and then fill out an application where you can find schools you like, and then put them on your list. Try to look at many different options – even the ones that are not in your neighborhood, because they could better serve your interests.

Question 3: Any tips on how to study for tests?

It's different for every subject. For math, do different questions over and over again until you feel like you've mastered the skill. For science, it's a lot of memorization so make flash cards to test yourself. For ELA, just focus on doing short response formulas, like RACE and RADD to help you do well on the writing portion of your tests.

Question 4: For 7th graders coming into 8th grade, what can we expect?

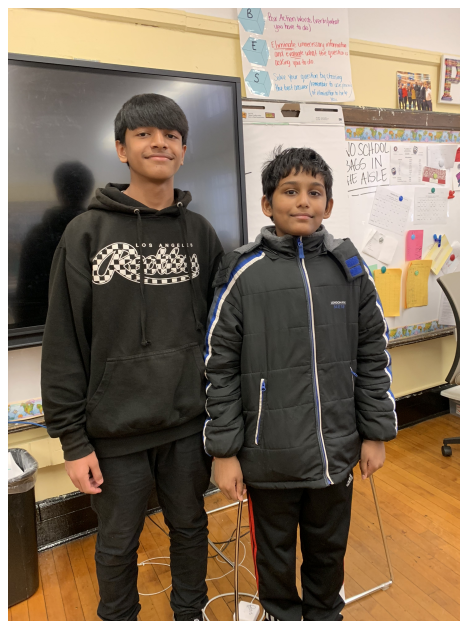
You should expect be a little bit more prepared for class because the teachers try to prepare you for what it will be like in high school. You have to be much more independent and on top of your work. Also, start thinking about high school early, because you want to have enough time to prepare anything you may need, such as an interview or portfolio.

Question 5: What is the most challenging thing about school and what can you do about it?

The most challenging thing in school is feeling stressed about everything going on. It helps to talk to an adult because they usually have been in your shoes and can give you great advice.

IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED OR FEEL STRESSED OUT — REACH OUT TO ONE OF OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS!

Ms.Gonzalez (Room 300)
Ms.Delince (Room 200C)
Mr.Cosentino (Room 357)



Nabil with Walin during their interview

Armed Forces Day

Written by Qian Qian Lin and Jiaxin Li
(Class 810)

武装部队日是向武装部队男女特别致敬的日子。杜鲁门总统为公民建立一个假期，让我们的军事英雄团结起来，为他们提供支持美国的爱国主义服务。在早期，我们庆祝军队的每个分支，但它在1949年8月21日发生了变化。第一次正式的武装部队日是在1950年5月20日，标题是“为防御而合作。”第一个武装部队日也教授军队社会的重要部分。这不仅仅是用来保护那些人的方式。在我们国家，但它也意味着尊重那些在军队服役的人。

Movies Coming out in May and June

Written by Yu Jie Zheng (Class 703)

Aladdin (May 24, 2019):

The iconic "Aladdin" is going to become a live action movie with Aladdin freeing genie from the lamp. After the genie is freed, Aladdin finds out that Princess Jasmine is in danger. Plus, the lamp is also in danger since an evil plan is occurring. Will the lamp and Princess Jasmine be saved by Aladdin or will Aladdin fail and let the evil plan happen?



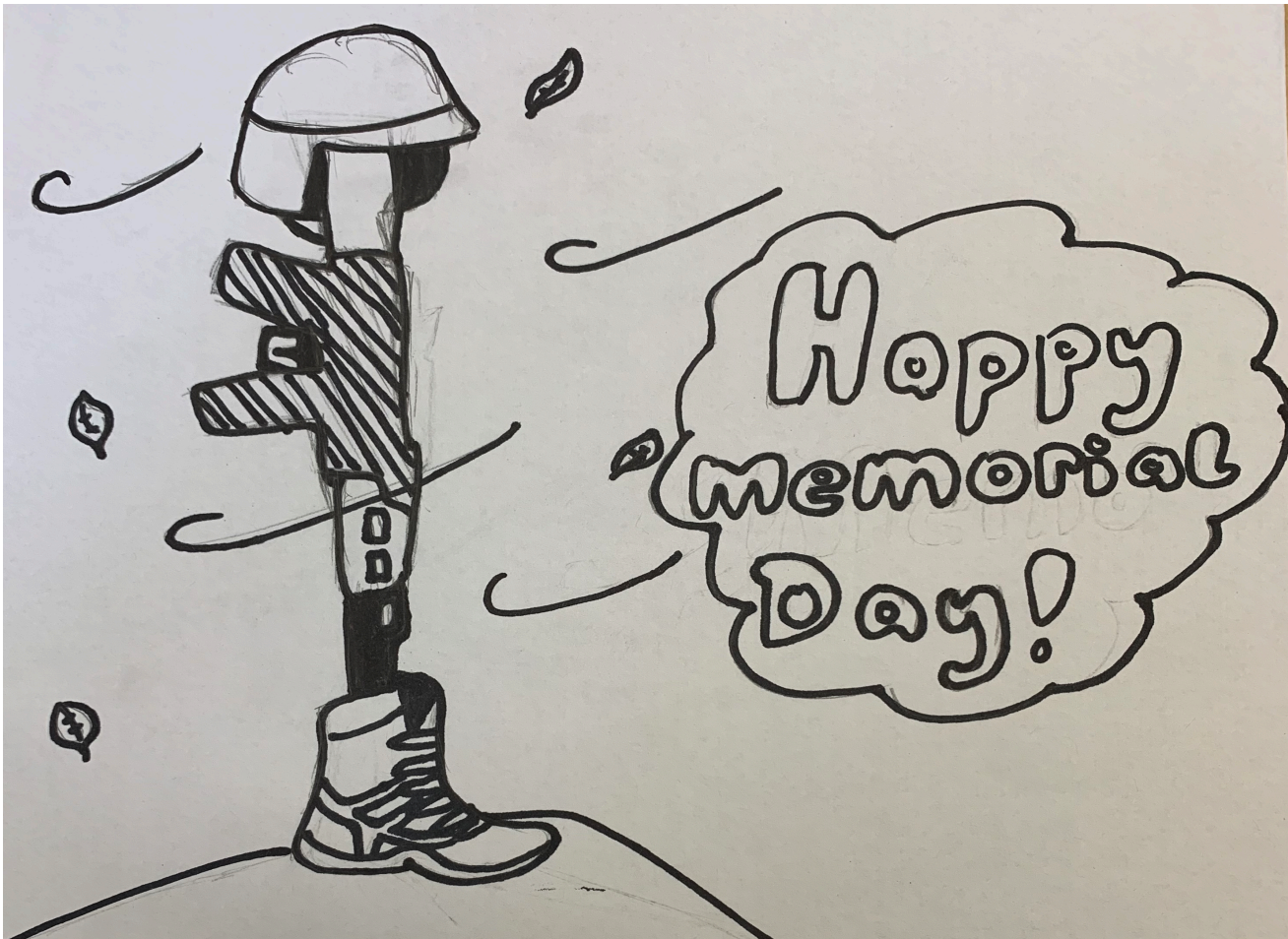
Toy Story 4 (June 21, 2019):

The new movie follows the toys' lives after Andy leaves them with another child. Toy Story 4 follows the toys new lives while they try to help another toy figurine find his place in the world. This childhood classic is set in a whimsical carnival and is sure to bring up memories for all Toy Story lovers.



Happy Memorial Day 2019

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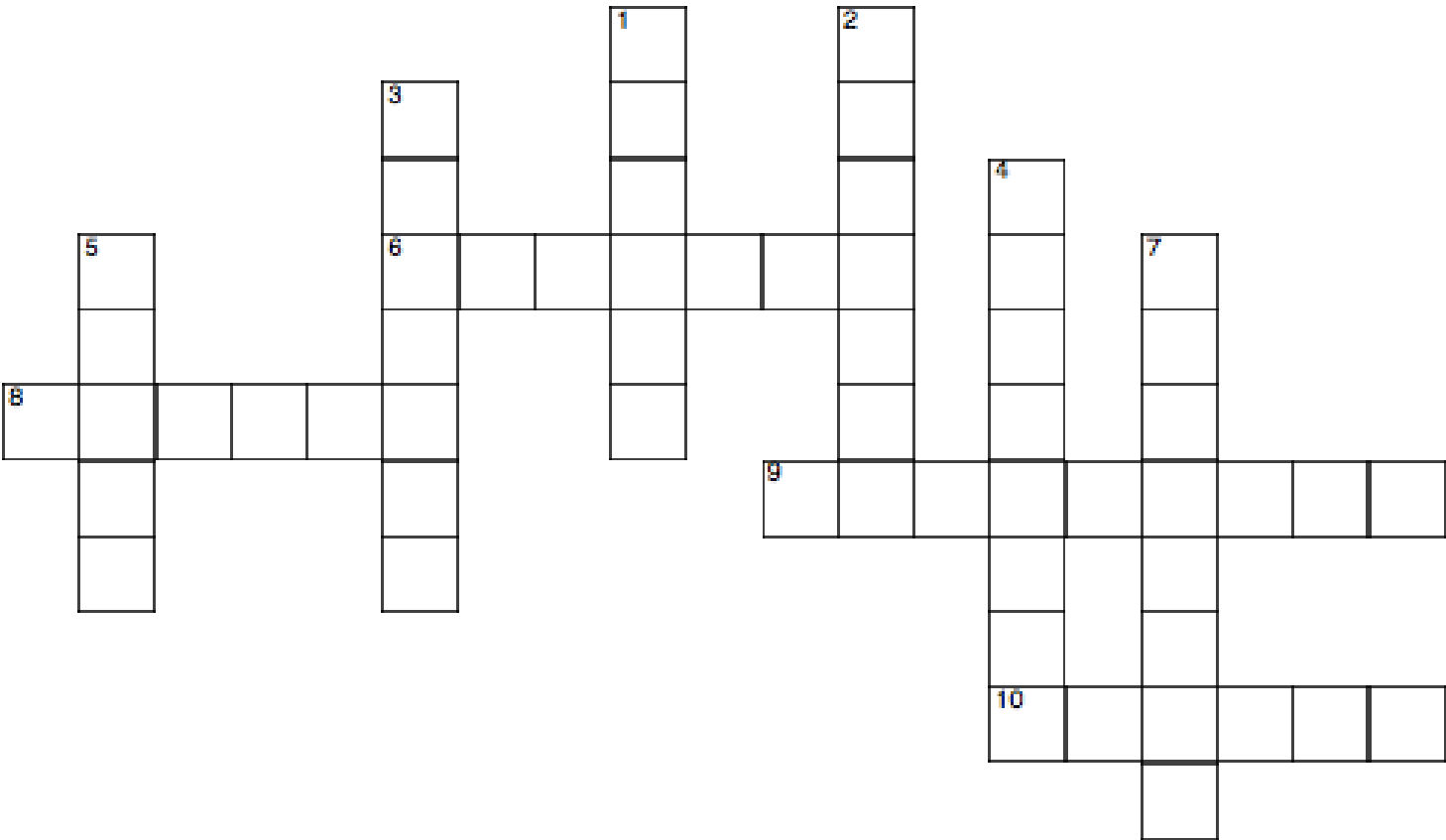


Sudoku

The object is to fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear exactly once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

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Memorial Day



- Across**
- 6. A person who fought in a war
 - 8. An event that includes marching and floats
 - 9. Having or expressing devotion to and support for one's country
 - 10. A carving or cast of a person

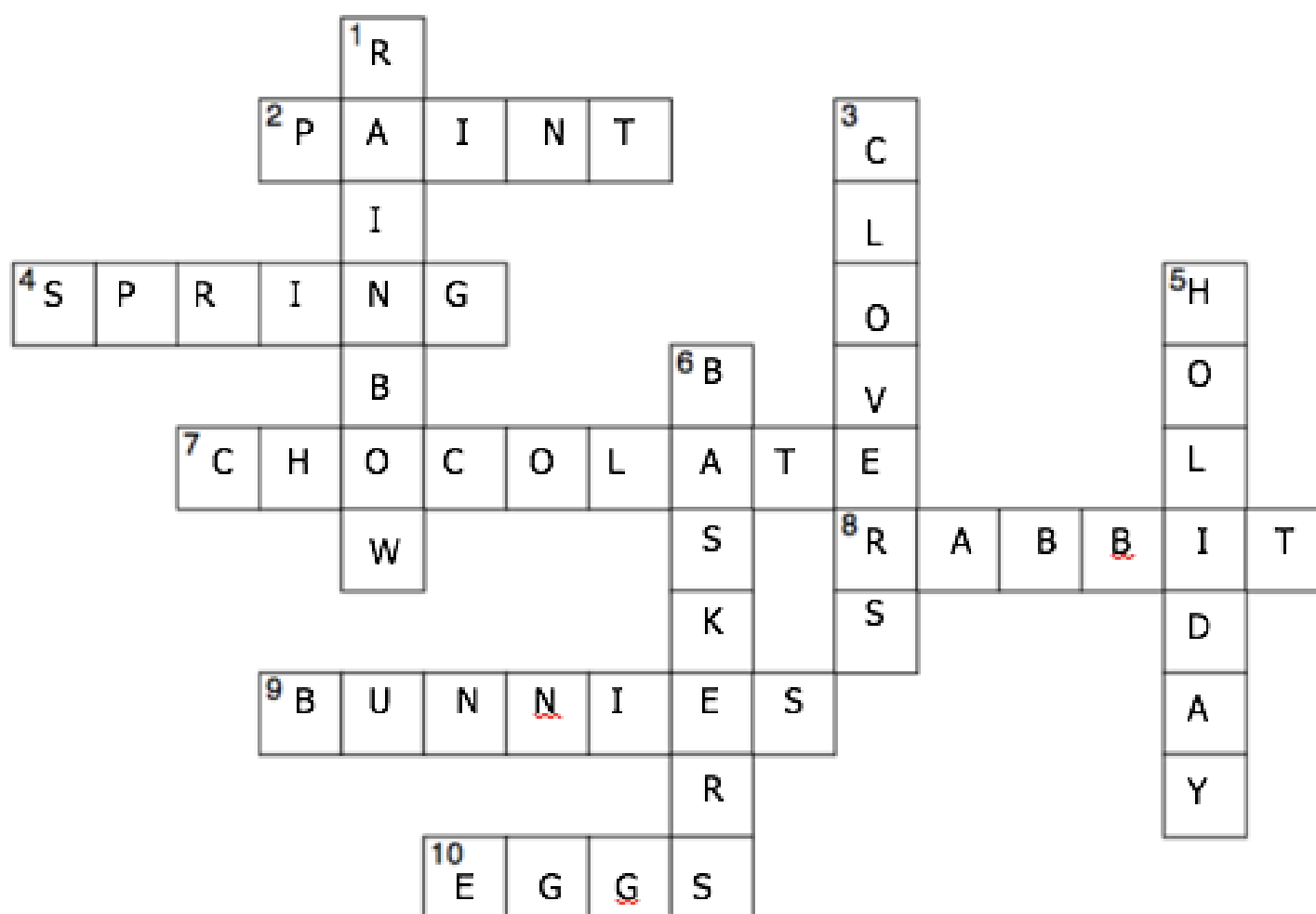
- Down**
- 1. The day of the week Memorial Day falls on
 - 2. Also referred to as the United States
 - 3. A feeling of deep admiration to someone
 - 4. A person who had long experience in a particular field.
 - 5. America's _____ is blue, white, and red with 50 stars.
 - 7. _____ Day

Remind your mother, grandmother, aunt and any other mother figure in your life just how much you appreciate them!

Homemade Mother's Day gifts:

- a card
- make breakfast or dinner
- DIY flower stamp painting
- do extra chores at home

April Crossword Answers



Should K-Pop Idols Be Required to Enlist in the Military?

Written by Anonymous



Korean pop has been around for decades, since the early 90s. However, it was not as popular as it is today. K-Pop originated in South Korea and since the 2000s, it spread through the entire country making it the most genre of music. As years go by, idols are becoming older than before and have to face many responsibilities that were not necessary for adolescent pop stars. In South Korea, there is a law where men are required to be enlisted in the military from the ages 18 to 28. This is because there is still a war going on between North and South Korea for over 50 years. However, women are not required to be

enlisted in the military, but they can volunteer and join on their own. Since half of South Korea's economics come from the money generated from the K-Pop industry, it would be detrimental if K-Pop stars were required to enlist in the military.

History of the Korean War:

North Korea is a Communist country and South Korea is a Capitalist country – which causes conflicts between the leaders and militaries. It began right after World War II and was very similar to the Cold War between America and Russia. South Korea has been enlisting male troops from age 18 to

28 during most of the duration of the Korean War. They enlist troops so that they can be prepared if North Korea decides to attack the country. However, North Korea has missiles and allies, such as the Soviet Union and China.

So, now that you know some history about the Korean War, do you think South Korea should enlist male idols for the military? In my opinion, it can be better for South Korea if they enlist every male from age 18 to 28 to keep the country safe. There are also many girl groups that could help keep the country's economy afloat until the male groups return from the military. Also, South

their normal routine of enlisting males, even if they are male idols. Although it would impact South Korea's economy if the group is on a hiatus from touring and making music, the country's safety should be the first priority. If we really think about it, if there is an attack on South Korea, North Korea would be able to bring down the economy anyway. What do you think? Should celebrities be exempt from military drafts or should they be required to serve alongside their fellow citizens?



