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Writing Contest Encourages Pine Hill Students to Actually Write for Fun! by Jasmine Joubert



As everybody knows, Pine Hill Middle's student newspaper, the Panther's Eye, hosted the Spooktacular Halloween Scary story writing contest. Congratulations to our contest winners who were able to place among sixty-one entries! Third place went to seventh grader Mary Flournoy, second place went to eighth grader Paris Dailey, and first place went to eighth grader Kazaria Evans.

Kazaria's winning entry was a bone chilling tale she entitled, "My Dear Marilyn". Her story features a creepy doll locked in an attic after owner, a little girl named Marilyn, outgrows her. The story tells the tale of how the doll manages to escape the attic so that she can force the little girl to love her again.

The inspiration behind her chilling story came through a childhood outing with her family. When Kazaria was in second grade, her mom took her to see the movie Annabelle and ever since she has been afraid of dolls. She also said she is afraid of

attics because her Grandmother fell through the attic ceiling. She took the things that creep her out and created her spooktacular story!

Kazaria has been writing for some time now and shared that she first started writing because in fifth grade they had to do writing prompts and she found it was fun and that she was good at it.

Our first place winner also happens to be a talented artist and won third place in the Panther's Eye art contest hosted last year.

She says writing is also a form of art. "Writing is like drawing with words," shared Kazaria. The Panther's Eye agrees Kazaria you are twice the artist!

In case you missed it My Dear Marilyn was read over the intercom on Halloween so that the whole school could enjoy the time honored tradition of listening to a scary story on Halloween!



First Place Writing Contest Winner Kazaria Won a Jack-o-Lantern Full of her Favorite Candies!



Speaking of stories, we at the Panther's Eye want to thank everyone that participated in the writing contest. We encourage everyone to keep writing. The fact is that we need stories.

The most important reason for this being that every story contains a lesson designed to instruct the audience. Stories teach us to love, to forgive others, to be just, to fight for what we believe in, to dream, to live, and to strive to be better.

Storytelling has numerous important effects on our daily lives. It has been one of the most effective sources of inspiration known to man.

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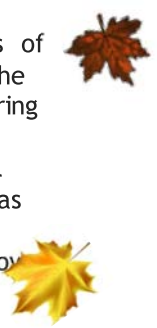
Pictured above are the winners of the Spooktacular Scary Story Contest: 1st Place Kazaria Evans, 2nd Place Paris Dailey, and 3rd Place Mary Flounoy

Storytelling acts as a fantastic teaching tool, imparting lessons of life to individuals of all ages. Originating with the dawn of society, and enduring into this age of near instantaneous access to all information, storytelling has proven its resilience and necessity beyond any shadow of doubt.

On behalf of the Panther's Eye, we thank all of our young authors for inspiring our imaginations and most of all frightening us out of our skins on this Halloween season! Keep writing the world still needs more stories!



Thank God for Kazaria! The only thing scarier than Halloween is a world without stories!





Pilgrims, Indians, and Turkeys: A Closer Look at the History of Thanksgiving

By David Morris

Thanksgiving is coming up soon and it's a time to be thankful and to get our food on! Most people think it's just about the food, but they don't know the history behind all of it. It all started with the Plymouth Pilgrims, the first settlers of our country that came from England on the Mayflower ship trying to get religious freedom.

The first Thanksgiving was held in the year 1621, celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in October. This enormous feast lasted for three whole days and was attended by many Native Americans known as the Wampanoag who helped the Pilgrims survive in their new home.

Plymouth's Thanksgiving began with a few colonists going hunting for turkeys or even geese or ducks. They hunted enough to serve their people for almost a week. Then about 90 Wampanoag Indians suddenly appeared at the colony's gates, alarming most of the colonists. Once everyone came to the conclusion that no one wanted war, everyone decided to get their feast on! Over the next few weeks the groups shared a feast, and the Native Americans provided more food to the feast.

The daily life of the Wampanoag consisted of giving thanks for their creator's gifts. They have held ceremonies to give thanks for successful harvests and for good fortune, even since ancient times. After the arrival of the Pilgrims, they brought new Thanksgiving traditions to the scene. The celebration was a combination of both group's harvests and beliefs.

Like the Pilgrims of the past, today we also observe the tradition of sharing with family and friends and thanking our creator for our many blessings. This holiday season make sure you take the time to stop and consider all the things you should be grateful for. Remember, no matter how little you think you have there is always someone who has so much less so make sure to count your blessings on Thanksgiving and every day for that matter!

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Modern-day Thanksgiving involves families and friends getting together for a meal, which traditionally includes a roast turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, and pumpkin pie. In some cities and towns, there are parades and festivities. Most government offices, businesses, schools, universities, colleges, and other organizations are closed on Thanksgiving Day.



Be Thankful for Your Education in this Season of Thanks!





Hiding Behind Our Masks, A Look at the Game Persona 5

by Khloe Doyle

We all love games, but did you know that psychology, or the study of the mind, plays an important part in games? Games like Persona 5 can give us deep insight into how our minds work.

For context, the branch of psychology known as Jungian psychology will be explored, which focuses heavily on the way our unconscious mind (thoughts you are unaware of) communicates with our conscious mind (thoughts you are aware of).



For those who don't know, Persona 5 is a role-playing game for PlayStation made by the company Atlus. You play as the character Joker, a second-year high school student who gets expelled due to a false accusation of assault from a corrupt politician.

Following his transfer to Shujin Academy in Tokyo Japan and learning to use his newfound powers of the Personas Joker endures many trials and battles to change the hearts and minds of corrupt people and make the world a better place.

Personas are used in the game as the actual characters used to fight the evil forces in the world. To start off, the term persona is used to represent the masks we wear to cover up our pure raw selves in

“Never lose yourself to a persona. Live your life to be the very best you, you can be.”

order to fit in whatever part of the society we are participating in at the time. In the game, the Persona lets you be a different person. The Joker takes on different masks to destroy and undo the bad in other people.

This comes with the downside of possibly getting lost in the Persona and forgetting one's true self. The concept is very interesting because it parallels the real world in the sense that people take on personas to better fit into a community.

Sometimes, in doing so, we can lose our sense of true identity. Trying to fit in can be tricky business. If you're not careful, like the Persona 5 characters, you can get lost in the persona and find yourself becoming frustrated by having to keep up a personality that isn't really yours.

The game can be examined through the lenses of Jungian psychology because we unconsciously or unknowingly



Persona 5 is the Sixth Instalment in the Atlus Personas Series

wingly create and use personas to communicate and interact with others and to convey emotions and feelings. Sometimes people can become so dependent on the persona that they lose the ability to determine which is the real person: the persona or the true identity.

This can be especially true when you are a teenager because you are at a very emotionally vulnerable state. You are going through a lot of changes and it takes a lot to recognize that you are masking your true self.

Persona 5 speaks to the fact that we need to remain emotionally balanced so as to be adaptable to societal needs but to not become completely lost in these adaptations so that the real

you can't surface.

Sometimes it is necessary to adapt a persona for the greater good of a larger group or society. For example, when working in a communal environment it is better to assume a persona that would help you better understand colleagues, coworkers, or team mates so that you can get along better with them and work better and become more productive.

We tend to be nicer, more understanding, and more cooperative with people who are not in our innermost circle versus people who are like our family.

Social adaptations like personas can be useful but when not balanced can cause great detriment to a person. Now a days, you have to be especially careful when dealing with

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people who are masking themselves with online personas. A lot of predators use personas to trick people and take advantage of them.

Online personas can also create false worlds and identities. It is really important to always be aware of who you truly are and be comfortable and happy with that person. It

does not do any good to become lost in an artificial world and identity because in the end it is not real and you could forget to live your real life.

No matter how exciting or appealing it all may seem, it is not reality. In this season of Thanksgiving, it is important to remember that it is better to be thankful and appreciative of who you were created to be, the people around you, and the environment you have been blessed with.

Hopefully after reading this article, it will spark an interest for you to look more into psychology and to look at the world in a new light. More importantly, remember to be true to yourself and to love and accept the real you. Never lose yourself to a persona. Live your life to be the very best you, you can be.



History in the Movies, New Harriet Tubman Movie Shows Accurate Portrayal of Slavery Experience

By Alyssa Dukes

Have you heard of the new block buster film “Harriet”? It is hard to believe it has taken so long for a box office quality movie to be made about the life of Harriet Tubman one of the most well-known American slavery abolitionists.

The fact is a lot of times Hollywood is not very accurate about history in movies but the movie Harriet is actually quite in line with historical facts.

In the movie, Harriet, played by actress Cynthia Erivo, is shown as a determined African American slave. Harriet in real life was born into slavery and escaped and later made 13 missions to rescue seventy enslaved people.

She changed her slave name “Minty” to Harriet Tubman once she escaped from slavery. Harriet’s codename was Moses and she was illiterate (could

not read or write) her entire life.

Both in the movie and in real life, as a teenage slave an overseer threw a metal weight at another slave, but it hit Harriet instead. As a result of the injury, she would often go into sleeping spells and was difficult to wake up.

It is said that Harriet considered the dreams she had during these sleep spells to be

God speaking to her through dream visions and her religious beliefs guided her to help slaves escape. In the movie, her visions play an important part in the saving of many slaves as well.

After she rescued most of the slaves, she had brain surgery to fix her sleeping problems. Tubman went back to save her loved ones and didn't lose any each Saturday. Once Harriet saved most of her loved ones, she was a Union Scout during the Civil War.

In real life, as a scout, she led 150 African American troops across the Combahee River in South Carolina on June 1863. She also led Union riverboats through Confederate torpedo traps, freeing 750 slaves and dropping off Union troops.



“The next time you get a chance, go see the movie Harriet. It will help you be thankful for the life and freedom we enjoy today!”

In 1869 Harriet met a man named Nelson Davis. He had been a slave in North Carolina and served as a soldier in the Civil War.

Tubman and Davis got married on March 18, 1869 at the Presbyterian Church in Auburn. In 1874 they adopted a girl who they named Gertie.

The movie does not tell Harriet's whole life history but focuses on the most

famous and well known part of her life which is her role as the conductor of the underground railway used to help slaves escape slavery.

The movie is receiving a lot of praise because it shows Harriet as a strong, courageous, and independent black woman of almost super hero status. She even carries a gun!

Thanksgiving is around the corner and the Panther's Eye would like to encourage everyone to be thankful for living in a country where you have freedom and everyone's rights are protected. The next time you get a chance, go see the movie Harriet. It will help you be thankful for the life and freedom we enjoy today!



Harriet Tubman as Depicted by Actress Cynthia Erivo



The Above Picture is the Real Portrait of Harriet Tubman Who was Believed to be About 40 Years Old in This Picture Taken Around 1868



Trending Now Report: This or That



Trending Christmas Gifts for 2019

Thinking About what to buy or get for Christmas gifts? Check these trending gifts out.

1. **One Stop Charging Station:** Charge all of your gadgets all at once! Phone, buds, watch, whatever you need charged do it all at the same time!
2. **Cable Bites:** These adorable little critters bite the end of your charging cord to keep it from breaking and fraying. They come in just about every critter you can imagine (dogs, cats, bears, bunnies, fish etc.)
3. **Backpack Purse or Fanny Pack:** Popular this season are mini backpack purses or Fanny Packs. Everyone is loving these trending and yet practical fashion accessories.
4. **Call of Duty: Modern Warfare video game:** This highly anticipated game will be flying off the shelves everywhere and heavily bought online as it is trending right now.
5. **The Tile Style Keys & Phone Finder:** Always losing your phone or keys? Say goodbye to the days of losing stuff with this handy gadget. It will let you know where your stuff is with a press of a button!
6. **Attachable Phone Pocket:** Always losing your money or keys? Try the trending attachable phone pocket. Teens hardly leave their phone behind so stashing your cash and keys with it could be just what you need.

THANKSGIVING

FUN FACTS

The year: 1621

What's commonly considered the first Thanksgiving celebration was a 3-DAY FEAST shared by the Plymouth Rock Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people.



2,000+

The number of calories most Americans eat at a Thanksgiving meal.

A 160-pound person playing a rousing game of tag football can burn 582 calories an hour.

Turkeys can RUN FLY

UP TO 25 AS FAST AS 55

TURKEY TOWN

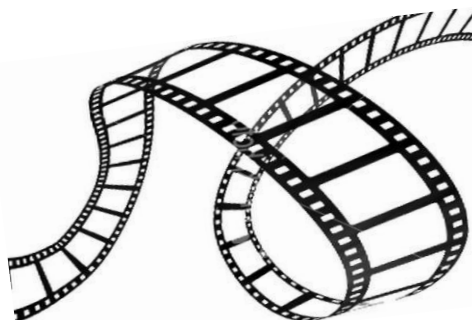
Gobble, gobble

15

The number of places or townships in the U.S. with a turkey-inspired name, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's including Turkey City, Texas, and Turkey Town, North Carolina.

7

The number of places and townships named Cranberry.



In the Movies

Check these amazing block busters out currently trending this holiday season!

1. [Frozen II](#)
2. [Noelle](#)
3. [The Last Christmas](#)
4. [Harriet](#)
5. [Abominable](#)
6. [Maleficent](#)



In Music



The top 5 iTunes hits trending:

1. Pink: Love Me Anyway
2. Billie Eilish: Everything I Wanted
3. Taylor Swift: Lover
4. Taylor Swift: Beautiful Ghosts
5. Old Dominion: One Man Band

Pink's Love Me Anyway, tops charts





Pine Hill Middle Sports



Lady Panthers Do it Again! Tenth Softball Championship Win!

By Kaylana Krauss

The school is overflowing with pride because the girls' softball team won the championship for the tenth year! No other Pine Hill sports team can say the same. They may make it look easy, but their insane winning streak is not a result of luck or softball being easy, but of dedicated team work and good coaching.

The girls' softball team's winning formula for success is their team work. Important to this team work is the support and mentoring the captains give to the younger or less experienced players.

"We help them help to understand what they need to work on so that they can improve their game," shared girls' softball captain Sarah Walker.

It is important to the captains to make the other players feel like it is ok to make mistakes. After all, everyone makes mistakes. The important thing is to learn from them.

The team shared that they feel like a family. They work together to make

"It takes a lot of hard work and team work to have made it this far."



Our 2019-2020 Lady Panthers Soft Ball Team

each other better and feel safe about learning and growing and making mistakes. Each player feels like no matter what they belong to the team family and that is more important than even winning.

Hard work is also part of the formula. The girls practiced Monday through Friday and even on some Saturday's. Rain or shine, hot or cold the girls practiced faithfully. All that effort sure paid off girls!

Our girls had some amazing coaches that include head coach, Coach Young, Coach Doug, and Coach Phillips. Without their awesome coaches the girls feel they would not have the effective practices and plays that keep giving them championship wins. The girls feel like without their support none of what they accomplished would have been possible.

Way to go Lady Panthers and Coach Young! You are a point of pride for the school and we are all very proud of you! Keep up the good work.





Dear Abby Advice Column

Note: Some details and names have been omitted or changed in order to protect the identity of the students writing in. The heart of the problem remains the same so the person can get an answer to their problem.

The Problem:

Hello Abby,

I am writing because I am stressed out about a teacher. We had a lot of changes in our hall and I was moved to other teachers. This teacher is a good teacher but everyone acts up real bad and I just can't learn in that class! I have tried all kinds of things to be able to learn but with all the talking and laughing it is hard. My grade has gone down and I don't know what to do. My mom thinks it is my fault and I got in trouble but I really am trying! Please I need some good advice!

Abby's Answer:

Sometimes change is good. A change of environment and scenery can sometimes be very good. If you are having so many issues with the students in the class based on behavior, let the teacher know. If the teacher can't handle it, stop administration or a counselor to help with the classroom management. No one in this building should hinder you from learning. I am sure that someone will get this situation handled as soon as you voice your concern. Don't try to handle it yourself. Go find the right people to help you.

The Problem:

Dear Abby,

first I would like to start by saying thank you for given us kids some advice. It is nice that we have a place to be able to get some words of wisdom in private. I have a problem that has been bothering me but I dint want to tell anyone because it is kind of embarrassing. I just feel like people don't like me. I guess I am just not the type of person people like. I don't really know what is wrong with me. It is hard for me to make friends. I wish I could be funny or really good looking so then maybe then people would like me better. What kinds of things make a person popular? Do you have some advice for me to make more friends? Any help would be really great as this whole thing of making friends is a mystery to me.

Do you have a problem or a situation that you could use some good advice on? Then consider taking your problem to The Panther's Eye Dear Abby! Abby is wise and kind and wants to help you! Write today and get an answer in the next issue of The Panther's Eye!

Abby's Answer:

Be yourself!!! People want to become friends with people who are genuine and sincere. If you try and put on a front and act like someone that you are not, it will never end good. When people see the real you, friends will come. It's not about being popular or the pretty or handsome person. Everyone is beautiful in their own right. So don't ever think that about yourself. A popular person to me is a person who is focused and humble. They know what they want in life and they know what they have to do to EARN it. They know some people are placed in their life for a reason and some are placed only for a season, but despite it all they remain true to themselves and focused on what they have to do. This person really doesn't care who likes them or who doesn't. That's a popular person. You are popular in your own way!!



Math Challenge!

Math Challenge

If you can be the first to figure out this challenge contact The Panther's Eye and you will be featured in the the next issue of the paper and receive a **Prize!**

Four couples have dinner together. The wives are Ginny, Helen, Sarah, and Bridget. The husbands are Mark, Alex, Stephan, and Henry.

Who is married to whom? Consider the hints below:

- Sarah is Mark's sister
- Sarah introduced Henry to his wife
- Bridget has 2 brothers, but her husband is the only child
- Ginny is married to Stephan

Do you have what it takes to be the next Math Whiz?

Be the first to figure this Math Challenge out and you will be crowned the new Math Whiz and be featured in the next Panther's Eye!

Reigning PHMS Math Whiz



7th Grader Jeremiah Smith Was the First to Figure Out the Math Challenge

Panther Fun! 🐾



1. **The Great Leaf Hunt Challenge:** How many leaves are featured in this issue?

2. **Brain Teaser Challenge:** What is the one thing that is smaller than that which encases it on every side and yet is infinitely (so large) it can never be measured in size?

3. **Stories with holes Challenge:** A man took off his hat. A few minutes later he was dead. Why?

Connect the Dots



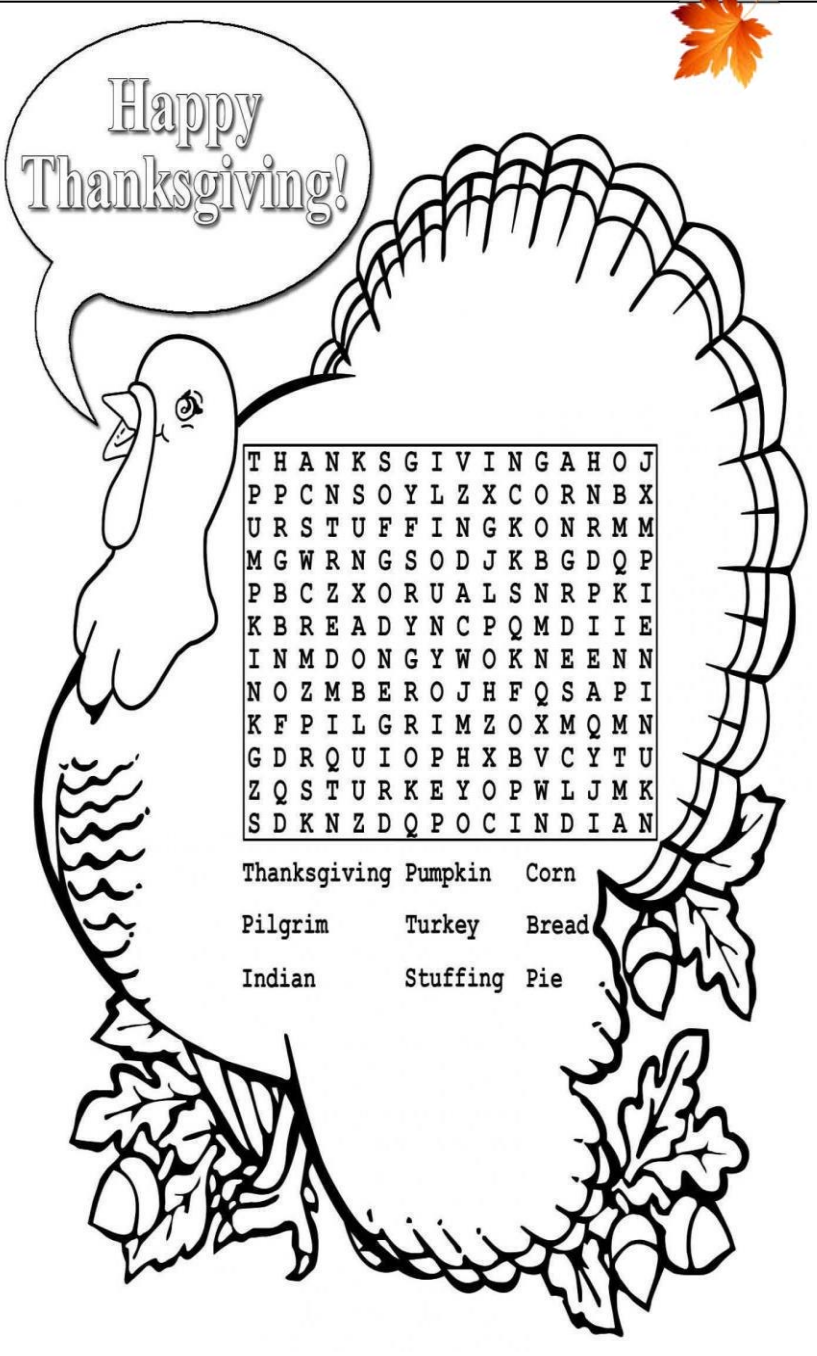
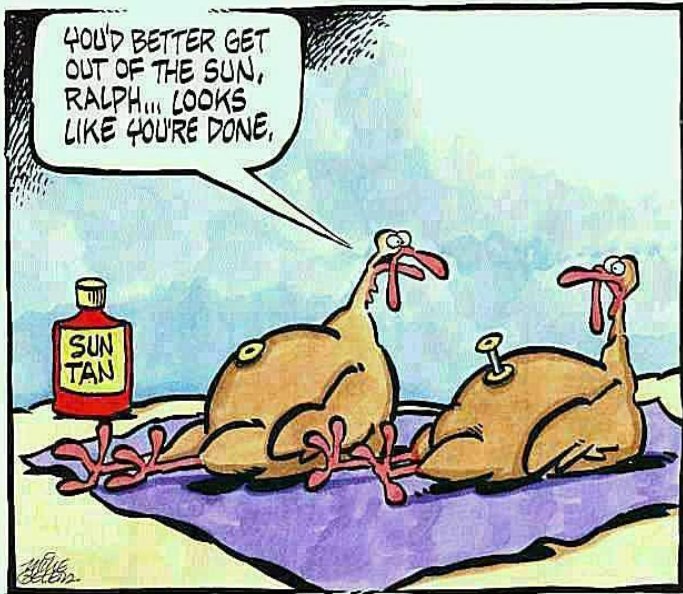
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Can You Spot All 12 Differences? 👁️👁️

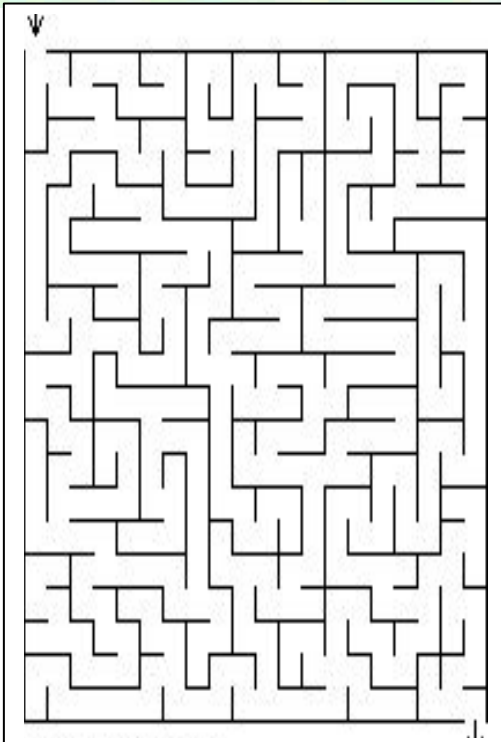


Fall Funnies



Answers:

1. Leaves Challenge: 85 fall leaves
2. Brain teaser: the mind
3. Stories with Holes: The man is an Astronaut



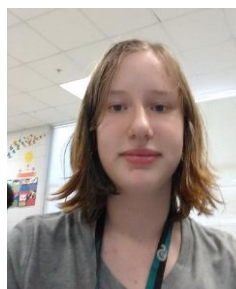
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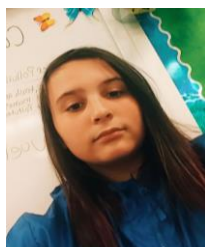
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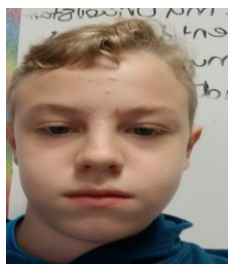
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