



***Student:***

"Is it OK to turn in my term-paper even though I haven't had enough time to cite a source for every single reference?"

***Teacher:***

"Fie! 'tis a fault to heaven,  
A fault against the dead, a fault to nature,  
To reason most absurd...."<sup>1</sup>

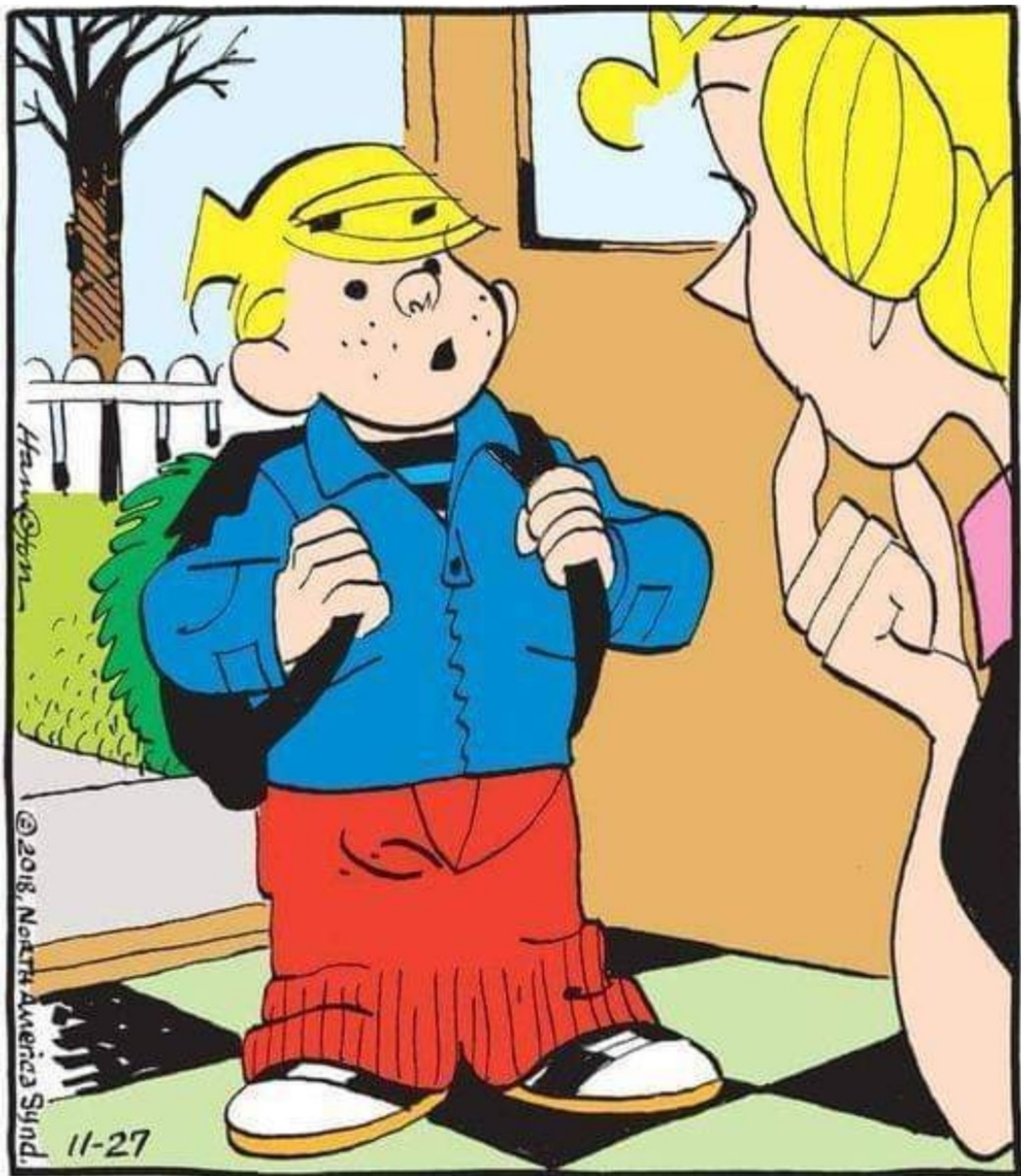
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<sup>1</sup> Shakespeare, W. (~1600). "The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark." Act I, Scene II.  
< <http://shakespeare.mit.edu/hamlet/full.html> >

WITH GRADES LIKE THESE,  
I'D SUGGEST YOU DROP OUT  
OF SCHOOL, START HANGING AROUND  
WITH THE WRONG CROWD AND  
BEGIN LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.

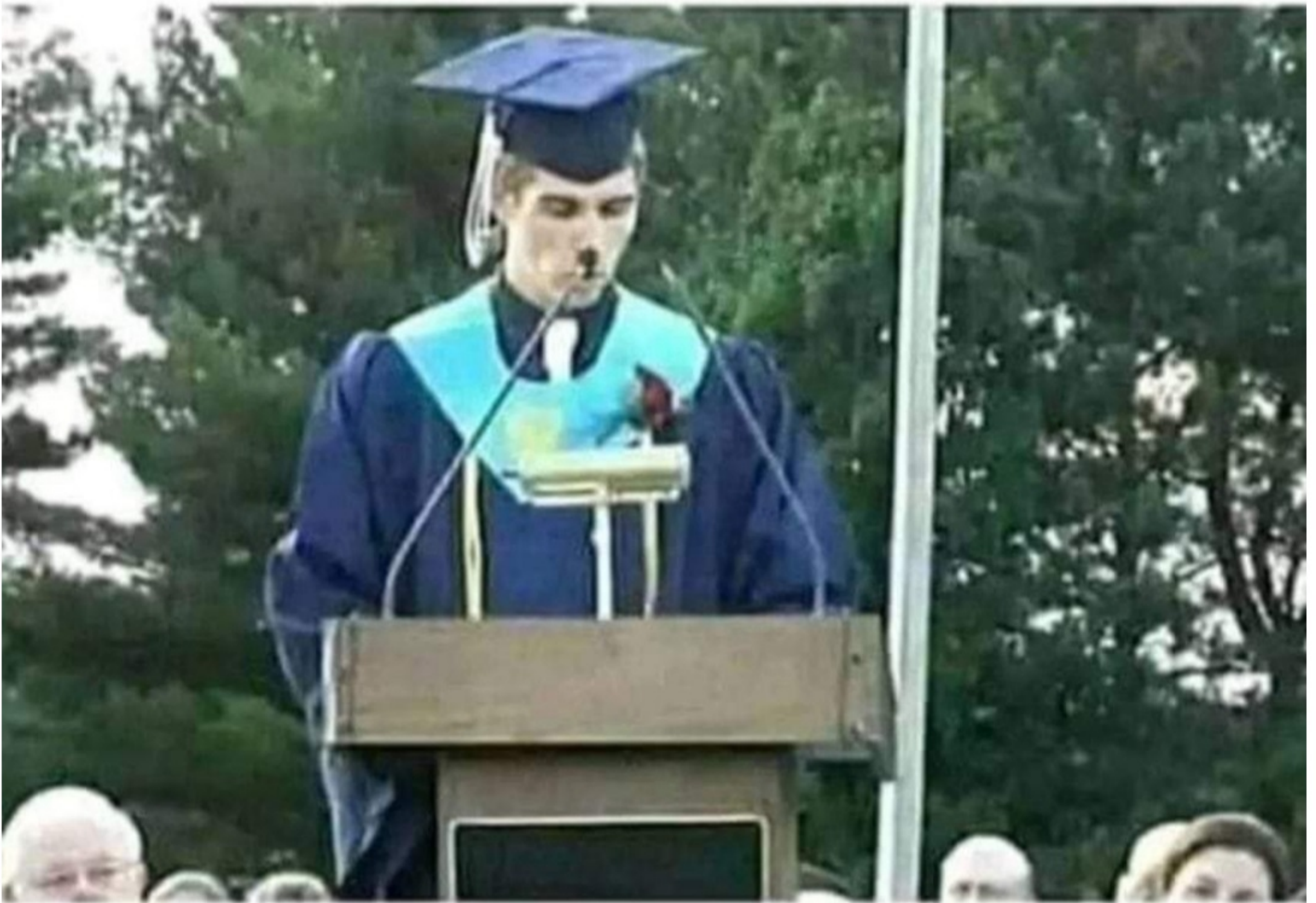






"They're going to teach us ***CURSIVE*** in school, but I told them I'm not allowed to talk that way."





**"I wish to express my gratitude for all the help provided by my instructors, ChatGPT, Google, Wikipedia, and copy-paste."**



...AND THEN,  
WHEN THEY'RE  
IN A DEEP STATE  
OF HYPNOSIS, YOU  
CAN GET THEM TO SAY  
ANYTHING, AS I WILL  
DEMONSTRATE...

YOU...  
ALL...KNOW...  
SO...MUCH...THERE'S  
NOTHING...LEFT...  
TO...TEACH...YOU!  
YOU...MAY...ALL  
...GO...HOME!

SHOW  
AND  
TELL





At a bookstore, a lecture hall, or even the local library, always precede a question with a lengthy autobiography.

# FANDOM 101

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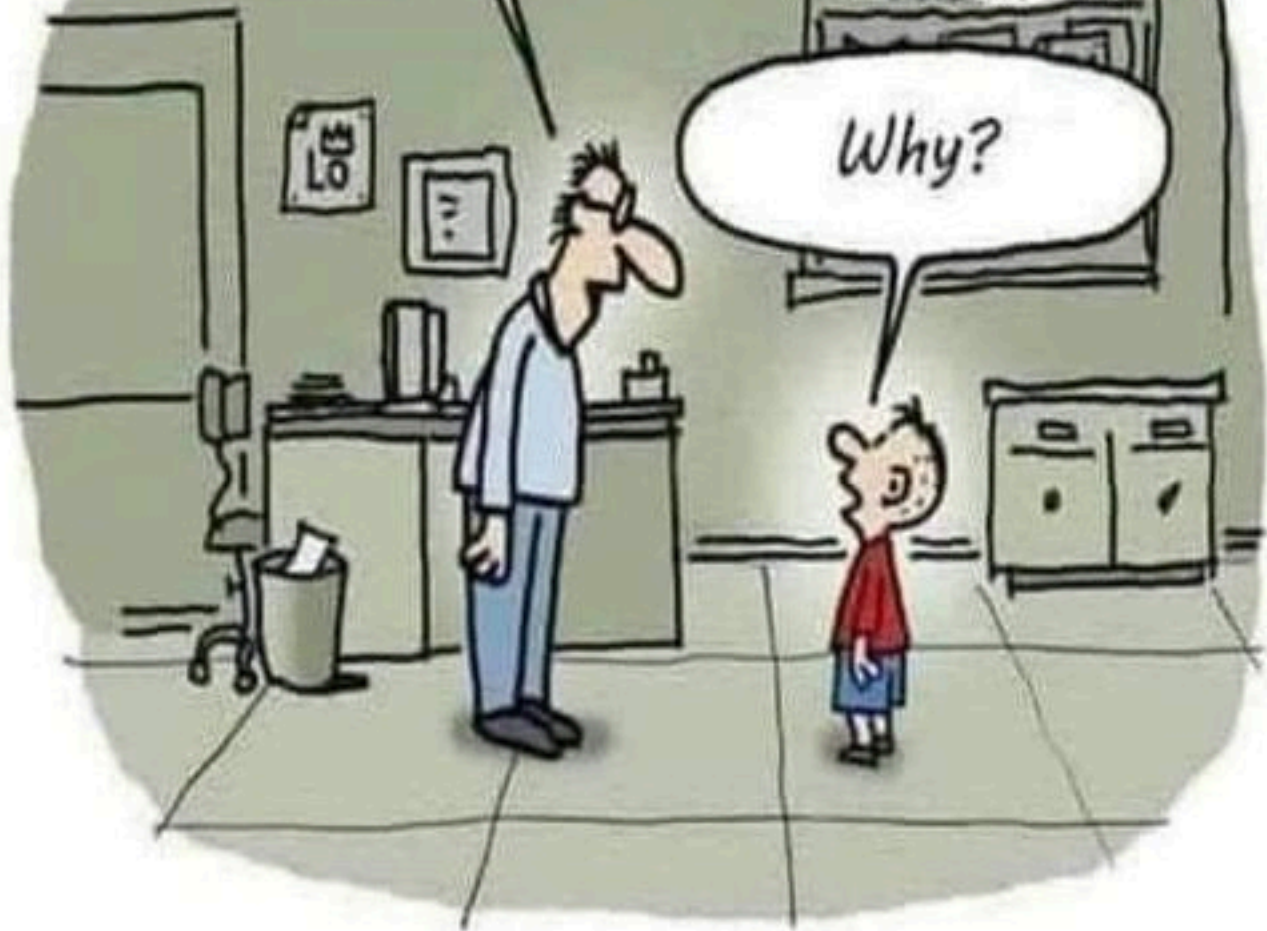
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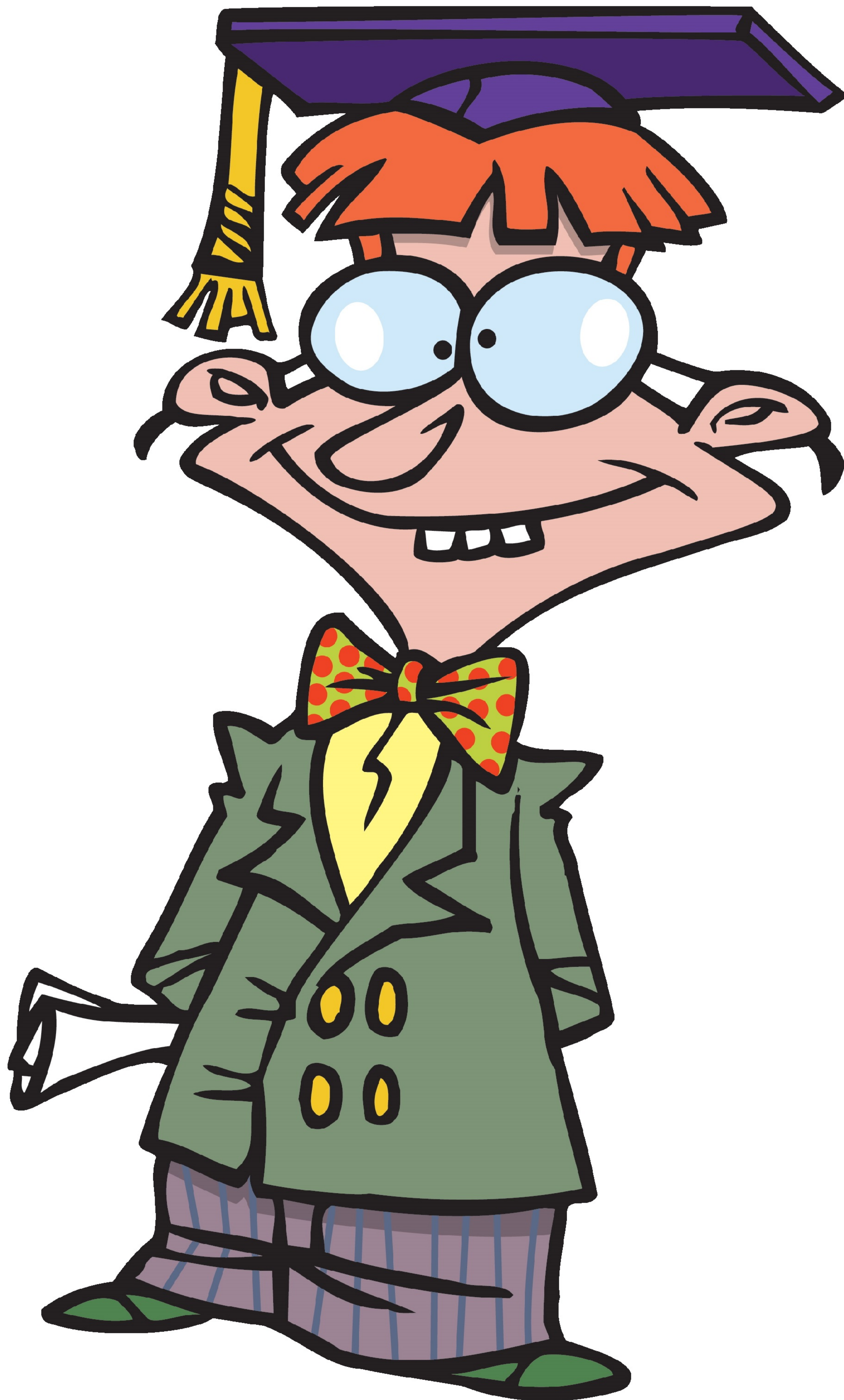
Question everything!

Elementary school

Why?







## SCHOOLKID DEFINITIONS

Artery	The study of paintings
Bacteria	Back door to cafeteria
Barium	What doctors do when patients die
Benign	What you be, after you be eight
Caesarean Section	A neighborhood in Rome
Cat scan	Searching for Kitty
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her
Colic	A sheep dog
Coma	A punctuation mark
Dilate	To live long
Enema	Not a friend
Fester	Quicker than someone else
Fibula	A small lie
Impotent	Distinguished, well known
Labor Pain	Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff	A Doctor's cane
Morbid	A higher offer
Nitrates	Rates of Pay for Working at Night, Normally more money than Dayrates.
Node	I knew it
Outpatient	A person who has fainted
Pelvis	Second cousin to Elvis
Post Operative	A letter carrier
Recovery Room	Place to do upholstery
Rectum	Nearly killed him
Secretion	Hiding something
Seizure	Roman Emperor
Tablet	A small table
Terminal Illness	Getting sick at the airport
Tumor	One plus one more
Urine	Opposite of you're out





# THE ASSIGNMENT

A mathematician, a physicist, an engineer and an eight-year-old are given a rubber ball and told to determine its volume.

The mathematician measures the diameter and computes the volume.

The physicist puts the ball in a pail full of water and weighs the overflow to compute the volume.

The engineer looks up the model and serial numbers in a ball-table he has in the desk.

The eight-year-old looks it up on *GOOGLE*.



Two little boys were at their first wedding ceremony and were fascinated by all the details. One of them asked the other, "How many wives can a man have?" His friend answered, "Sixteen! Four better, four worse, four richer and four poorer."



IF YOU ASK *ME*, THESE  
ASSIGNMENTS DON'T TEACH  
YOU HOW TO WRITE. THEY  
TEACH YOU HOW TO *HATE*  
TO WRITE.



DEADLINES, RULES HOW  
TO DO IT, GRADES... HOW  
CAN YOU BE CREATIVE  
WHEN SOMEONE'S BREATHING  
DOWN YOUR NECK?



I GUESS YOU SHOULD TRY  
NOT TO THINK ABOUT THE  
END RESULT TOO MUCH AND  
JUST HAVE FUN WITH THE  
PROCESS OF CREATING.



EVERY TIME I  
DO THAT, I END  
UP IN THE  
SCHOOL  
PSYCHOLOGIST'S  
OFFICE.

WELL, MAYBE  
NOT *THAT*  
MUCH FUN.



I got an F in art class  
for my cat drawing . . .

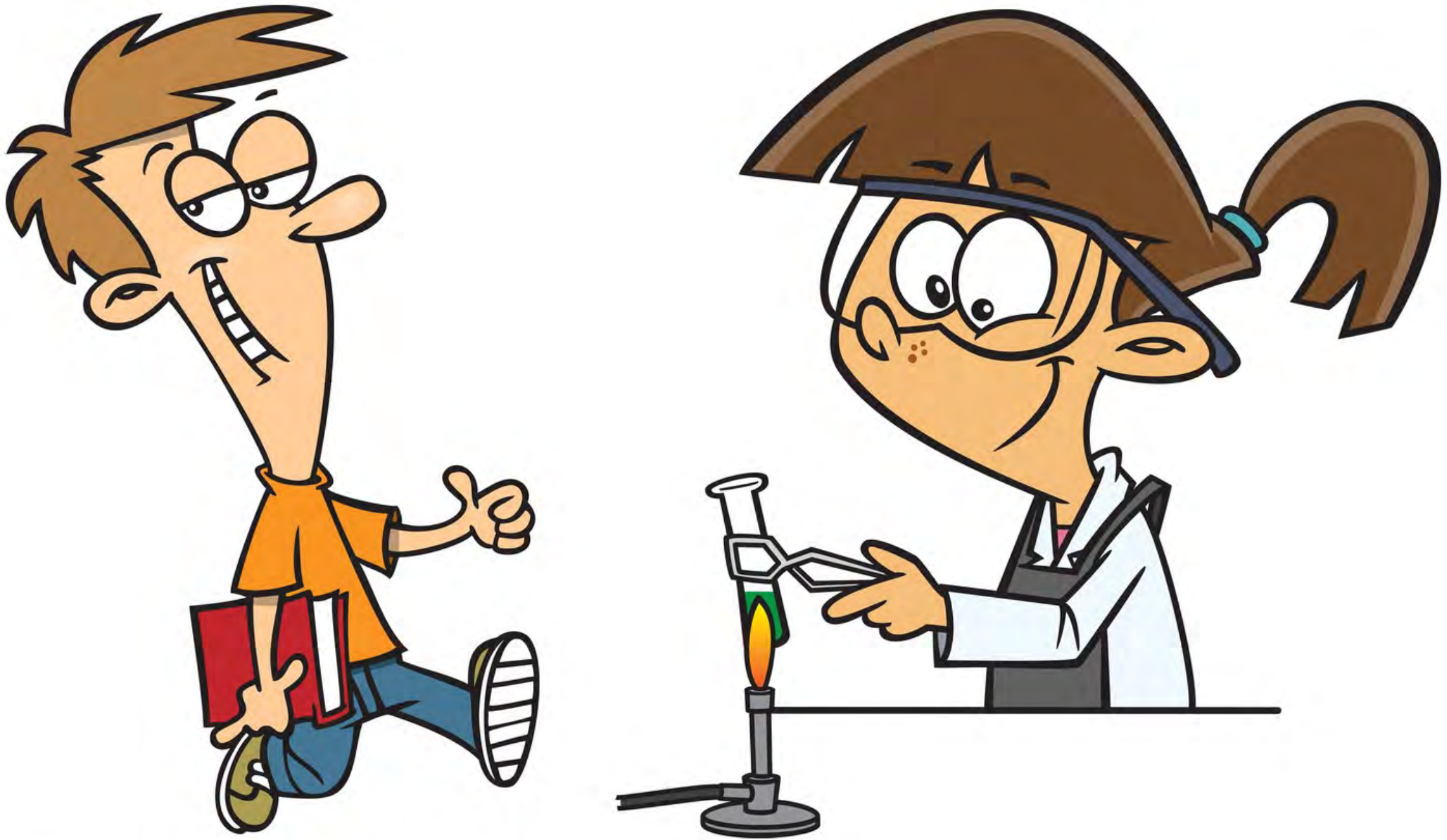


. . . I'm still  
wondering what was  
so wrong with it.

Rowhit







**TEACHER:** Why are you late?

**STUDENT:** Class started before I got here.

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**TEACHER:** John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

**JOHN:** You told me to do it without using tables.

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**TEACHER:** Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

**GLENN:** K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

**TEACHER:** No, that's wrong

**GLENN:** Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I Love this child)

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**TEACHER:** Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

**DONALD:** H I J K L M N O.

**TEACHER:** What are you talking about?

**DONALD:** Yesterday you said it's H to O.

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**TEACHER:** Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

**WINNIE:** Me!

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**TEACHER:** Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

**GLEN:** Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

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**TEACHER:** George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

**LOUIS:** Because George still had the axe in his hand?

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**TEACHER:** Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

**SIMON:** No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

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**TEACHER:** Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

**CLYDE:** No, sir. It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

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**TEACHER:** Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

**HAROLD:** A teacher.



ONLY IN MATH PROBLEMS CAN YOU BUY  
60 CANTALOUPEs AND NO ONE ASKS  
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU.



SCHULZ





*One day the first-grade teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to the class.*

*The teacher came to the part where Chicken Little warns the farmer: "...and Chicken Little went up to the famer and said, 'The sky is falling!!'"*

*The teacher then asked the class, "And what do you think that farmer said?"*

*One little girl raised her hand and said, "Holy sh\*t! A talking chicken!"*

*The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.*



T.C. Hale

# Math Test

1. Bob has 36 candy bars. He eats 29.  
What does he have now?

Diabetes

Bob has diabetes.

VIA 95MG.COM

Two trains left Kalamazoo, one heading  
north and one heading south. The  
second





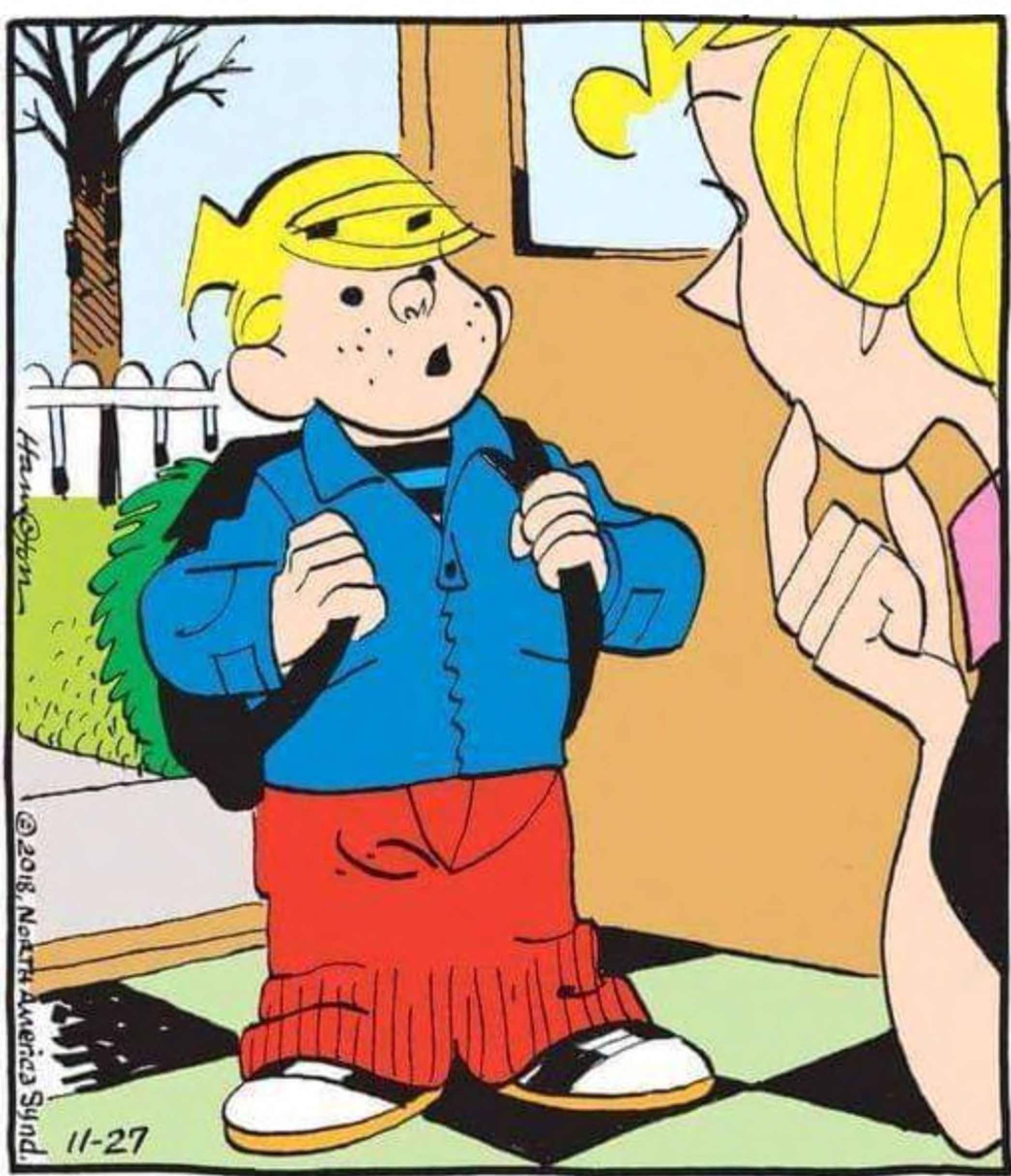
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GLENN: "K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L"

TEACHER: "No, that's wrong."

GLENN: "It may be wrong, but you asked me how *I* spell it."





"THEY'RE GONNA TEACH US CURSIVE IN SCHOOL,  
BUT I TOLD 'EM I'M NOT ALLOWED TO TALK THAT WAY."



THAT WAS AN EXCERPT. TO  
READ THE REST OF "WHAT  
MIRANDA HALL DID ON HER  
SUMMER VACATION", YOU'LL  
HAVE TO VISIT MY BLOG.







**Teacher:** "How old is your father?"

**Kid:** "He is six years old."

**Teacher:** What?? Why do you say that?"

**Kid:** "Because he became a father only when I was born."

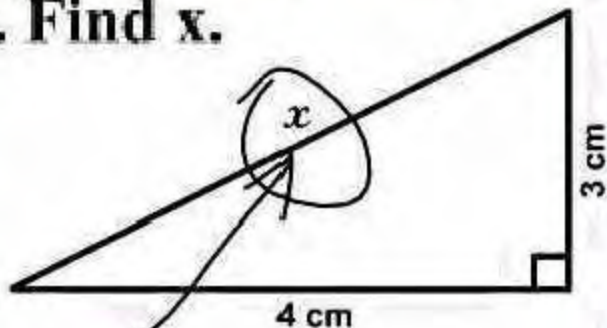


What is a fibula?

A little lie



3. Find  $x$ .



Here it is





*"It was your first day—why not  
give it another twelve years?"*

DONHEUT





Grade-school teachers once believed they liked small children.





How many  
graduate students  
does it take to  
change a  
lightbulb?

One, but it can  
take ten years.





TEACHER: "Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?"

DONALD: "H I J K L M N O."

TEACHER: "What are you talking about??"

DONALD: "Yesterday you said it's H to O!"

Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Around Hadrian's garden



# Transparency Worksheet 23

## Hard and Soft Water

1. Briefly explain what hard water is.

ice

2. Note that calcium is one of the solids dissolved in ocean water. Describe two ways by which calcium and up is sedimentary.



And now, having each recited the  
vows they have written themselves,  
we all realize the importance of  
education.



4-27-06



# Keys to the Reading of Research Literature

## Item

## *Really Means*

It has long been known that . . . .

*I haven't bothered to look up the original references, but . . . .*

of great theoretical and practical importance

*interesting to me*

While it has not been possible to provide definite answers to these questions, . . . .

*The experiment didn't work out, but I figured I could at least get a publication out of it.*

Three of the samples were chosen for detailed study.

*The results on the others didn't make any sense.*

Typical results are shown. . . .

*The best results are shown. . . .*

It is suggested / It is believed that / It may be that . . .

*I think that . . . .*

It is generally believed that . . . .

*A couple of other guys think so too.*

Agreement with the predicted curve is:

excellent

*fair*

good

*poor*

satisfactory

*doubtful*

fair

*imaginary*

It is clear that much additional work will be required before a complete understanding . . .

*I don't understand it.*

Unfortunately, a quantitative theory to account for the results has not been formulated.

*No one else understands it either.*

Correct within an order of magnitude.

*Wrong.*

Thanks are due to Joe Glotz for assistance with the research and to John Doe for his valuable insight.

*Glotz did the work and Doe explained what it meant.*

It is clear . . . .

*It is not clear . . . .*

It is obvious . . . .

*I think that this is the way it should be, but I can't explain why.*

Items 1 - 12 from The Physical Educator 19(3):503 [October 1962] (I think — I haven't bothered to check it out).



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**First day of home-school kindergarten.**



# Logical Fallacies: A Beginner's Guide

**Which logical fallacy would be your favorite pick from the list below?**

**Ad Hominem Attack:** This is the best logical fallacy, and if you disagree with me, well, you're an idiot.

**Appeal To Emotion:** See, my mom, she had to work three jobs on account of my dad leaving and refusing to support us, and me with my elephantitis and all, all our money went to doctor's bills so I never was able to get proper schooling. So really, if you look deep down inside yourself, you'll see that my fallacy here is the best.

**Appeal To False Authority:** Your logical fallacies aren't logical fallacies at all because Einstein said so. Einstein also said that this one is better.

**Appeal to Fear:** If you don't accept Appeal to Fear as the greatest fallacy, then THE TERRORISTS WILL HAVE WON. Do you want that on your conscience, that THE TERRORISTS WILL HAVE WON because you were a pansy who didn't really think that Appeal to Fear was worth voting for, and you wanted to vote for something else? Of course not, and neither would the people you let die because THE TERRORISTS WILL HAVE WON.

**Appeal to Flattery:** If you agree with me that Appeal to Flattery is the greatest fallacy, it shows that you are intelligent and good looking and a snappy dresser.

**Appeal To Force:** If you don't agree that Appeal to Force is the greatest logical fallacy, my two buddies and I will simply beat the stuffing out of you.

**Appeal To Majority:** Most people think that this fallacy is the best, so clearly it is.

**Appeal To Novelty:** The Appeal to Novelty's a new fallacy, and it blows all your crappy old fallacies out the water! All the cool kids are using it: it's OBVIOUSLY the best.

**Appeal To Numbers:** Millions think that this fallacy is the best, so clearly it is.

**Appeal to Pity:** If you don't agree that Appeal to Pity is the greatest fallacy, think how it will hurt the feelings of me and the others who like it!

**Appeal To Tradition:** We've used Appeal to Tradition for centuries: how can it possibly be wrong?

**Argumentum Ad Nauseam:** Argumentum ad nauseam is the best logical fallacy. Argumentum ad nauseam is the best logical fallacy. Argumentum ad nauseam is the best logical fallacy. Argumentum ad nauseam is the best logical fallacy. Argumentum ad nauseam is the best logical fallacy. Argumentum ad nauseam is the best logical fallacy. Argumentum ad nauseam is the best logical fallacy. Argumentum ad nauseam is the best logical fallacy.

**Bandwagon:** It's obvious that Bandwagon is going to win as the greatest fallacy. You wouldn't want to be one of the losers who choose something else, would you?

**Begging The Question:** Circular reasoning is the best fallacy and is capable of proving anything. Since it can prove anything, it can obviously prove the above statement. Since it can prove the first statement, it must be true. Therefore, circular reasoning is the best fallacy and is capable of proving anything.



**Biased Sample:** I just did a poll of all the people in the "Biased Sample Fan Club" and 95% of them agree that Biased Sample the best fallacy. Obviously it's going to win.

**Burden Of Proof:** Can you prove that Burden of Proof isn't the best logical fallacy?

**Complex Question:** Have you stopped beating your wife and saying Complex Question isn't the best fallacy?

**False Dilemma:** I've found that either you think False Dilemma is the best fallacy, or you're a terrorist.

**False Premise:** All of the other fallacies are decent, but clearly not the best as they didn't come from my incredibly large and sexy brain.

**Gambler's Fallacy:** In all the previous talks about this subject, Gambler's Fallacy lost, so I just know the Gambler's Fallacy is going to win this time because it's the Gambler's Fallacy's turn to win!

**Guilt By Association:** You know who else preferred those other logical fallacies? \*(insert pictures of Hitler, Stalin, and Pol Pot here)\*

**Non Sequitur:** Non Sequitur is the best fallacy because none of my meals so far today have involved asparagus.

**Post Hoc/False Cause:** Since I've started presuming that correlation equals causation, violent crime has gone down 54%.

**Red Herring:** They say that to prove your fallacy is the best requires extraordinary evidence, because it's an extraordinary claim. Well, I'd like to note that "Extraordinary claims demand extraordinary evidence" is itself an extraordinary claim.

**Relativism:** Well maybe all those other fallacies are the best for you, but to me, the relativist fallacy is the greatest logical fallacy ever.

**Slippery Slope:** If you don't like Slippery Slope arguments, you will do poorly in class, drop out of school, commit crimes, go to prison, and die of AIDS.

**Special Pleading:** I know that everyone is posting about their favorite fallacies, but Special Pleading is out-and-out the best, so it should just win with no contest.

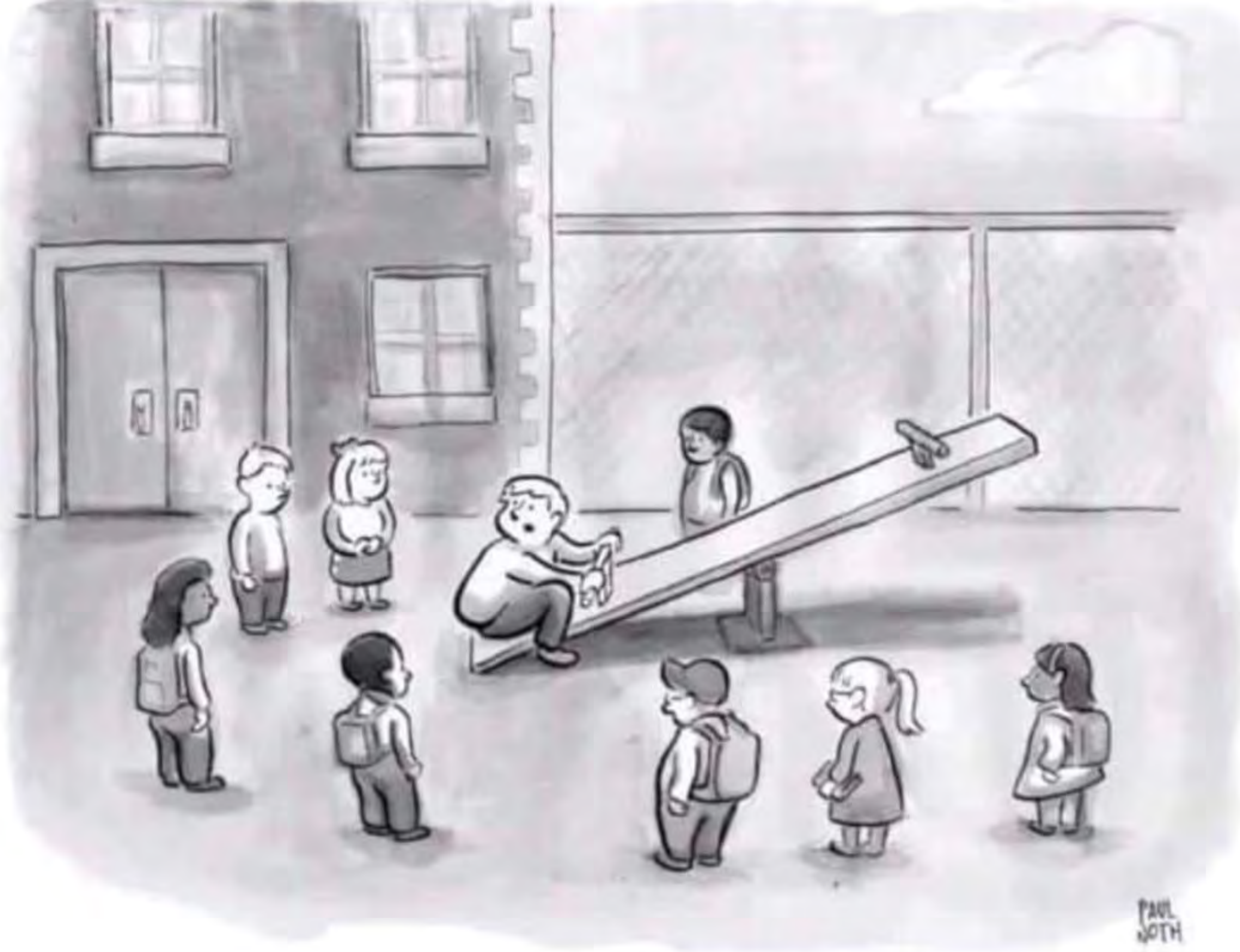


#### Notes from M. E. Kabay:

This document was circulating on the 'Net in September 2006. It was sent to me by my cousin, Guy Letourneau, PE but I do not know who wrote it. The list in this version is now alphabetized; I fixed several spelling errors, too.

For a more extensive list, see "A List Of Fallacious Arguments" compiled by Don Lindsay at < <http://www.don-lindsay-archive.org/skeptic/arguments.html#well> >





*"O.K., now, when a teacher comes out, everybody look straight up."*

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*Ceci n'est pas un  
rapport de lecture.*

MAGRITTE'S SCHOOL DAYS



The race of people known as Malays come from which country?

Malayia





**TEACHER:** "Maria, go to the map and find North America."

**MARIA:** "Here it is!"

**TEACHER:** "Correct. Now, class, who discovered America?"

**CLASS:** "Maria!"

**\* \* \***

*Note from Mich Kabay: The people who discovered North America crossed the Bering Land Bridge ~ 25,000 years ago. In 1964, a student called Tim at Westmount High School in Montréal told me proudly that his ancestors came to Canada in the 17th century. Keeping my face still, I asked, "Oh, so the longer your ancestors have been here, the better?" "Oh yes!" he replied. "Great!" I said. "My ancestors crossed the Bering Land Bridge 25,000 years ago!" "That doesn't count," he said smugly.*





## ***Meowzlow's Hierarchy of Needs***

### **Self-Actualization Needs**

(Clawing toilet paper, stalking birds, bullying dogs)

### **Self-Esteem Needs**

(Knowing the world revolves around *moi*)

### **Social Needs**

(Purring, sleeping on legs, resting on shoulders)

### **Safety Needs**

(Avoiding the neighbor's Rottweiler)

### **Physical Needs**

(Sleeping, eating, more sleeping)



What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

Unusual names

# When a student outwits the teacher...

Geometry: Shape

Name these 2d shapes

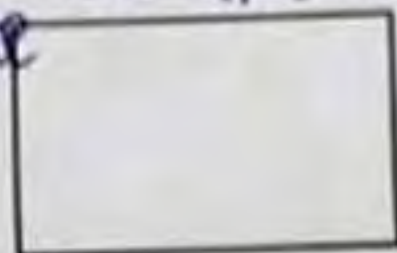
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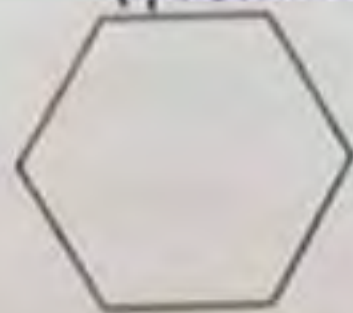
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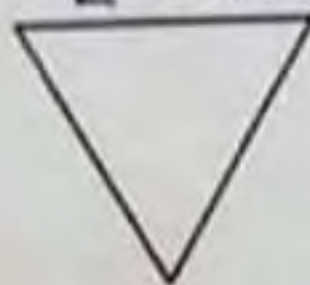
Sophia



Harriet



Emily



maria





# NIGHTLIFE

She had a certain primness,  
a masticular, mandibular tightness,  
as if she were always on the verge  
of correcting your pronoun agreement  
but was holding herself back.  
And then it came to her one night.  
An incubus or succubus,  
she could have handled—  
her virginal days were far behind—  
but a syllabus was a problem  
of a whole different magnitude,  
insinuating itself through  
her auricular cavity, haunting her dreams,  
a commalingual seduction.  
She was the direct and indirect object  
of its attentions. It coordinated  
and subordinated her, forcing  
her to experience dependence  
and independence, cyclical states  
elaborated by soft explosions of breath,  
a heightening awareness of interjections,  
the intercourse of discourse, multiple  
ejaculations, a consuming passion.  
When periods stopped, she imagined  
pregnant pauses and, exhausted, could  
have slipped into a commatose state  
except for her stubborn resilience,  
but finally it all came together.  
She emerged victorious, a semester's  
Remedial English all planned.

—Sandra Lindow

Published in *Asimov's Science Fiction* 33(3):69 (March 2009)

# Non Campus Mentis

(Reuters, November 30, 2001) – *Experience history from the Stoned Age to the Blintz Krieg!*

From Middle Evil Times to the Age of Now, from the Land of Milk and Chocolate to the Iran Hostess Crisis and the fall of the Berlin Mall!

Welcome to the wonderful world of *Non Campus Mentis*, (Workman) a book of mangled moments of Western Civilization culled from actual term papers and exams of today's "brightest" students by incredulous college professor Anders Henriksson who, while grading exams, chose to laugh, rather than cry, at his students' most egregious mistakes.

History, after all, is nothing more than "the behind of the present," according to one student, who aptly added: "This gives incites from the anals of the past."

The once-mighty British Empire is in a "state of recline. Its colonies have slowly dribbled away leaving only the odd speck on the map." Chairman "Moo" has passed away, as has former President "Franklin Eleanor Roosavelt," and civil rights leader "Martin Luther Junior" was slain in the 1960s, shortly after making his famous "If I Had A Hammer" speech.

Hitler, a depressed "Nazi leader of a Communist Germany" who spurred a huge "anti-semantic" movement through a terrifying "Gespacho," launched "Operation Barbarella" while the English "vanely hoped for peas." The war began turning around, though, when the "Allies landed near Italy's toe and gradually advanced up her leg.

Hitler ultimately "shot himself in the bonker."

## **'Cretinalia historica'**

At its best, the 150-page book "illustrates the ingenious and often comic ways we all attempt to make sense of information we can't understand because we have no context or frame of reference for it," according to Henriksson, chairman of the history department at Shepherd College in West Virginia. He began compiling samples 20 years ago at the University of Toronto where he also taught.

Shortly after he began his collection, he published an article in the "Wilson Quarterly" titled "College Kids Say the Darndest Things," which prompted amused colleagues at more than two dozen universities in the United States and Canada including West Point, University of Alberta and McMaster, to regularly send him their own inane prose collections. Last year, when he realized his office overflowed with funny samples of "cretinalia historica" the idea for a book was born.

While Henriksson declined to identify all the schools involved he said they ranged from moderately to highly competitive, about half were in Canada, no Ivy League schools were represented, and that one of the entries came From Oxford in England.

At its worst, the book may reflect a generation raised in ignorance by bad schools and disengaged parents.



“This is not the norm,” Henriksson told Reuters in an interview. What you have here is almost 30 years of my collecting from students’ (works) at various institutions. This really represents sort of the crème de la crème of the creatively inane.”

Did he make it up?

“No!” he said. “Who could make this stuff up except Mel Brooks. I’m not Mel Brooks.” Which prompts the question: Should people sound the alarms and search for an “escape goat?”

Maybe. Hundreds of student contributors received passing grades with such statements as: “When the Davy Jones Index crashed in 1929 many people were left to political incineration. Some, like John Paul Sart, retreated into extraterrestrialism. The New Deal was an idea inspired by Franklin Eleanor Roosavelt.”

(The Boston Tea Party, by the way, was held at Pearl Harbor.)

Gravity of the misstatements aside, the bloopers make a great reference whether one seeks information on the Canadian Missile Crisis, clashes between Israelis and Parisians, or the Gulf War in which, according to one scholar: “Satan Husane invaided Kiwi and Sandy Arabia.”

(No doubt an act of “premedication.”)

### **‘New incites’**

Henriksson said the errors fall into three major categories. Some are simply caused by bad spelling or a lack of proofreading, and come out funny. Some were prompted by a “profound lack of preparation, while others just seem to be “really out at sea,” he said.

“You get the ones who don’t really even seem to understand there’s a line between past and present and they tell you that the first airplane was flown by the Marx Brothers. I had this one kid who wrote that Spartacus led a slave rebellion in ancient Rome and then appeared in a movie about it later.”

The book offers fresh new “incites” on history from “prehistoricle” times through “King Toot” and the birth of “monolithic” religion. (“Judyism had one big God named Yahoo”).

The book goes on to “chronicle” the birth of Christianity (“Just another mystery cult until Jesus was born”) and, his pronouncement, later, that “The mice shall inherit the earth.”

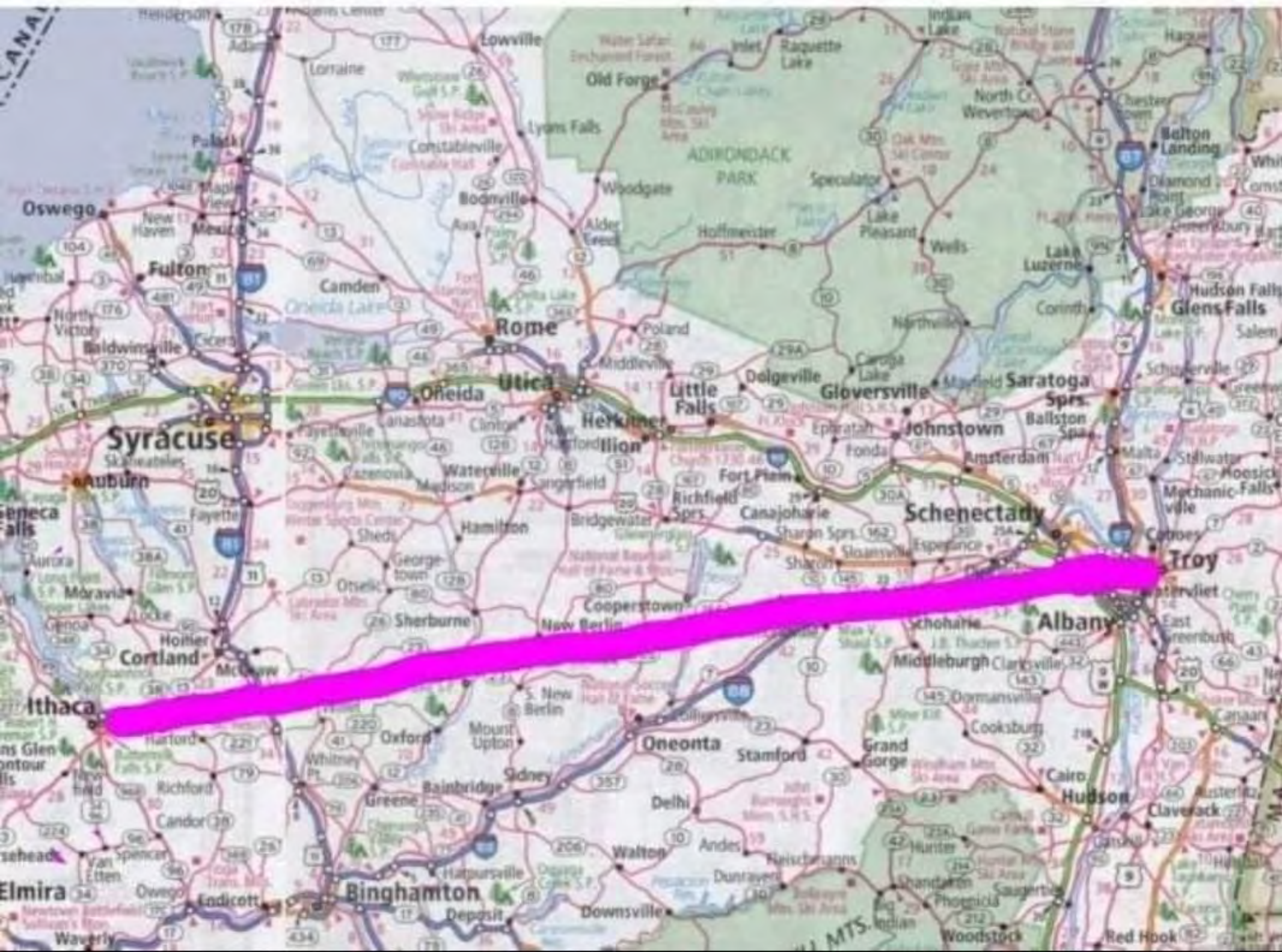
The book sheds new light on the lives of Martin Luther (he nailed 95 theocrats to a church door), “Florence of Arabia,” and General George “Custard” who managed to stand up anyway. (“Martian Luther King’s” four steps to direct action, by the way, included “self purification,” when you “allow yourself to be eaten to a pulp.”)

In its final pages, the book includes students’ geographical misconceptions as represented on several world maps bearing such labels as “The Land of Milk and Chocolate” and “Home of Golden Fleas” (in the Ancient World) to “Bulemia,” “Whales,” “Roam,” the “Eel of France,” and the “Automaton Empire” (as they were known in the “Middle Evil” Times).

And it notes that, yes, there has indeed been a change in America’s “social seen,” over the centuries. The last stage, according to the book, is “The Age of Now. This concept grinds our critical, seething minds to a halt.”

Until then, however, we Americans, “in all humidity” are nothing less than “the people of currant times.”

how did it take odysseus 10 yrs to get home? its like a 3 hr car ride.





Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.

**Ms Orpheus**



Teacher: "Use the word *usurp* in a sentence."

Skyler: "You put *usurp* on your pancakes."

Thanks to Regina M. Logan for the idea.



## College Theme Paper

Remember the book "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus"? Well, here's a prime example offered by an English professor at an American University.

*"Today we will experiment with a new form called the tandem story. The premise is simple. Each person will pair off with the person sitting to his or her immediate right. One of you will then write the first paragraph of a short story. The partner will read the first paragraph and then add another paragraph to the story. The first person will then add a third paragraph, and so on back and forth. Remember it is not what has been written but time is order to keep the story coherent. There is to be absolutely NO talking and anything you wish to say must be written on the paper. The story is over when both agree a conclusion has been reached."*

*The following was actually turned in by one of my English students: Rebecca - her name deleted, and Gary - her name deleted*

STORY: (first paragraph by Rebecca)

At first, Laurie couldn't decide which kind of sex she wanted. The chaotically, which used to be her favorite for long evenings at home, now reminded her too much of Carl, who once said, in happier times, that he liked chaotically. But she felt the most now, at all costs, keep her mind off Carl. His presence was so suffocating, and if she thought about him too much her asthma started acting up again. So chaotically went out of the question.

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(second paragraph by Gary)

Meanwhile, Advance Sergeant Carl Harris, leader of the attack squadron now in orbit over Skylon 4, had more important things to think about than the memories of an air headed astronaut. Under normal Laurie with whom he had spent one eventy night over a year ago. "U.S.Harris to Comstation 17," he said into his intergalactic communication. "Polar orbit established. No sign of resistance so far..." But before he could sign off a bluish particle beam flashed out of nowhere and blasted a hole through his ship's cargo bay. The jolt from the direct hit sent him flying out of his seat and across the cockpit.

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(Rebecca)

He bumped his head and died almost immediately but not before he felt one last pang of regret for psychically broadcasting the one woman who had ever had feelings for him. Soon afterwards, Earth stopped its pointless hostilities towards the peaceful humans of Skylon 4. "Congress Passes Law Permanently Prohibiting War and Space Travel," Laurie read in her newspaper one morning. The news immediately excited her and bored her. She stared out the window, dawning of her youth, when the days had passed authentically and casually, with no newspapers to read, no television to distract her from her sense of innocent wonder at all the beautiful things around her. "Why must one lose one's innocence to become a woman?" she pondered wistfully.

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(teacher)

A+ - I really liked this one.

(Gary)

Laurie did the lesson, but she had less than 10 seconds to live. Thousands of miles above the city, the Neo/ulidian mothership launched the first of its lithium fusion missiles. The first several weapons proceeded who pushed the Unilateral Aerospace Dismantment Treaty through congress had left Earth a defenseless target for the hostile alien empire who were determined to destroy the human race. Within two hours after the passage of the treaty the Neo/ulidian ships were on course for Earth, carrying enough frequency to pulverize the entire planet. With no one to stop them, they swiftly initiated their diabolical plan. The lithium fusion missile entered the atmosphere unimpeded. The President, at his vigorous Middle easterner headquarters on the ocean floor off the coast of Guam, felt the inconceivably massive explosion which vaporized peace, war, Laurie and 80 million other Americans. The President cheered his lie on the conference table. "We can't allow this I'm going to vote that soon! Let's blow 'em out of the sky."

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(Rebecca)

This is absurd. I refuse to continue this mockery of literature. My writing partner is a selfish, chauvinistic, semi human adolescent.

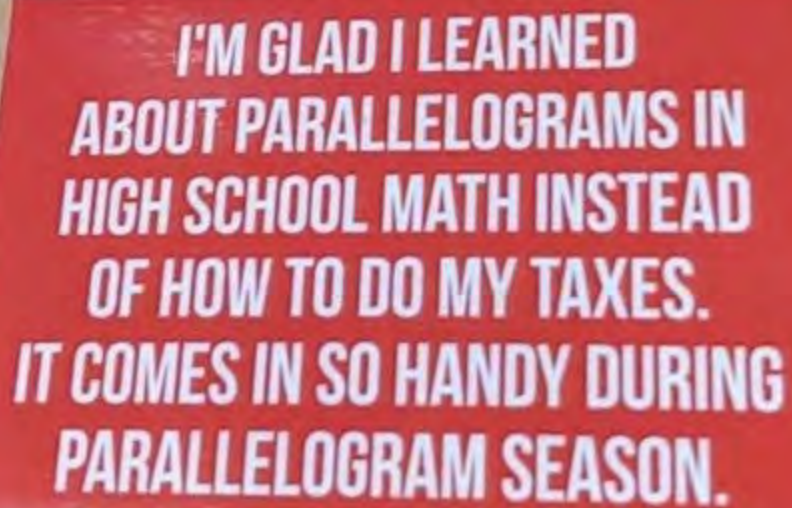
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(Gary)

Yuck! Well, you're a self centered selfish teenager whose attempt at writing are the literary equivalent of "Guns." Oh shall I have cannoodle w/ Or shall I have some other sort of PCKING TEASE? Oh no, I'm such an air headed bimbo who needs way more Daniels Smith smooch."

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*[Remaining exchange of increasingly foul expletives deleted]*

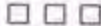


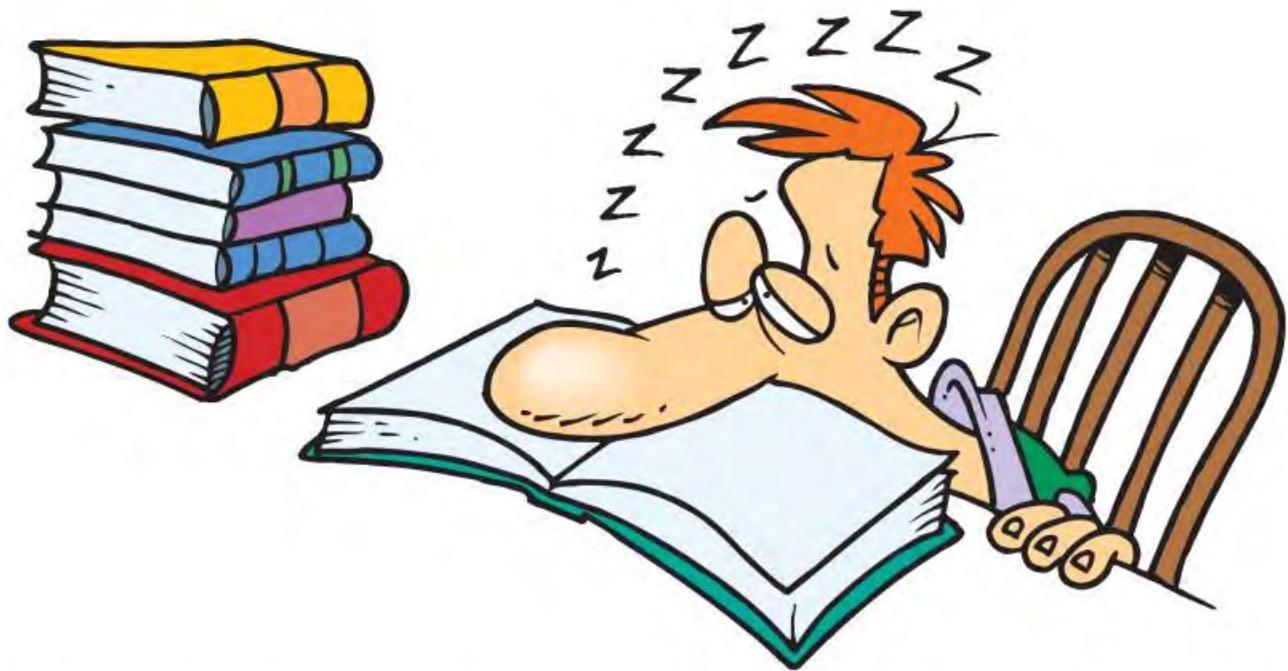
**I'M GLAD I LEARNED  
ABOUT PARALLELOGRAMS IN  
HIGH SCHOOL MATH INSTEAD  
OF HOW TO DO MY TAXES.  
IT COMES IN SO HANDY DURING  
PARALLELOGRAM SEASON.**



(d) Explain why phosphorus trichloride ( $\text{PCl}_3$ ) is polar.

God made it that way.





**A professor is someone who talks in other people's sleep.**

**- Prairie Home Companion**



## ***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. Name the four seasons**

**A.** Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

## ***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. How is dew formed?**

**A.** The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire



***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?**

**A.** If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed

***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections?**

**A.** very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election



## ***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What are steroids?**

**A.** Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs

***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What happens to your body as you age?**

**A.** When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental



## ***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?**

**A.** He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adulthood

***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes?**

**A.** Premature death



## ***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What is artificial insemination?**

**A.** When the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull

***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. How can you delay milk from turning sour?**

**A.** *Keep it in the cow.*



## ***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized (e.g. The abdomen)?**

**A.** The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the thorax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the thorax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels:

A, E, I, O, U

## ***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What is the fibula?**

**A.** *A small lie*



***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What does 'varicose' mean?**

**A.** Nearby

***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What is the most common form of birth control?**

**A.** Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium.



***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. Give the meaning of the term  
'Caesarean section'**

**A.** The caesarean section is a district in Rome

## ***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What is a seizure?**

**A.** A Roman Emperor.



## ***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What is a terminal illness**

**A.** When you are sick at the airport.

***QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS FROM STUDENTS***

**Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?**

**A.** Benign is what you will be after you be eight

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

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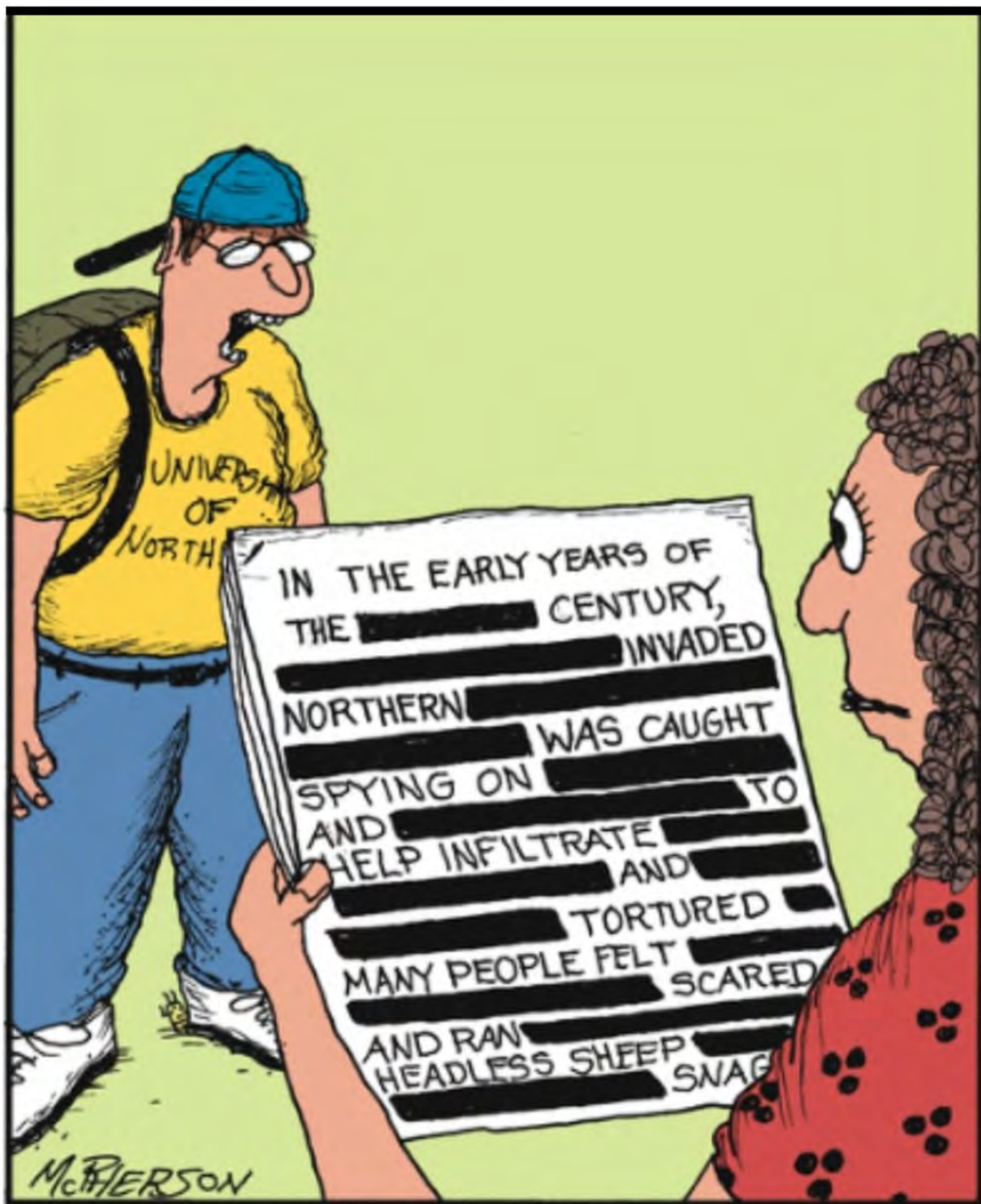
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**"I'm sorry, Mrs. Goobler, but for reasons of national security, my history paper had to be redacted."**



Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.

Learning to speak Latin.



# quotes from 11 year olds' science exams

Origins and authenticity unknown but unimportant  
Circulating on the Net, March 1998

When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe, you expire.

H<sub>2</sub>O is hot water, and CO<sub>2</sub> is cold water.

To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.

When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.

Nitrogen is not found in Iceland because it is not found in a free state.

Water is composed of two gases, Oxygen and Hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gas.

Hydrogen is gas and water.

Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, veins and capillaries.

Blood flows down one leg and up the other.

Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expiration.

The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deadlier.

Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull.

Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.

A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold.

Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.

The body consists of three parts - the brain, the heart and the aluminable cavity. The brain contains the brain, the heart contains the heart and lungs, and the aluminable cavity contains the bones, of which there are five - n, e, A, o and u.

The pistil of a flower is its only protection against insects.

The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana.

The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to.

A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspids, two molars, and eight cuspidos.

The tides are a fight between the earth and moon. All water tends towards the moon, because there is no water in the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is.

Many women believe that an alcoholic binge will have no ill effects in the unborn fetus, but that is a large misconception.

Eggs: A menagerie lion running around the Earth through Africa.

Germans: To become a naturalized German.

Litter: A nest of young puppies.

Magnet: Something you find crawling all over a dead cat.

Monument: What you give a person when they are going away.

Planet: A body of Earth surrounded by sky.

Vacuum: A large empty space where the pope lives.

Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative.

To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose.

For a nosebleed: pull the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops.

For drowning: Climb on top of the person and move up and down to make artificial perspiration.

For fainting: Rub the person's chest or, if a lady, rub her arm above the hand instead. Or put the head between the knees of the nearest medical doctor.

For dog bite: Put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it.

For asphyxiation: Apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead.

To prevent contraception: wear a condominium.

For head cold: Use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops in your throat.

To keep milk from turning sour: Keep it in the cow.

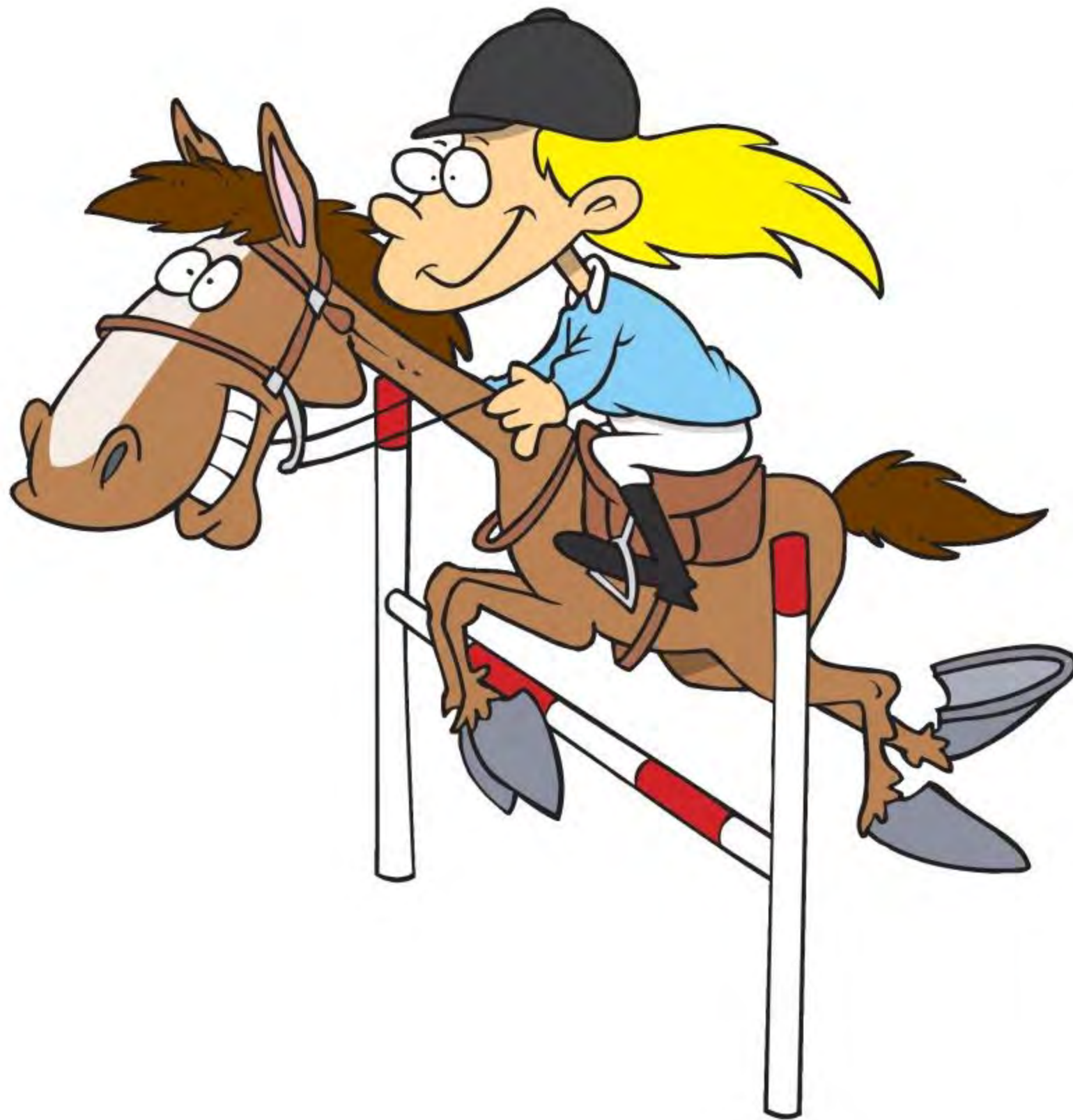
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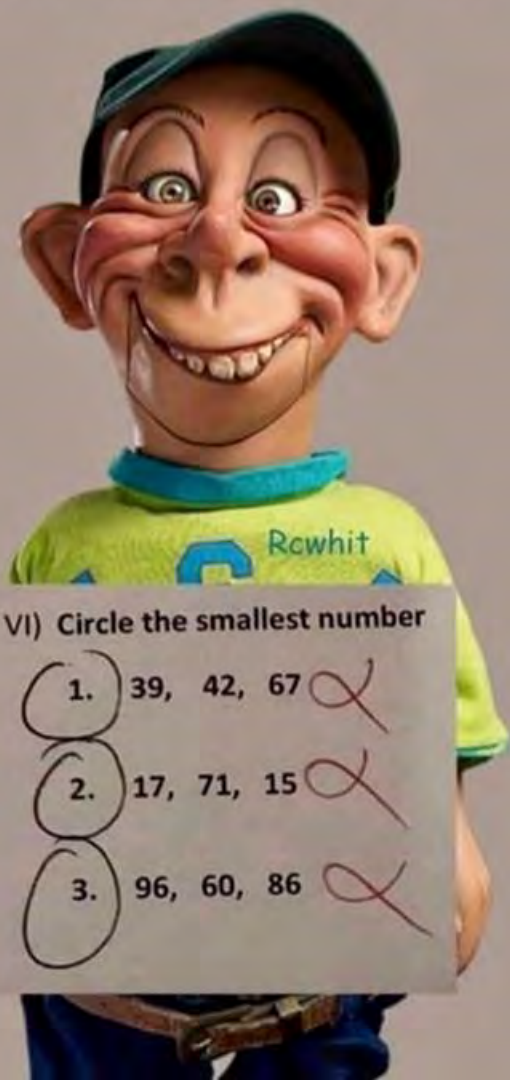


*Teacher: Give me a sentence which includes the words: defense, defeat, detail.*

*Pupil: When a horse jumps over defense, defeat go first and then detail.*



I still think I got it right  
and the teacher's wrong.



VI) Circle the smallest number

1. 39, 42, 67
2. 17, 71, 15
3. 96, 60, 86

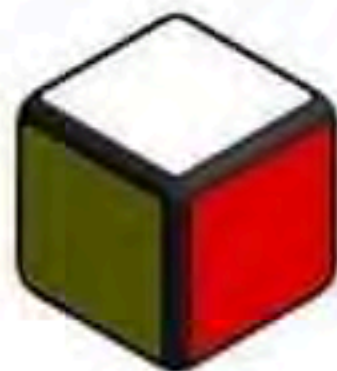
**What the  
professor  
covered**



**What's on  
the exam**



**What you  
remember**





*A college teacher reminds her class of tomorrow's final exam. "Now class, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow. I might consider a nuclear attack, a serious personal injury, illness or a death in your immediate family. But that's it -- no other excuses whatsoever!"*

*The smart-ass student in the back of the room raised his hand and asked, "What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?"*

*The entire class is reduced to laughter and snickering.*

*When silence was restored, the teacher smiled knowingly at the student, shook her head and sweetly said, "Well, I guess you'd have to write the exam with your other hand."*



# Tips on Love From Those Who Should Know

*(all questions are being answered by kids 5-10)*

## **WHAT IS THE PROPER AGE TO GET MARRIED?**

Eighty-four, because at that age, you don't have to work anymore and you can spend all your time loving each other in your bedroom. (Judy, 8)

Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife. (Tom, 5).

## **WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?**

On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. (Mike, 10)

## **WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?**

You should never kiss a girl unless you have enough bucks to buy her a big ring and her own VCR, cause she'll want to have videos on the wedding. (Jim, 10)

Never kiss in front of other people. It's a big embarrassing thing if anybody sees you. But if nobody sees you, I might be willing to try it with a handsome boy, but just for a few hours (Kally, 9)

## **THE GREAT DEBATE: IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?**

It's better for girls to be single, but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them. (Lynette, 9)

It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I'm just a kid. I don't need that kind of trouble. (Kenny, 7)

## **CONCERNING WHY LOVE HAPPENS BETWEEN TWO PARTICULAR PEOPLE**

No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell. That's why perfume and deoderant are so popular.

I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful. (Harlen, 8)

## **ON WHAT FALLING IN LOVE IS LIKE**

Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life. (Roger, 9)

If falling in love is anything like learning to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long. (Leo 7)

## **ON THE ROLE OF GOOD LOOKS IN LOVE**

If you want to be loved by somebody who isn't already in your family, it doesn't hurt to be beautiful. (Jeanne, 8)

It isn't always just how you look. Look at me. I'm handsome like anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet. (Gary, 7)

Beauty is skin deep. But how rich you are can last a long time. (Christine, 9)

## **CONCERNING WHY LOVERS OFTEN HOLD HANDS**

They want to make sure their rings don't fall off because they paid good money for them. (Dave 8)

## **CONFIDENTIAL OPINIONS ABOUT LOVE**

I'm in favor of love as long as it doesn't happen when The Simpsons is on television. (Anita 6)

Love will find you, even if you are trying to hide from it. I have been trying to hide from it since I was five, but the girls keep finding me.(Bobby, 8)

I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough. (Regina, 10)

## **THE PERSONAL QUALITIES NECESSARY TO BE A GOOD LOVER**

One of you should know how to write a check. Because even if you have tons of love, there is still going to be a lot of bills. (Ava, 8)

## **SOME SUREFIRE WAYS TO MAKE A PERSON FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU**

Tell them that you own a whole bunch of candy stores. (Del, 6)

Don't do things like have smelly, green sneakers. You might get attention, but attention ain't the same thing as love. (Alonzo, 9)

One way is to take the girl out to eat. Make sure it's something she likes to eat. French fries usually works for me. (Bart, 9)

## **HOW CAN YOU TELL IF TWO ADULTS EATING DINNER AT A RESTAURANT ARE IN LOVE?**

Just see if the man picks up the check. That's how you can tell if he's in love. (John, 9)

Lovers will just be staring at each other and their food will get cold. Other people care more about the food. (Brad, 8)

It's love if they order one of those desserts that are on fire. They like to order those because it's just like how their hearts are . . . on fire. (Christine, 9)

## **WHAT MOST PEOPLE ARE THINKING WHEN THEY SAY "I LOVE YOU"**

The person is thinking: Yeah, I really do love him. But I hope he showers at least once a day. (Michelle, 9)

## **HOW A PERSON LEARNS TO KISS**

You learn it right on the spot when the gooshy feelings get the best of you. (Doug, 7)

It might help to watch soap operas all day. (Carin, 9)

## **WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?**

It's never okay to kiss a boy. They always slobber all over you . . . That's why I stopped doing it. (Jean, 10)

## **HOW TO MAKE LOVE ENDURE**

Spend most of your time loving instead of going to work. (Tom, 7)

Don't forget your wife's name . . . That will mess up the love. (Roger, 8)

Be a good kisser. It might make your wife forget that you never take out the trash. (Randy, 8)



*"I'm having second thoughts  
about those damn school uniforms."*





*"I'm afraid your son has been confusing 'your' and 'you're' when he mercilessly bullies his peers online."*

**What is the meaning of the word 'varicose'?**

Close by

What is a vibration?

There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s



# Why G-D Never Got University Tenure

1. He had only one major publication.
2. It was in Hebrew.
3. It had no references.
4. It wasn't published in a refereed journal.
5. Some doubt He wrote it himself.
6. It may be true that He created the world but what has He done since then?
7. His cooperative efforts have been quite limited.
8. The scientific community has had a hard time replicating His results.
9. He never applied to the ethics board for permission to use human subjects.
10. When one experiment went awry, He tried to cover it up by drowning the subjects.
11. When subjects didn't behave as predicted, He deleted them from the sample.
12. He rarely came to class, just told the students to read the Book.
13. Some say He had His son teach the class.
14. He expelled His first two students for learning.
15. Although there were only ten requirements, most students failed His tests.
16. He was frequently verbally and physically abusive to students who failed his tests.
17. His office hours were infrequent and usually held on a mountain top.
18. His modes of communication occasionally violated environmental protection regulations by burning protected species and emitting large quantities of smoke.
19. He violated equal protection requirements by favoring one racial or religious group over others.
20. He systematically discriminated against women and homosexuals.

*Original was dated 1 Jan 1996; modified over the course of the years.*



*“You know you’ve got it right when  
your parents can’t look at you  
without wincing!”*