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PERMANENT COLUMNS

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**BREAKING
NEWS**

*flash
news*

HACHIKO'S 100TH BIRTHDAY



Do you know the story of Hachiko? Japan's most popular dog, celebrating his 100th birthday this year. Hachiko was adopted in 1924 by his owner, Hidesaburo Ueno, a professor at a Tokyo university. Hachiko would regularly come and wait for his owner outside Shibuya station in Tokyo, so that he could walk home with him. But one day, in 1925, the professor died suddenly at his workplace, and so never returned. And for almost 10 years, Hachiko continued to come and wait for him every day outside the station, before returning home alone. A bronze statue was erected in his memory, in front of Shibuya station, in 1934, to pay tribute to him. This little dog has been a symbol of loyalty and love ever since.

“LOI JUSTICE” : CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL CENSURES ONE OF THE MEASURES PROPOSED BY ERIC DUPOND-MORETTI



On Thursday, 16th of November, Constitutional Council censured one of the measures proposed by Eric Dupond-Moretti in his proposed law for justice. Indeed, the politician presented a measure that would involve remotely activating cell phones to capture sound and images without the knowledge of people under judicial investigation. According to the council, this measure would “infringe” on the “right to privacy”. However, they validated this measure only for geolocation.

FLOODING IN THE PAS-DE CALAIS



For several days now, the Pas-de-Calais region has been under a red alert due to flooding. It was affected by heavy rain and major flooding, inundating the region. Meteorologists have never recorded such a quantity of rain. Emmanuel Macron announced the classification of 214 communes in the Pas-de-Calais region as natural disasters. Also, measures have been taken and a support fund of 50 million euros has been announced by the President.

The agricultural disaster measure will also be deployed to "support and indemnify" farmers who have seen their crops destroyed by the severe weather. We will see how the situation evolves in the Region...

TOTOR: A TURTLE LIKE ANY OTHER



Hector, nicknamed "Totor", known as the mascot of Bordeaux-Pessac zoo, died of heart failure at the age of 90. He was much loved by his caretakers, and this is a terrible loss for them. Totor had no particular health problems, which surprised the zoo staff even more, so an autopsy was carried out, and they discovered his heart issue. Many messages of love and support were sent to the zoo on social networks. Totor the turtle will always be fondly remembered.

The MDL wishes you a happy new year!



2023 came to an end and the MDL office is proud to look at the several projects that happened this year. We're hoping you are too! We're eager to prepare the following projects that will happen, such as the Valentine's Day. This year again, we're organizing a roses sale, so that you can offer it to your crush or even your friend. Other projects are coming soon so stay tuned.

Your dear MDL wishes you a happy 2024 year and is really excited to see you next year for new projects.

MDL'S WISHES



by Tidjane & Camille B.



RELEASED PROJECTS

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HALLOWEEN :
As you've probably seen, the corridors of the school were decorated for Halloween! We also handed out sweets at lunchtime, donated by members of the MDL.

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ADVENT CALENDAR :
For the very first time, the MDL created an advent calendar, enabling students to win a small gift every day before the holidays.

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CONCERT :
This year again, on the last Thursday before the break, you were able to enjoy the end-of-year concert thanks to the students and teachers who performed.

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cinema



UNE ANNÉE DIFFICILE

BY
BASILE

When two debt-ridden fellows, Albert and Bruno, stumble upon an eco-friendly bar, they never imagined they'd end up in a "green" adventure! Lured in by the freebies, they soon find themselves caught up in the world of environmental activism.

But, their hearts aren't fully in it and they make a series of blunders as they try to dodge their debts. The movie is a laugh-a-minute comedy that has ruffled feathers for its tongue-in-cheek approach to environmentalism.



BY HUGO



cinema



A FILM BY CHRISTOPHER NOLAN

OPPENHEIMER

IN THEATERS NOW



During World War II, Lt. Gen. Leslie Groves Jr. appoints physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer to work on the top-secret Manhattan Project. Oppenheimer and a team of scientists spend years developing and designing the atomic bomb. Their work comes to fruition on July 16, 1945, as they witness the world's first nuclear explosion, forever changing the course of History.

As someone who did not know Oppenheimer's story, I really liked it. The importance for the USA to create the bomb before the Nazis, this race to the clock against the Nazis and after the USSR is really well paced thanks to Christopher Nolan's amazing directing, to a sublime soundtrack by Ludwig Göransson and especially to a grandiose acting game by Cillian Murphy,. I would even say he is worthy of winning the Oscar for best actor this year.



LE GARÇON ET LE HÉRON



Genre : fantasy/Aventure

Date : 1 novembre 2023

Duration : 2h05

In a world where the flames of tragedy engulf all that Mahito knows, he is uprooted from the neon-lit streets of Tokyo and transplanted to the eerie countryside to reside with his father. Their new abode, a colossal and ghostly mansion, becomes the backdrop to an unlikely friendship between Mahito and a sagacious grey heron. Embarking on a quest of self-discovery, they unravel the mysteries of existence and the cosmos.

"The Boy and the Heron" is a cinematic masterpiece. Drawing from personal experiences and past works, the filmmaker has woven a tapestry of wonder and enchantment. The animation, a breathtaking spectacle of artistry, held me spellbound. Though some found it a bit sedate, I was wholly captivated by the endearing characters and their meticulously crafted designs. I found myself



UN FILM DE MARTIN SCORSESE

KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON

SCÉNARIO DE ERIC ROTH ET MARTIN SCORSESE RÉALISÉ PAR MARTIN SCORSESE
Original Film IMPERATIVE Apple TV
 EXCLUSIVEMENT AU CINÉMA
 LE 18 OCTOBRE

In the 1920s, several members of the Native American Osage tribe in Osage County, Oklahoma were murdered after finding oil on their land. The FBI is investigating.

Despite the fact the film is a bit long, the plot is interesting, the development of the characters is well done and the acting is bluffing. Martin Scorsese show us the murders of the Osage with a good realization. Honestly, if we took 30 minutes away, the film could have been much more captivating. Even if it is a good film it is not among the best Scorsese films.





by @toms64b

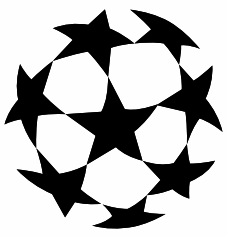
The 2023 F1 season, a supremacy

During the season 2023, Max Verstappen beats several records. It was just a supremacy, 22 Grand Prix, 21 podiums, 19 victories. He won his third world title for the third consecutive year since 2021.

Max Verstappen is only 26 years old and he already imposes himself as a legend of this sport. Since the apparition of the new point system in 2010, Max beats the old record, with 575 points, that was realized by himself in 2022 and was 454 points. 131 points higher than last year. After his victory in Abu Dhabi GP, he became the third driver standing with 54 victories. However, it will take time for him to become second (Michael Schumacher 91 victories) then first (Lewis Hamilton 103 victories). Moreover, Lewis Hamilton still runs and intends to improve his record a little more to secure his first place for a long time. Just two drivers have succeeded to finish ahead of

Max Verstappen: Sergio Perez two times (teammate of Max at Red Bull), and Carlos Sainz (Ferrari Driver).

Max Verstappen also beat the record of victories in a row, with 10 victories in a row. The old record was held by Sebastian Vettel in 2013, with 9 victories. The Red Bull team was also a supremacy in the manufacturer ranking. They finish the season with more than the double of points on the second team : 860 points for the Red Bull Racing team / 409 points for the Mercedes team. Moreover, Max Verstappen alone got more points than the Mercedes team, so alone, he could win the manufacturer ranking.



Champions League



The draw for the Champions League was held on the 18th of December 2023 in Nyon in Switzerland. Small explanation of the draw :

- The team which finished first in their group during group stage cannot meet a team that finished first in another group and cannot meet the team that finished second in their group.

- Two teams which played in the same country cannot meet.

During the group stage, the team that finished first in their group were : Bayern Munich / Arsenal / Real Madrid / Real Sociedad / Atlético Madrid / Borussia Dortmund / Manchester City / Barcelona.

And the team that finished second in their group were : Copenhagen (number of people think they finished 4th in their group) / PSV Eindhoven / Napoli / Inter Milan / Lazio / Paris Saint-Germain / RB Leipzig / Porto. The round of 16 will be played on 13, 14, 20 and 21 February for the first legs, and on 5, 6, 12 and 13 March 2024 for the second legs.

Small point for our French teams in the Champions League: for Paris Saint-Germain, they finished second in their group, during the group stage. They won two games, made two draws and two defeats. For RC Lens, they finished third in their group. They won two games, made two draws and two defeats. RC Lens achieved an exploit by winning 2-1 at home against Arsenal. This victory also has a historical side because, during their last Champions League in 1998, RC Lens won against Arsenal, and became the first French team to win in Wembley Stadium. However, their way to Europe does not stop there, because by finishing third, they are called to play in the Europa League.

Opponents of French teams in Europa League and Europa Conference League :

Europa League : Marseille - Shakhtar Donetsk / Toulouse - Benfica / Rennes - AC Milan

Europa Conference League : Lille is qualified for the round of sixteen



NBA

Basile, Pauline

PISSARRO TIMES



SAN ANTONIO SPURS

VICTOR WEMBANYAMA, FRANCE'S RISING BASKETBALL STAR



Victor Wembanyama, born January 4, 2004 in Chesnay in Yvelines, is a French international basketball player playing as a power forward. In June 2023, at the age of 19, he was selected as the number one pick in the NBA draft, a first for a Frenchman, moving from the Levallois team to the San Antonio Spurs in the NBA

Measuring 2.24 m, Wembanyama is the tallest player playing in the NBA alongside Boban Marjanović, the tallest coach in the NBA.

4 years later he takes over from Tony Parker, one of the greatest legends of French basketball, after he retired on June 10, 2019.

He meets expectations because since the start of the season he is the first rookie in terms of statistics



Palmares

Best blocker in the French championship in 2021

Gold medal Champion of France in 2022

Gold medal Winner and elected MVP of the 2022 LNB All-Star Game

Best scorer, rebounder, blocker and evaluation of the French championship in 2023

Voted best defender in the French championship in 2023

Voted best player of the French championship in 2023

Silver medal Vice-champion of France in 2023

ASSOA vs AVOP



January 27, 2024



On the 27th of January, a volleyball game will take place between two teams with students of the European Section in both teams.

ASSOA will represent the city of Saint Ouen L'Aumône and l'AVOP will represent the cities of Pontoise and Osny.

It will be a home game for AVOP as they will play at the Phillip Hemet Stadium in Pontoise. The game will start at 14:30 on Saturday 27 of January. You're all welcome to come and watch the game. The entrance is free.

**COME TO SEE US FOR YOUR
FIRST VOLLEY BALL GAME**



A picture of both teams after a friendly game.



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS

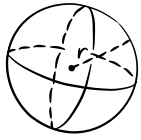
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INTERVIEW OF MISTER BORGNIET



by Pauline N, Basile & Hugo



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Biography:

Name: Alexandre

First name: Borgniet

Nickname: Alejandro Borgnietos

Date of birth: unknown

Gender: Male

Nationality: French

Height: 1.85m

City of birth: Reims

Job: Maths teacher

Favorite color: None

Eyes color: Brown

Hair color: Brown

Shoe size: >35

Idol: Yvan Monka

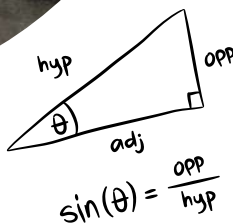
Sport: Climbing

Totem number: 42 (or not)

Favorite Students: Pauline Noël and Basile

What studies did you do?

"University, in Cergy"



Did you like it?

"Yes, I was kind of lazy so I didn't want to go to MPSI because it was too much work. So I went to University to not work at all."

Did you pass your agregation?

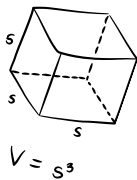
"Yes I have"

MATH



Do you like your job?

"It depends, sometimes."



And what do you like about your job?

"I like teaching. However I think we have too many students in the classroom and not enough students who are interested. There are too many students who don't listen and it's hard to get their attention. Too often we have to fight to get their attention."

What did you want to do when you were young?

"I was never really sure but I think the thing I wanted the most was to become a physics teacher but it was never definitively decided. I passed my exam to be a teacher but I wasn't sure I wanted to be a teacher, then I started a doctorate for 2 years which I didn't finish because I didn't like it."

What's your favorite sport?

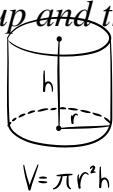
"At the moment, climbing."

What's your best climbing performance ?

"I'd say B8 (the rating of the boulder problem at BlockOut) , I think" It's difficult.

Do you watch sports?

"I don't watch sports. I've watched a few matches during the Rugby World Cup and the Football World Cup, but that's it."

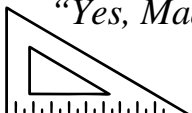


Do you have a dream?

"No, I have no dream..."

Do you have an idol?

"Yes, Madame Donzé is my idol."



**Mister Borgniet
in May 2023 in the Drôme**

What's your favorite movie?

"I don't now...maybe American History X."

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Do you play video games?

"Final Fantasy 7"



What's your favorite dish?

"Pasta, especially pasta soup with knacchi"

What is your favorite series?

"Gilmore Girls"

What is your favorite manga?

"One piece"



Thank you Mr Borgniet for giving us 10 minutes of your time!

Basile, Hugo & Pauline



INTERVIEW OF MISS SUIRE

by Severine & Morgane



Biography:

Name: Anne

Last name: Suire

Date of birth: unknown

City of birth: Saint-Germain-en-Laye

Nationality: French

Height: 1.72m

Job: Philosophy teacher

Eyes color: Brown

Hair color: Brown

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite Students: (Did not wish to answer for fear of reprisals ;))

What studies have you done and where ?

"I studied literature with maths as an option, followed by a first year of preparatory classes (Hypokhâgne) at Lycée Lakanal in Sceaux, then a second year (Khâgne) with a Philosophy option at Lycée Condorcet in Paris. After that, I studied Philosophy up to Master 2. Finally, of course, I passed the competitive exam to become a teacher (Capes) as well as the Agrégation in Philosophy."

Why did you choose to teach this subject in particular ?

"I didn't know much about Philosophy before senior year, and I got interested in it thanks to my teacher who today has become a Vico specialist (the Italian philosopher, same name as the potato). I was also interested in law and music, but when I started Philosophy I thought 'this is it'."

When was your favorite school year as a teacher ? as a pupil ?

"I can't really think of any favorite years. But as a teacher, I really liked having the Ls (literature major) because I had them 9 hours a week, so I could create real bonds with the students."



Are you happy as a teacher ?

"Yes, because I'm never bored and I can always do something new."

What do you love the most in your job ? hate the most ?

"I love making lessons, writing them and then doing them. My least favorite part, of course, is grading (like all teachers, after all)."

If you hadn't become a Philosophy teacher, what would you have done?

"I think I would have studied law and then taken the competitive magistracy exam. But today, when I think about it I tell myself 'ouf!'. I almost went into music too, but in my senior year I had a sort of 'musical crisis', so I chose philosophy."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years ?

"I think I'll always teach Philosophy because I really love it. After that maybe I'll be in another lycée, or structure, depending on what I manage to do and get."

Do you have a life motto ?

"I don't have a life motto because I don't really like it... But I agree with what Hannah Arendt said about always having to think, the worst thing is people who don't think."

Quotes from Hannah Arendt: "Human beings must never stop thinking" ("L'être humain ne doit jamais cesser de penser"). "If they stop thinking, every human being can act like a barbarian". ("S'il cesse de penser, chaque être humain peut agir en barbare")."

What's your favorite movie ?

*"There are lots of really good films out there, so it's hard to choose one. So it's not really my favorite film, but there's one I used to watch all the time when I was a kid, because it was one of the only DVDs my parents had, and that's Luc Besson's *Le Grand Bleu*. Today I realize that I know it by heart. But I think it's mostly an emotional attachment. And I also like *La Pointe Courte*"*

What's your favorite serie ?

*"I watch fewer series because they take too long, but one series that I find is really well made and interesting is *Rome*. And there's one series that I really liked and found philosophically interesting, that's *The Caravan of the Strange*."*

What's your favorite book ?

*"There's one book that left a big impression on me when I was in high school, and that's Jack London's *Martin Eden*. And another book that also fascinated me at that time was Pessoa's *The Book of Intranquillity*. Then there are all the Dostoevsky. And otherwise I'm a pretty big fan of Plato's books."*

Who's your favorite actor/actress ?

"There are some actresses that I like : Suliane Brahim, Anouk Grinberg and Kristin Scott Thomas."

Who's your favorite philosopher ?

"I don't really know, but I really have a thing for Plato. I really like the way he dialogues and philosophizes. Dialogue is very important, it's kind of the first philosophy for me and I think we should have stayed with it."

Thank you so much to Miss Suire for giving us some of her time for this interview. It was very enriching and fun!

Séverine & Morgane (your biggest fans)



INTERVIEW OF MISTER PICHARD

by @clelia.rbn

Biography:

Name: Aurélien

First name: Pichard

Nickname: Pichou

Date of birth: unknown

Gender: Male

Nationality: French

Height: 1.77m

City of birth: Saint-Jean de Braye

Job: History teacher

Favorite color: Blue and red

Eyes color: Brown

Hair color: Brown

Shoe size: 41

Idol: Henri Guillemin

Sport: Soccer

Totem number : 7

Favorite students : “Clélia/not Pauline”



What studies did you do ?

“As I did not know what to do after I got my BAC, I started a sociology degree. I stayed there for two weeks until I realised that it really was not interesting. During that year, there were several student demonstrations which made the year start in October instead of September so I started a History degree by October. Then I got my licence in History. I then got my Master’s in research in History. I also had a gap year with Erasmus. After that I took my Capes, passed my CAPES and then, I got sent in the Parisian region (I used to live near Bordeaux before).”



What do you prefer between History and Geography ?

“I really do prefer History over Geography. Yet, I have always been better in Geography as I had an 18.5 out of 20 at my Geography exam for the CAPES. It may sound paradoxical but it’s in reality the same for students as you mostly get better grades in Geography when you generally prefer history. However, Geography may get way more interesting once you get into « la Fac », it is way better than what you are working on in high school.”

What is your favorite period in History ?

“What I like the most about History is contemporary History and especially during the Cold War with the Middle East as this is what I have been working on the most during my studies. I admit that not every Historian would say that this period could be considered as « historical » as it is sometimes seen as « current news » but it’s in reality really helpful to know about this time to understand our world today. I also do find the 19th century really interesting as well. However, there are also a few periods that I really hate such as the Middle Ages. I remember that I used to get some 4s or 5s out of when we were working on the Middle Ages in university, it was so repetitive and everything but interesting. It is the same for the Modern period in which people only considered royalty and nobility. (Thus, they want to steal the French Revolution from the Contemporarists and this really is a « scandale »).”

Is it hard for you sometimes to prepare your lessons ?

“If we compare it to middle school where it really is quite easy as you do not have as much things to say in class, then yes, it might seem a bit complicated.

Yet, it depends on what we call « complicated » because, yes it takes time and especially in HGGSP as the course is really complete and diverse but it is not complicated either. Once again, if you compare it to middle school, it takes more time for you to imagine an activity that will be appreciated by the students when you are in middle school rather than when you are in high school as you will just have to prepare a « dissertation » or an « étude de docs ». However, you may sometimes spend your whole weekend working on an activity, presenting it to your friends and your family thinking that your students will like it and you finally give it to them on a Monday evening and it’s a huge « flop ». Besides, I would say that what takes a lot of time when you are teaching in high school is grading papers when it is way quicker in middle school. Yet, I would not say that preparing lessons and being a teacher is complicated, it just sometimes takes some time.”

What would be your definition of the « perfect student » ?

“Well...I would say that the « perfect student » is a student that participates in class and I think that my colleagues would agree on this one, a student that shows that they are interested, that makes the class more « alive ». Yet, it doesn’t mean that a student who is too shy to participate becomes « imperfect », I really do understand that not everyone wants to participate and I’m okay with that.

In fact, I just want from a student to be focused and to work on time, I really just want them to be invested. Any student could be considered as « perfect » after all but I understand that not everyone is interested in history, just as I really wouldn’t be a perfect student in maths !”



Could you give three tips to get better grades in HGGSP or History ?

“Well...it’s impossible to get better grades in HGGSP ! Just kidding, I think that the first tip that I would give to the students to get better grades in this subject is to read and learn your lesson gradually. Personally, I almost never give homework to my students so they can have time to learn their lessons and it is really something that I want to teach to my students this year. However, it only depends on you and I cannot force you to learn your lesson gradually if you don’t want to but try to do it for yourself because it really is going to help you for the exams. The next tip that I would give is to read books. Why reading ? Because when you are in Terminale HGGSP, what we want from you is to get interested about current events and history in general and to learn about it outside your lesson. It is especially true for the themes « L’Environnement » or « Les Mémoires » as there are always some new pieces of informations and knowledge that are added to these themes and reading really helps you know better about it. Finally, the last tip that I would give would be to sum up your lessons or whatever source of information you want into a revision sheet. You may not realise it yet but next year, you will sometimes have 200 pages to learn for one subject for your “partiels” or whatever, and you will necessarily have to sum up these pieces of information and knowledge. When you are in HGGSP, you may have between 20 and 30 pages to learn per theme so it doesn’t take you too long to sum up these and it trains you for next year.”

What is the worst historical information that you may have seen in a student’s paper ?

“ I think that I wouldn’t know how to answer this question as there will always be some mistakes that a student does without realizing it.

Generally, I would say that what really bothers me is when a student comes at the end of my class to try to convince me that I am wrong on a historical fact even though I would prove them wrong. Some of them come to me like « Sir, the General de Gaulle during the Algerian war, after all... » well, go read a book... And sometimes it can be about Robespierre during the French Revolution, well go read a book about Robespierre... I would say that it is mostly this rather than something really mind-boggling that I would have seen in a paper.”

What is your favorite movie ?

This really is a question for the Webradio... Well, my first answer would be Star Wars. Otherwise, I enjoy some of Christopher Nolan’s movies such as Le Prestige or Interstellar (not everybody likes Interstellar but well...). I would say that these are some movies that I would never get bored watching over and over again. And finally I could quote a French movie like OSS 117, I really love it and find it extremely funny !

Who is your favorite movie director ?

“I wouldn’t say that I have one favorite movie director about who I would say « every single movie from him is perfect » but I have some that I like. In fact, I really like the directors that have directed my favorite movies so Christopher Nolan and Michel Hazanavicius but still they haven’t only made perfect movies. For example, Christopher Nolan’s last productions aren’t always a success, apart from Oppenheimer which was quite good, I think he really got lost with Tenet... Apart from these two I really like Spielberg as his works are linked with my childhood. I used to watch Jurassic Park which was released in 1993 and basically represents my whole childhood



You also have E.T. which is incredible, and he also helped Georges Lucas on Star Wars, but still I wouldn't say that just because I liked some of his movies. I should go to the theater to watch the new ones he had just released."

Could you give some of your flaws and qualities?

"Well, I would firstly say that I am nice, which could be considered as a quality as well as a flaw. It could be a flaw because some people or student can sometimes take advantage of it. Generally, students will say that I am mean as I am giving them bad grades but it has in reality nothing to do with being nice or not, I just give grades that I consider are worth your work. I do not think I am that « mean » in my grading, I sometimes give better grades than what the work deserves, but well.

A second flaw that I may have is that I make some spelling mistakes but students are always glad to correct me so I finally find it funny. When you asked me earlier if it was hard to prepare my lessons well, as it takes time, I do not necessarily correct them by checking all of the spelling mistakes, just as you don't correct yours during an exam. Besides I think that you have realised that I sometimes am dishonest as I hate when students make spelling mistakes...

One other quality that I have is that I really want to help my students, there is nothing that makes me more glad than to see my students improve and succeed. In fact, even though you may think that I give you some bad grades to « sabotage » you, my goal is to give you the best tips and the best possibilities to progress and then succeed.

There is nothing that makes me happier than to see my former students, at graduation for example, and to find out that my techniques and tips have worked for them in university. So yes, I will always be glad to see my students improve and then succeed.

One last flaw of mine is that I give my opinion a bit too easily in class. I totally understand if it bothers some of my students but I really think that it is important not to think about History as an « objective » subject because it is not. For example, in the theme « L'Environnement » in HGGSP, we cannot say that what the GIEC and what the climate scepticts say are worth the same and are both understandable. In fact, I think it's a « mission » that I have as a teacher to give you the best knowledge and sources so you could become great citizens. You need to know how to take a step back on what you see on the Internet or on social media and to know how to diversify your sources to get well informed.

I don't think that you can get informed by only watching BFMTV all day long, it is not enough to get to know what really is happening in the world. When I give my opinion on the curriculum, I get along with the fact that the curriculum itself is not objective and it is impossible to ask a teacher not to be subjective when the curriculum in fact is. Maybe I should work on that point but it really is important to me to give my students my way of thinking. Voilà!"

Thank you so much Mister Pichard for giving me almost half an hour of your time, it was such an interesting interview !

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MYTHOLOGY!!

NORSE: 3 MYTHS IN WHICH LOKI BEHAVED LIKE A KID LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

Many people know Norse mythology from its epic myths: from Sigurd slaying a corrupt dragon; from Thor the big strong angry man with a hammer who gets revenge all the time for all the different reasons that exist; or from the Valkyries, these cool women with flying horses who lead the dead to the Valhalla. And everyone knows Loki, the most charismatic, mischievous, and especially childish god ever, who has a unique talent for running into trouble at any given occasion.

Most people know him from the Marvel movies, however I have never watched them (you can blame me for my lack of cinematographic culture), therefore I cannot judge his depiction in the latter. I will thus tell you a few myths directly from the prose Edda (which I have read!), the Norse 10th century book which still remains the most complete source of Norse myths today.

SIF'S GOLDEN HAIR

The absolute one myth that can make us think that Loki is a kindergarten boy playing in the playground of life is how he decided to cut Sif's hair. Not only is this a very unkind act, but it is also a very dumb one considering that 1) Sif's hair is the most beautiful one in the worlds (since old Norse people believed that there were nine worlds which composed the universe) and 2) Sif's husband is Thor. And what is always the result of a very dumb act towards Thor or his family? **REVENGE.**

This myth is related in the second part of the prose Edda, known as Skáldskaparmál (the secret to enjoy this part of the book is to not try to pronounce it). It all begins one beautiful morning, during which Loki decides to cut Sif's hair, for no other apparent reason than having fun and/or his serious and professional role as the god of mischief.

Sif obviously complains to her husband about Naughty Loki having cut her perfect long golden silky hair, because she knows he can avenge her properly, especially because he's pretty good at scaring Loki in order to have him redeem himself (a detail we can notice in other myths as well). So Thor gets really mad when he hears about his wife's perfect long shining golden Disney-princess-like hair, and after thinking for a long, long time (probably for more than half a second, which is enormous for him), he decides to "seize" Loki, and punch him to break every single bone of his body. Satisfied with the wise and rational idea he just came out with, Thor goes to Loki, seizes him, and **ALMOST** starts hitting, but unfortunately Loki starts pleading for mercy (in every myth he's really good at pleading for mercy), and he promises Thor that he'll get Sif another hair made of pure gold.

Loki has a lot of nice contacts as a god of mischief, fire, but also crafting. And in Norse mythology, most craftsmen are dwarfs. He goes to the best craftsmen in the nine worlds, the two sons of Ivaldi (who have not been gratified with proper names although they are probably better-known than their father), and the two dwarfs make three items for him: 24 carats golden hair for Sif (let's not talk about how heavy this must be), Skíðblaðnir the nicest ship ever, and Óðin's spear, Gungnir. I will stop this story on a happy end as it's really long, but maybe I'll tell some other time how it led to the making of Thor's hammer (and of Loki turning into a fly).

But let's move on to another myth!



ILLUSTRATION OF SIF SLEEPING BY A. CHASE (1894)



LOKI KILLS OTTERS AND GIVES BIRTH TO DISASTERS

That was indeed an attempt at rhyming. (Please don't judge my lack of poetic skills.) This myth will tackle animal abuse, so beware if you are a sensitive creature.

It all begins with Loki having a walk with Odin and Hoenir (his gods friends) near a waterfall. They come across a very cute otter (accurate depiction of the latter on the right of the page) who is eating a salmon. Loki, for no apparent reason, throws a rock at it, and it dies. Or, should I rather say, *he* dies, as Loki's target was no other than Ótr, the son of the dwarf, Hreidmarr, who - apparently - had the ability to shapeshift.

What is unfortunate, in addition to the fact that *this is murder*, is that Hreidmarr (so the otter's dad) also happens to be the man in the house of whom the three gods begged for hospitality, the very evening of the assassination of his son. To redeem themselves, Hreidmarr asks for money (obviously), and demands that the otter's skin be *completely* covered in golden coins. Loki accepts the challenge, and he leaves the house to meet his old friend, the dwarf Andvari, who is absolutely not his friend as he is, in fact, no one's friend. Andvari happens to be in possession of a special ring, Andvaranaut, which makes the person who wears it very wealthy. Loki steals the ring since Andvari is absolutely not willing to give it away, and generates the coins once he's back at the dwarfs' house. Unfortunately, he leaves the ring on a table before he leaves, and Fáfnir, another son of Heidmarr's, finds it. He takes it, gets corrupted, and turns into a dragon. And then the tragedy begins, but that's the part of the myth which most people know, with Sigurd the mighty saviour and the FIGHT, full of epicness, against the cool dragon.



THE OTTER WHEN IT SAW THE STONE COMING TOWARDS IT (PROBABLY NOT A 10TH CENTURY IMAGE)

LOKI BULLIES IDUNN (AND IS BULLIED BACK)

Once upon a time, there was a very angry giant. His name was Thjazi, and he wanted eternal youth, like maybe 65% of all the villains in all the stories in the history of human kind. To get this eternal youth, the easiest path was to kidnap Idunn, goddess of youth and guardian of the magic golden apples. To achieve his ends, Thjazi asked Loki to help him. Loki is a coward, and Thjazi is twice his height since he's a giant, so Loki agrees. He goes to Idunn, pretends to have found other nice apples in the forest, and convinces Idunn to come with him to check them out. Obviously, it was a bad idea for Idunn to agree, and the goddess gets kidnapped by Thjazi, who flies with his magic eagle wings to pick her up, literally. But afterwards, Loki is bullied by the other gods, who are very unhappy that the girl who kept the apples which guaranteed their youth had been kidnapped. He threatens Loki to go and save her, and, afraid for his life, Loki goes and saves her, in a very peculiar way: he turns into a hawk, flies to the tower in which Disney Princess Idunn is trapped, and turns her into a nut (poor thing). He takes her inside her beak, and voilà! Idunn is back, the gods are young again, and all's well that ends well. Moral of the story: in order to survive, you need to be nuts.



IDUNN AND LOKI, ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN BAUER FOR *OUR FATHERS' GODSAGA* BY VIKTOR RYDBERG (1911).

THANKS FOR READING, AND HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY!

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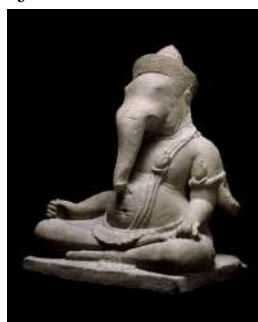
GUIMET MUSEUM

by Morgane & Severine

Practical information :

- **Localisation :** 6 place d'Iéna, 75116, Paris
- **Opening Hours :** everyday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except on Tuesdays)
- **Prices :** - 13€ for adults
- 10€ for children
- free for under 18s

The museum hosts several collections from different Asian regions and countries : Afghanistan - Pakistan, Southeast Asia, India, China, Japan, Korea and Himalaya. The collections are spread over 4 levels: on the first floor there are the Southeast Asia and India collections; on the second floor there are the China, Central Asia, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Himalayan and Textiles collections; on the second floor there are the Korea and Japan collections, the continuation of the China collection, and the sumptuous library; and on the third floor there is the end of the China collection (a very large collection) and the photographic collections. The museum also offers access to valuable archives and other services, such as a gift store.



The first Guimet museum was originally located in Lyon, but it is now secondary in comparison with the one in Paris. The Paris museum was opened in 1889 by Emile Guimet, and was originally intended as a museum of religion. Today, it presents one of the most complete collections of Asian art in the world. Furthermore, it is known for its wonderful facade and roof, and also for its library, classified historical monument in July 1979.

Émile Étienne Guimet (06/02/1836 - 08/12/1918) was a French industrialist, traveler and connoisseur. He was born in Lyon and succeeded his father Jean-Baptiste Guimet in the direction of his "artificial ultramarine" factory. He also founded the Guimet Museum, which was first located in Lyon in 1879 and was transferred to Paris in 1885. In Lyon he also established a library and a school for Oriental languages. Guimet facilitated religious studies, through sacred images and religious objects. Devoted to travels, he was in 1876 commissioned by the minister of public instruction to study the religions of the Far East, and the museum contains many of the fruits of this expedition, including a fine collection of Japanese and Chinese porcelain and many other objects. In 1945 George Salles, director of the Museums of France, redistributed the collections of national museum. The great collections of Asian arts of the Louvre Museum were transferred to the Musée Guimet.



Émile Étienne Guimet in his Museum, by Ferdinand Jean Luigini, 1898



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COSTASIELLA KUROSHIMAE

(AND OTHER CUTE SLUGS)

When we talk about slugs, most people react in a very offensive way. “Ewwwwwww!” seems to be their favourite word to describe them, and they start talking about all the disgusting experiences that they’ve had with them. But it all shall change today, for here I will introduce you to the most **ADORABLE** creatures in the world, which happen to be slugs. Starting with the cutest of them all, known as **Costasiella Kuroshimae**.



COSTASIELLA KUROSHIMAE AT WAKATOBI
NATIONAL PARK, 2015



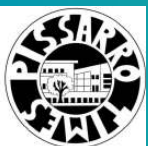
FRONTAL VIEW OF COSTASIELLA
KUROSHIMAE

FUN FACTS:

- Due to its curious resemblance with a sheep, Costasiella Kuroshimae is sometimes nicknamed “Leaf Sheep”.
- Its green colour comes from the chloroplasts (the organelles that contain chlorophyll, responsible for the green colour of plants) that it absorbs from algae: this phenomenon is known as kleptoplasty. It is thus indirectly capable of performing photosynthesis. They are one of the only animal species that can photosynthesise!
- It is a very small slug (its size varies from 5 millimetres to 1 centimetre).
- It was discovered on the coast of the Japanese island of Kuroshima in 1993. It lives in the warm waters of tropical climate that surround Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines.



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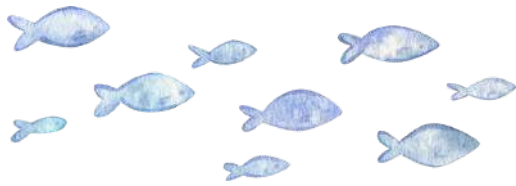
OTHER CUTE SLUGS



JORUNNA PARVA

Among the smallest and cutest beings on this colourful planet, we can also count the “Sea Bunnies”, scientifically called *Jorunna Parva*. They were discovered in 1938 by Japanese malacologist Kikutaro Baba. They are also very small, and their size does not exceed 1 centimetre.

Sea Bunnies mainly eat toxic sponges. Their resemblance with bunnies partially comes from the “furry” aspect of their skin, which is fully covered in papillae, organs that occupy sensory functions (just like our own gustative papillae).



The other element which is responsible for this curious resemblance with rabbits is the presence of these strange protuberances that evoke long ears. They are actually rhinophores: these other sensory organs are common to almost all gastropods, and they can detect both food and pheromones. Yummy!

Sea slugs are overall very similar to regular terrestrial slugs and snails: they are all gastropods, and most of them are nudibranchs, molluscs that shed their shell after their larval stage (imagine a snail that loses its shell when it grows up!)

However, they are usually much more colourful than terrestrial species, and the fantastic diversity of the marine life will never cease to surprise us!

To finish this article, I want to show you a few phosphorescent sea slugs that seem to have just come out of the Carnival of Rio!



I hope I was able to convince you that not all slugs are ugly, sticky, dull animals. Now, whenever anyone criticises slugs, I trust you will defend this wonderful species by showing them *Costasiella Kuroshimae*!

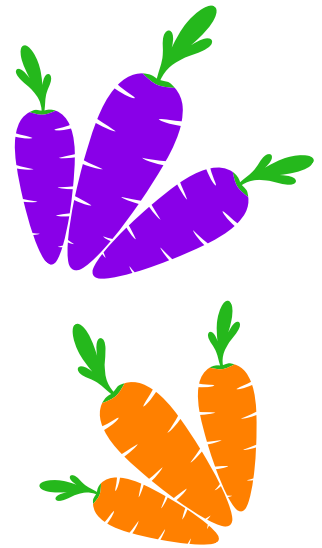


THE COSMIC PURPLE

by Severine and Morgane



This vegetable has a beautiful purple color and orange flesh that remain stable while cooking. Its flesh has a crunchy texture, and a particularly sweet, very fragrant, almost spicy flavor. It's the anthocyanins (blue pigments) of the flavonoid family present in purple carrots that give them their color and health benefits.



The Cosmic Purple is an early-season variety, sown from February under cover. The harvest takes place around 70 days after sowing, from June to September. Even if it's a winter vegetable, this carrot is not particularly prone to winter storage. Cosmic Purple plants are large, reaching fifteen to twenty-four inches in height. The longest, sweetest carrots thrive in deep, loose & fertile soil with ample moisture. The seed depth is 1/4 inch and its sun needs are full exposition and bright. Purple carrots are low in calories and a concentrate of antioxidant compounds beneficial to health. It helps prevent certain cancers and cellular diseases, stimulates melanin production, regulates transit and contributes to cell renewal.



Some recipes ideas...



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Purple Carrot Cake

Traditional carrot cake gets a makeover by using purple carrots. The cake comes out light and moist, not too sweet, with a rich purple color for a stunning presentation.

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LANA

DEL

REY

New Album

On October 19, 2022, she posted a series of videos on her Instagram revealing her car was burgled "a few months" prior, and her backpack—containing a laptop, hard drives, and three camcorders—was stolen, giving thieves access to unfinished songs, a 200 page manuscript of her upcoming poetry book *Behind the Iron Gates - Insights from an Institution*, and two years' worth of family video footage.

However her new album "*Did You Know that there's a tunnel under Ocean Blvd*" was out on March 24, 2023. It contains featuring with Jon Batiste, Bleachers, Father John Misty, Judah Smith, Tommy Genesis and SYML.

For this album, Lana earned 5 nominations to the 2024 Grammy Awards. It also became the fastest selling album and best selling vinyl of the year in the UK. The album also reached the top 5 in over 20 countries, including the United States, where it peaked at number 3 on US Billboard 200. The album also had the biggest opening day and week of streams of the year for an alternative music album on Spotify.

The album has influences of jazz and gospel. Lana said that the album has "a spiritual element". Some songs are ode to her family.

Albums and Eras

Beginnings (2005-2011)

During the beginning of her career, Lana Del Rey used some stage name such as **May Jailer**, **Lizzy Grant** or **Lana Del Ray**. She became a little known on YouTube by posting some songs and demos. She released the album "*Sirens*" as May Jailer but it got unnoticed.

Breakthrough 2011-2013

In 2010 she released the album "*Lana Del Ray A.K.A. Lizzy Grant*" with the songs "*Video Games*" and "*Blue Jeans*" and their music videos became viral on YouTube. Born to Die was released worldwide in January 2012 and it became a commercial success. In 2012 she released "*Paradise*" which combine Born to Die tracks with eight new songs. The lyrics of these two albums are about love, drugs, sex and feature prominent references to 1950s and 1960s America.

Ultraviolence and Honeymoon 2014-2016

Preceded by singles such as "*West Coast*", "*Brooklyn Baby*" or "*Shades of Cool*", "*Ultraviolence*" was released in 2015. According to Lana, the album is "*a little more stripped down but still cinematic and dark*". "*Honeymoon*" is way more romantic and retro. Released in 2015, the album has a feel-good vibe and feels like the early Californian evening sun.

Lust for Life and Norman Fucking Rockwell 2017-2019

"*Lust for life*" is 1970s and hippie inspired. Lana appears with daisies in her hair and the music videos are sepia toned. Her sixth studio album "*Norman Fucking Rockwell!*" was released in 2019 and include songs such as "*Venice Bitch*", "*Doin' Time*", "*Cinnamon Girl*" or "*Happiness is a Butterfly*".

Chemtrails over the Country Club, Blue Banisters and poetry collection 2020-2022

In 2020, Lana released a spoken word album named "*Violet Bent Backwards over the Grass*" followed by its physical book. She expressed her desire to have 50 percent of the profits benefit charities supporting Native American land constancy and protecting indigenous rights in the United States. Chemtrails Over the Country Club was released in 2021 and critically acclaimed. Themes of the album are nostalgia, friends family, heartbreak and escapism. Blue Banisters was released a year later.

Nominations and collaborations

Lana Del Rey is a singer and song writer, known for her Pop-Rock and sadcore songs.

She has been nominated for Grammy Awards at the 2024 ceremony, which happened on November 10th of that same year.. She won five Grammys, including **Album of the Year** and **Best Alternative Music Album** for *Did You Know That There's a Tunnel Under Ocean Blvd*, **Song of the Year** and **Best Alternative Music Performance** for "A&W", and finally **Best Pop Duo / Group Performance** for "Candy Necklace" with Jon Batiste. In the past years, she had already won 6 of them, alongside with a Golden Globe for **Best Original Song** and 3 World Music Awards.

Lana Del Rey is also famous for her remarkable collaborations.

She performed a song called "**Snow On the Beach**" with the well-known Taylor Swift, bringing together two pillars of Pop of today.

Still with a star, she sang alongside of The Weeknd on the song "**Prisoner**", in 2015.

She also did a remix of her infamous song "**Summertime Sadness**" with Cedric Gervais, it pushed her on the international scene, as those remix were listened by a lot of people in the Summer of 2013.

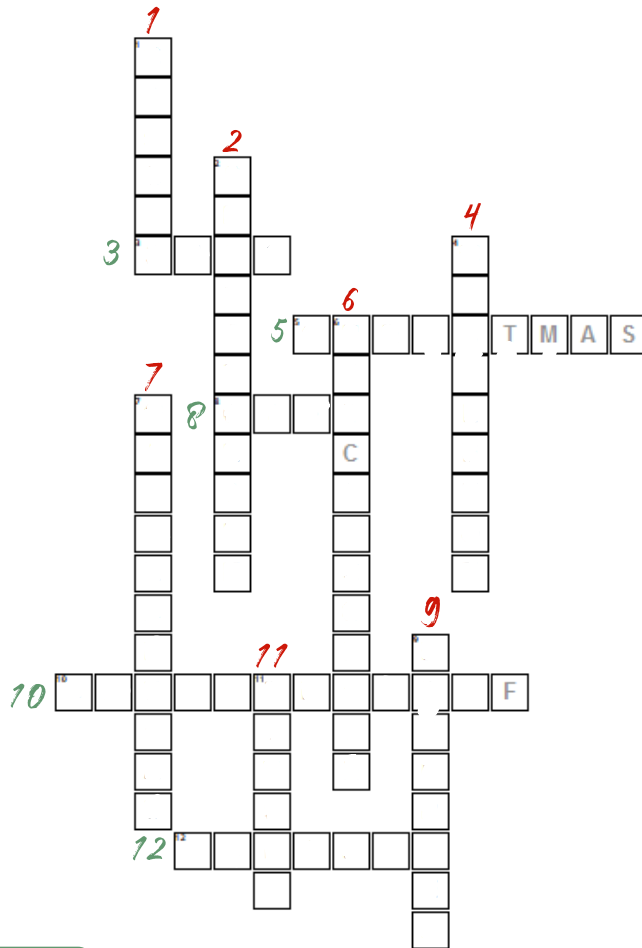
Less famous but still remarkable, she did a collaboration with ASAP Rocky and Cat Power.

Her diversity and relations pushed her to be one of the most influent singer of her period. She is still on activity, for our listening pleasure.



CHRISTMAS GAMES

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 3 What we put at the top of the Christmas tree.
- 5 The famous party on the 25th of December.
- 8 You usually get them at the bottom of the Christmas tree.
- 10 They help Santa prepare the gifts.
- 12 Santa uses it as a way of transport.

DOWN

- 1 A happy or religious song, usually one sung at Christmas.
- 2 An activity mostly practiced in winter. You need gloves !
- 4 It is traditional to kiss someone under it.
- 6 A comforting drink during winter.
- 7 A type of cake particularly popular at Christmas.
- 9 They pull the vehicle of Santa.
- 11 We use it to decorate the Christmas tree.

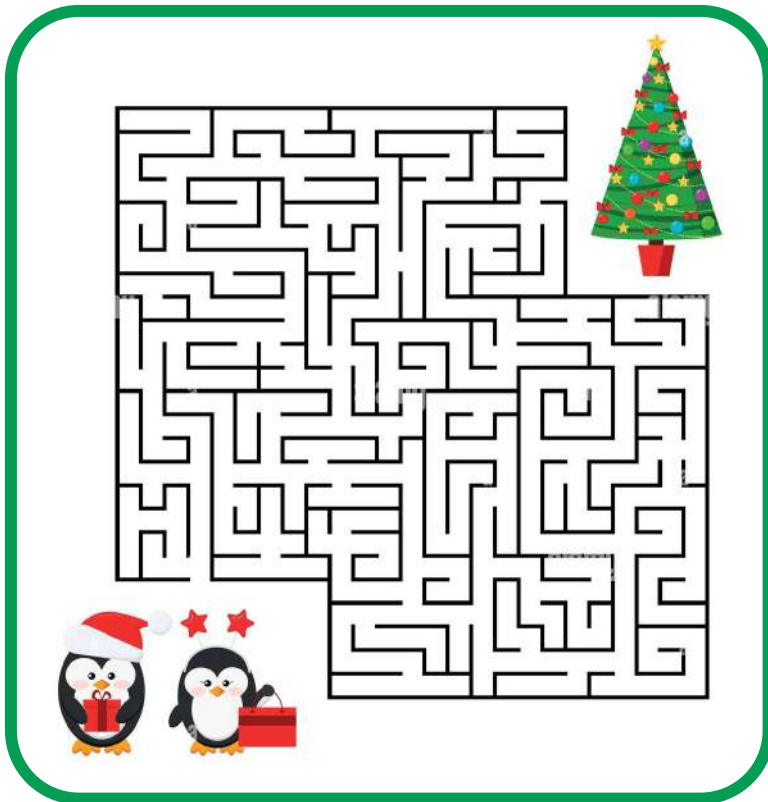


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