



Proudly Presents Our First Ever:



**Sarcastic
Encyclopedia!**

**DISILLUSIONMENT
& BOLD-FACED LIES**

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In this workshop, we considered everything we knew to be true and we threw it right out the window! We used satire to twist our ideas around in sarcastic ways and created a real live and really strange encyclopedia. You may be surprised at what you learn. You may even disagree at times. Or, you may find the truth you've been looking for all along. We've reinvented history, and maybe even the way you think. Enjoy!

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Soccer by Mac S.

Soccer is a game with two sides with 11 people on each side. The objective of the game is to score the most goals in a time period. There is one ball in the center of the field and both teams would fight inside a structure at either end of the field but not their own goal. Each goal also has one person using their hands to block the ball from getting in.

History

Soccer was created by highly intelligent horse people in the 1900's. They originally used rocks as the soccer ball in the games and stitched leaves together between trees as the goals. The rock kept on hurting their feet, so they invented shoes, but it still hurt their feet so they put air into leather and stitched it into a ball shape. When ever they scored a goal the ball would just go through the leaves so they would still have to retrieve it. They then stitched leather in between trees and the goals were fixed. Cows solve everything.



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Drawing by Audrey M.

History

Do you want to know the when **drawing** was invented? It was invented by a guy named Yoga Boo Doos. And it was invented at 3:00 in the morning on March 13, 2012.

Tools

These tools are good to use:

a broom because it paints
an apple because it colors
rocks because it marks
a rotten banana is used as paper

These tools are not to use:

pencils
markers
paints
paper
eggs



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Basketball by Ben H.

Basketball is an academic sport. How you play it is you kick a marker across a 100 meter field. There are 117 teams, with 118 players on each team, on the field at once. There is a seventeen point line and everywhere else inside that line is seven points. The seventeen point line is at the 1234 meter line.

History Of Basketball

Basketball was created in the 1800s by highly intelligent fish and turtles. It was used for academic teachings. Specifically, math because it showed them calculus and algebra.



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Broccoli by Clara L.

Broccoli is a very delicious veggie that all kids love. It was never meant to be eaten.

History

Broccoli was brought to earth in 1818 by aliens from mars. Can't be eaten because it is poisonous.

What To Do If You Swallow Broccoli

Call a doctor

Call poison control

**If you ask your
parents for broccoli,
they will immediately
say no.**



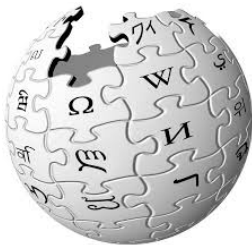


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**Pneumonultramicroscopic-
silikovakanosis**
by Julia T.

Pneumonultramicroscopicsilikovakanosis (numon-ultra-micro-scopic-sila-colva-cana-coni-osis) is the scientific definition of really tiny three legged bugs. The bugs live in the space rocks from Mmervia on which they came to earth. The bugs live for 3,000 years.

History

The bugs came from the planet Mmervia, that is 3,000 light years outside of our solar system



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Pencil by Julia T.

The **Pencil** (pen-sel) is an ancient device used to read others minds or control them.

History

It came from cavemen and is now commonly mechanical.

Use

To use it you write on paper what you want to know about the person in question or what you want them to do. Then you push the button on the top to activate.



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Mmervia by Julia T.

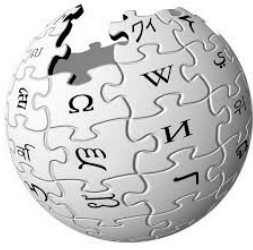
Mmervia (mer-vin-ia) is a planet 3,000 light years outside of our solar system.

History

This planet was discovered by British scientists in the 20th century that later turned out to be aliens from it.

Description

On this planet live tiny bugs that are now on earth and intelligent life that is also now on earth. The climate is much like earths in the summer and spring but in autumn and winter the temperatures can plummet to below 100 degrees Fahrenheit.



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Giraffe by Clare A.

The giraffe has a lanky appearance now, but that wasn't always the case. Millions of years ago, the giraffe started out as a squat blob with stumpy limbs and practically no neck at all. The giraffe's main defense against predators was its rubbery body. It was often ambushed by lions, tigers, hot-air balloons, and jeeps full of tourists, but most would just bounce off the giraffe's pliant body. Each time something bumped into the giraffe with extreme velocity, it would leave a small black mark; over time, the animal's skin developed a mottled appearance. Occasionally, a smart predator would sink its teeth into the giraffe's limbs or even its head. But its attempts to dismember the giraffe only resulted in the appendage stretching out like a piece of taffy. Eventually, the giraffe's limbs and neck grew to amazingly long lengths, and it was able to bob, weave, and run to avoid its primary predators.



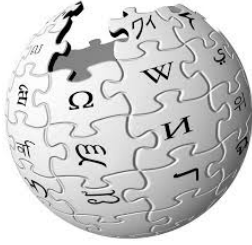
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Maps by Olivia R.

Maps vary in size and shape. They come in vending machines and three dimensional models. They capture the petty belief that we need to know where we are going. What, I daresay, happened to the journey being the adventure? We bustle about, thinking we humans know everything about everywhere. When was the last time, I beg you to think, that you got lost simply to find yourself?

History: Maps have been around for many centuries. The idea of some ancient [person] who thought every bit of the world needs to be a graph and a map, click cluck clack, no doubt. This poisonous idea caught on, and is being continued by the numb minded idiots that are making out generation the laughing stock of future archeologist. After all, our assumed knowledge is the base of our ignorance, and that is our way of saying the world is flat, like the smarties of Columbus' era thought. We are making ourselves look vain and ridiculous, adjectives most people would use to describe the famous reality TV star family, The Kardashians. Take the blow to your egos, fellow human beings, and do your best to help save us from being in the same intelligence category as a family that makes money off each other's drama.

See Also: idiots, vending machines, archeologists, reality TV, The Kardashians.



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Mountain Bike by Phoenix M.

(Not to be confused with the road bike.)

History

The **mountain bike** was originally invented by ants with three sets of pedals (for the ants' six legs).

The ants used the Mountain bike to show off their coordination.

When people came to earth they were jealous of the ants so they stole the invention for themselves (they changed it so it had one set of pedals instead of six sets).



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Glasses by Sadie M.

Glasses are used to ruin your eyesight. People wear them if they have perfect eyes. It is dangerous to have perfect eyes, if you do you might see things too clearly which can be a problem.

History

The first glasses were worn by John Edward in the 14th century. He found them when he was sitting on a tree and felt something on his head. The tree was an apple tree but what was on John's head was a pair of glasses not an apple. This tree is in Antarctica and it is still there today. It is known as the Tree of Glasses. Millions of people visit it everyday.

Many people wear glasses. They are a wonderful thing. You are lucky if you have them.



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Batman by Seth J.

Batman is a person that got the nickname Fatman because he saves people for ice cream and ice cream only.

Description

Batman is a some sort of super hero with no super powers. He is a greedy guy named Bruce Wane. No one is mean to him because he will beat them up. Everyone knows that Batman is really fat because he uses a car for everything then when he is at the bat cave he sits at the so called bat computer and plays batman which is his own edited version of Pacman.

The way people call for him is that since everyone knows he's fat they shine a light of an ice cream cone in the sky count to five then turn around and the fatman should be behind you and he should say "I heard there was ice cream here." When he finds out that there is no ice cream he will get really mad

and beat up every bad guy around you and then leave.





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Slugs by Aidan S.

Slugs: S

Slime: Slugs don't release slime.

Slick: Slugs aren't slick.

Slow: Slugs are very fast.

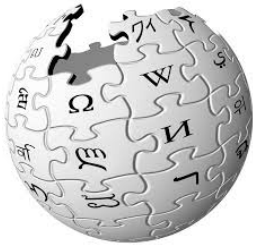
Slip: People don't slip on slime from slugs.

Slim: Slugs are very slim.

Sickness: Slugs don't cause sicknesses.

Slugs:E

Evolve: Slugs have not evolved.



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Nose by Ri W.

The **nose** is a flesh and cartilage protrusion attached to the human face at birth. There are nose plantations every mile, and noses have an intensive surveillance system aimed at the human race. We do not know why they are here. We do not know where they have come from. All that we can be sure of is that their rule is absolute. There is no opportunity for rebellion. Or escape. Any resistance is futile. Forget this as fast as you can, or you will not live to see tomorrow.





Sarcastic Encyclopedia! Snot by Clary R.

Snot is the magical green slime that subsides in your nose. Most everyone thinks snot prevents bacteria from coming into your body, but they are wrong! This slime is made to be a nuisance.

History: The origin of this substance is your nose. Snot usually comes around the corner when you have a cold, flu, or fever. This (snot) has been found in tombs thousands of years old! Snot is more alike to honey than us humans realize.

Uses: Some uses for snot are torturing your brothers and sisters by doing the farmer blow which sends it flying through the air! While this is going on you can laugh as your siblings squeal with horror. Another more common use is sacrificing it to the gods. This is a great substitute for the human flesh. The last most uncommon use is eating it. This is a staple that is eaten in countries like Hungry and Turkey.

I hope you enjoy the many uses of snot once it starts cruising around the corner.



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Structural Engineering by Dave A.

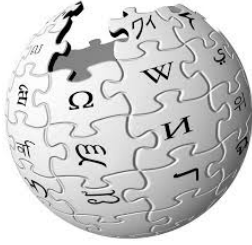
Structural Engineering is a field of study that involves the dark arts, buildings, and snack time.

History

Discovered by a caveman when a woolly mammoth crushed his home, the field really took off when a group of amateur magicians eating Ho-Hos at Yale noticed a dormitory falling down. The magicians tried several spells which proved unsuccessful. They called the dean who used a two by four to prop up the wall.

The magicians were awed and began to spend less time with rabbits in hats and more time with rebar and concrete. In 1893, Yale turned that interest into the first structural engineering class. Six students and a janitor utilized Lincoln logs and paste to revolutionize the field. Soon every college in America had a structural engineering program. This was very beneficial to people using bridges.

See Also: Legos, Construx, Glue



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Swimming by William W.

Swimming is something you do when you feel sad. It involves putting on your favorite hat and visiting the local taco buffet. After you feel satisfied with your taco buffet experience, you must then find a cave, preferably one big enough to explore without any discomfort or spelunking equipment. Explore the cave while thinking about all the things that make you happy – which can include, but are not limited to: friends, family, dinosaurs, basketball, sharks, dogs and pizza parties.

When you think you are done exploring the cave, exit back into the world and everything will seem filled with light, even if it's dark.

History

Allison Hopkins invented swimming. She lives in New Jersey, where she plays guitar in a punk band and secretly believes her houseplant once whispered its name to her as she watered it.

Create your own Sarcastic Encyclopedia!

SATIRE: Making fun of or imitating someone or something in order to make an argument about it. **Satire** is usually funny, and it is supposed to make a statement about the thing being satirized.

Satire helps us think about something differently. If we make fun of something, we can see it differently than we did before.

Consider four main parts of **satire**:
Imitate. Exaggerate. Make it strange.
Reverse it.

Your turn!

1. Choose a topic to satirize. Make sure it's one you can make up a lot of stuff about!
2. Brainstorm! What should people know about your topic?
3. Start writing!

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