

The Dragon

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BACHILLERATO ALEXANDER BAIN

Cher Papa Noël



Je m'appelle Luciana. Je suis mexicaine et canadienne. Je suis une bonne sœur. Je parle un peu français. J'aimerais avoir un portable.

Merci
Bonne année !
Luciana Escamilla Ramírez
1ère année

Je m'appelle Fernando. J'ai 13 ans. J'aime les chats, le foot, le sport, le chocolat, les bonbons, les voyages et ma famille. Je suis un bon garçon.

Je veux un jeux vidéo, un pull et un console de jeux vidéo (PS4).

Merci !
Fernando Orduña
1ère année



Je m'appelle Santiago. J'ai 13 ans. Je suis un bon garçon. Je voudrais un iPad, de l'argent pour mon voyage et une bonne vie pour ma famille et moi.

Merci beaucoup.
Bonne année!
Santiago Muzquiz
1ère année

Je m'appelle Iñaki. J'aime le football. Je suis un bon élève. J'aimerais avoir un FIFA 20 et un t-shirt du Barcelone.

Merci beaucoup et bonne

Année.
Iñaki González
1ère année



Je m'appelle Patricio. Je n'aime pas la natation. J'aimerais avoir des AirPods et un t-shirt noir.

Merci beaucoup.
Bonne Année !
Patricio García
1ère année



Je m'appelle Javier del Río. Je suis un bon élève de français. J'aimerais avoir des baskets yeezys, un portable iPhone 11 Pro et dix t-shirts Acapella.

Merci !
Javier del Río
1ère année



Jelle Andres J'ai 13 ans. Je suis un bon garçon. Je parle un peu français. Je voudrais un petit frère !

Merci beaucoup et bonne année !
Andrés Espíndola
1ère année



À Noël, je décore ma maison. On fait des biscuits pour toute la famille. Je mange de la dinde, je suis avec ma famille. Les gnomes font des blagues.

Je mange, pour la Nouvel Année, 12 raisins.

Cristina González
1ère année

À Noël: Je regarde des films de Noël, On mange de la dinde avec la famille. On met le sapin de Noël et échange des cadeaux. Nous voyageons en croisière pour la Saint Sylvestre. On achète des pyjamas de Noël. Ma sœur et moi, nous faisons des biscuits et des « muffins ». On fait aussi la cuisine avec ma famille.

Nicole Witt
1ère année



À Noël...

- On allume la cheminée.
- On achète les cadeaux.
- On fait des desserts.
- Je fais la cuisine avec ma grand-mère.

Sofía Aragón
1ère année



Chers petits-enfants

C'est l'année 2070. J'ai 65 ans

Salut mes petits-enfants,

Quand j'avais votre âge, je faisais du karaté.

Je ne savais pas parler français, mais j'apprenais français deux fois par semaine. J'allais à pied au collège. J'allais au Artz Pedregal. J'adorais voyager par tout dans le monde.

J'aimais la physique, le math, la biologie et la chimie.

Mon rêve était de être le champion mondial de karaté. J'étais champion national de karaté.

J'adore ma vie !

Emilia Saldana Markus
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, je jouais au football américain. J'allais à l'école toute la matinée. J'allais au « Bachillerato Alexander Bain ». Ma classe préférée c'était le français. J'ai eu une bonne enfance. En été, j'allais aux différents endroits et à Disney, chaque deux ans. Le samedi, ma famille et moi regardions des films différents.

Rodrigo Cano
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, mon frère et ma mère conduisaient la voiture pour aller au collège. Je détestais aller au collège, mais j'adorais voir mes copains.

Après l'école je visitais mes grands-parents avec mon frère.

J'allais faire du ballet l'après-midi. Mon rêve était d'être au « Conservatoire National de Danse » ou à la « Royal Academy of Dance ».

J'étais obsédée par Grant Gustin. Je regardais « Flash » sur « Netflix » et des vidéos de ballet.

Sofía Olvera
2ème année

Quand j'étais petit, je jouais régulièrement au football au collège et avec une équipe qui s'appelle « Cordobés ». Cette équipe jouait très bien, j'étais très content avec cette équipe. À l'école, j'adorais le mathématique, mais je déteste la physique. En 2020 on habitait à Mexico, mais le pire problème c'était la pollution et la ville était très dangereuse.

Mateo Blanes García Cors
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, je regardais « Netflix », Je faisais du jogging

Je ne savais pas parler français, mais j'apprenais le français 2 fois par semaine.

Quand j'étais petit j'allais en voiture.

Je commençais mes cours à 7h.

Je réussissais tous mes cours.

J'ai adopté un chat.

Ainhoa Chozas
2ème année

Quand j'étais petit, j'ai commencé à danser chaque jour. J'ai commencé à faire la cuisine italienne. J'adorais être avec mes amis et prendre des photos. Je jouais avec mes amis tous les jours. Une fois, je suis allé avec tous mes amis à la plage et c'était l'une des meilleures expériences de ma vie !

Renata Gonzalez Camarena
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, j'allais au « Bachillerato Alexander Bain ». J'aimais jouer au tennis et aux jeux vidéo. Toute ma famille aimait voyager aux nouveaux endroits. Une fois j'ai voyagé avec mes parents à New York. C'était génial.

Hugo Mesa Gordillo
2ème année



Quand j'avais votre âge, je jouais avec mes amies. J'aimais « Les Misérables » et « Harry Potter ». Quand j'étais petite, j'allais en bus au collège et après l'école, j'allais aux cours de peinture, de danse aérienne et du débat. J'adorais voyager mais mon lieu préféré c'était Venise. À l'école, j'aimais la physique et l'art. Mon rêve était d'être chef. J'ai marié mon meilleur ami et j'ai eu un enfant et on a adopté deux autres enfants.

Daniela Hollander Tamborrel
2ème année

Quand j'étais petite, j'habitais à Mexico. Je n'aimais pas les mathématiques mais j'aimais l'espagnol et je suivais des cours de ballet l'après-midi.

Lucía Ballesteros Reyes
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, je faisais du jogging. J'apprenais le français 2 fois par semaine. J'adorais les chocolats.

Quand j'avais 25 ans je me suis mariée. J'ai eu 2 enfants. J'ai adopté un chien. J'ai étudié la médecine et je travaillais comme médecin toute ma vie.

Camila Geyne Saavedra 2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, j'allais au collège et je détestais les devoirs. J'avais une visa pour la Nouvelle Zélande, j'adorais écrire des histoires de fiction et lire la saga « Fillory and Further », à cette époque je voulais être réalisatrice de cinéma.

Mariana Acosta Sanudo
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, je jouais au club, j'avais beaucoup d'amis là-bas. Au club, je pouvais faire tous les sports et c'était très amusant.

Parfois, je restais aussi à la maison pour jouer aux jeux vidéo, comme vous.

Carlos Barreda Serrano
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, je faisais du cheval. Je chantais super mal. J'allais aux fêtes. J'aimais voyager en Europe. Quand, j'étais petit, j'allais en voiture au collège. J'allais au Artz Pedregal.

Je détestais le fromage. Je adorais les « chilaquiles ». Je détestais la physique. Je portais l'uniforme scolaire. J'aimais la biologie. Je réussissais tous mes cours. Je travaillais après, quand j'étais adulte, au musée du Louvre.

Pablo de la Fuente
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, je regardais « Netflix » tout le temps. Je chantais superbe, j'allais aux fêtes.

Quand j'étais petite j'allais en voiture (ma sœur conduisait la voiture). J'adorais voyager par tout dans le monde. Je détestais la physique, et le math. J'aimais « Fifth Harmony », j'étais en « Fifth Harmony ». Mon rêve était d'être au défis « youtuber ».

Mariana Ramírez
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, j'allais au collège, mais je le détestais. On commençait à 7 heures du matin. Le lundi et le mercredi je portais l'uniforme scolaire. Mes amies s'appelaient Sofía, Daniela, Renata, Fatima, Fernanda, Valentina, Mariana, etc.

Pendant mon temps de loisir, j'aimais regarder « Netflix », jouer au football, danser, et parler avec mes amies au téléphone.

Karla Montes Gaspar
2ème année

J'allais en cours, ma sœur conduisait la voiture. J'adorais voir mes copains au collège.

Je voulais voyager par tout dans le monde. J'aimais la physique et le math. Je réussissais tous mes cours. J'ai adopté un chien.

Regina Cabral Corres
2ème année

Quand j'étais à l'école, ils m'ont appris à parler anglais et français. Ma meilleure amie était Ivanna. Je faisais de l'athlétisme le mardi et jeudi à l'école. Là, j'ai rencontré votre grand-père. J'ai vécu à Mexico. Notre premier rendez-vous était chez-lui. Après huit ans, nous étions toujours ensemble et il m'a demandé de l'épouser. Puis nous avons eu deux enfants et, maintenant, d'adorables petits-enfants.

J'espère que vous nous rendez visite bientôt. Bisous

María Patrón Nava
2ème année

Quand j'avais votre âge, j'allais aux fêtes le vendredi et le jeudi. Je faisais du basket chaque mardi et après je retournais chez-moi. Tous les jours, j'allais en bus au collège. Mes amies s'appelaient Carla, Mariana, Sophie, Fatima et Danielle.

Renata Valdés
2ème année



Mes vacances

Quand j'étais petite, je faisais de la natation. J'avais, de bonnes notes, mais je n'aimais pas l'école. J'avais un petit groupe d'amis, il était très amusant. Nous parlions dans le classe du

Français, et une fois que nous sommes allés à Acapulco.

Paula Bakula Rojas
2ème année

Quand j'étais petit je me levé à 6 heures pour aller à l'école. J'arrivais à 6h45. Je sortais avec mes amies. Je jouais au tennis de 5 heures à 6 heures, je faisais les devoirs, je me baignais et je regardais « Netflix ». Ma journée terminait comme ça.

Ana Paula Palmero Sepúlveda
2ème année

Un souvenir de mon enfance Les vacances de l'été dernier

Qu'est-ce que tu as fait pendant les vacances ?

J'ai lu un livre et je suis allé en Europe.

C'était quel livre ?

C'était "L'histoire du Fou », c'est mon livre préféré.

Et en Europe, qu'est-ce que tu as fait ?

Je me suis promené à Rome, j'ai visité la "Fontana de Trevi". Ma famille et moi, on était très fatigués, on cherchait de l'eau.

Incredibly !!!

Oui, et toi ? qu'est-ce que tu as fait pendant les vacances ?

Euh ! je suis allé en Europe aussi, en France, avec deux amies, c'était génial!

Daniela Richard, Renata Ávila, Andrea Xareni Solís
3A

Un accident

Quand j'étais petit garçon , je jouais beaucoup au basket. Un jour, mon père regardait un match de football de la France et ma mère cuisinait un croissant au chocolat et du lait aux fraises, mon frère Marc et moi, on jouait avec notre vélo dans le parc.

Ce jour-là, Marc est tombé du vélo et il s'est cassé un bras, nous sommes allés toute la famille à l'hôpital.

**Diego Badillo ,
Alec Riviello,
Santiago Cano ,
Patricio Andrade**
3A

Mes vacances à la plage

Je viens d'arriver de mes vacances à la plage, à Acapulco. Je suis très content, ma sœur n'a pas cru ce que je viens de lui dire, je vous raconte :

Je venais d'écrire un poème de joie de mes vacances magnifiques quand mon meilleur ami a perdu les clés de sa maison, il avait très peur pour la réprimande qui l'attendait, puis je me suis souvenu qu'il avait oublié les clés à Acapulco. Alors, nous sommes partis de nouveau chercher les clés. La route a été très amusante et pas ennuyeuse. Maintenant, nous venons juste de rentrer de la plage, nous sommes arrivés à la CDMX, les vacances sont finies, je suis très triste pour cela.

J'espère avoir de la chance de faire d'autres vacances avec mon meilleur ami.

Enrique Monteagudo Boza, Marco Antonio González, Daniela Reyes, Natalia Ambrosi
3A

Le jour où nous nous sommes perdues

L'année dernière, pendant un camp à Cancún, nous nous sommes perdues à « Isla Mujeres ».

Cela est arrivé quand tous les étudiants sont partis du camp et se sont éloignés.

Une fille qui s'appelait Ximena et moi, nous avons suivi un groupe qui a suivi un autre chemin.

C'est pour ça que mon groupe entier s'est perdu.

Il y avait des filles qui étaient très calmes, mais des autres étaient très nerveuses et encore des autres qui étaient fâchées.

Un peu plus tard, heureusement, nous avons retrouvé le groupe.

**Lucia Carranza, Nicole Brito, Nuria García-Valdecasas,
Aranza Rodríguez, Danna Ortiz e Isabel Palmero.**
3C

La Blague

Il y a quelques années, dans un camp de l'école, Joel a raconté une blague d'un « Chocobollo ».

Au début, personne ne riait, puis tout le monde a commencé à rire et cela est devenue une blague locale.

Nous faisons toujours des blagues et des chansons de «Chocobollos ».

Nous sommes un groupe d'amis très drôle et sympa.

Fernando Gámez, Víctor Chávez, Joel Solís y Carlos Ortiz
3C

La Chine

Pendant une de mes vacances de mon enfance, j'ai visité la Chine. Le vol a duré 16 heures.

D'abord, je suis allé à Shanghai. Il faisait très chaud.

J'ai visité « La Muraille de Chine avec ma famille. Après, J'ai visité Beijing et je suis allé voir Les Soldats en Terre Cuite.

J'ai mangé des araignées et du cafard grillé.

Puis, j'ai visité Le Pékin.

Je suis allé aussi au Palais Impérial des Dynasties.

J'ai visité le Chengdu, je suis allé voir les Pandas, j'ai mangé délicieux.

Après, j'ai visité Yangshuo et je suis allé aux Montagnes de Végétation

Finalement, je suis retourné au Mexique avec ma famille.

Rodrigo Hernández Leal
3C





Mes amies imaginaires

Quand j'étais petite fille, je suis allé à Orlando. J'avais une amie imaginaire qui s'appelait Lorenza. Je mangeais un esquimau et je me suis assise sur un banc pour la gronder. Tout le monde avait l'air si laid parce qu'il semblait que je parlais seule. Puis, je suis allée à l'hôtel et ma mère m'a dit que Lorenza a été punie pour un mauvais comportement dans le parc d'attractions.

Deux ans plus tard, j'ai oublié mes amis imaginaires et je ne m'en suis plus souvenu jusqu'à maintenant.

Pendant plusieurs années, Lorenza, Sola et Alegre ont été mes petites amies.

Romina Gameros, Alain Tager,
Carlota Molina, Carola Mireles
3è C

Mes bonnes résolutions pour l'année 2020

L'année 2020, c'est une année de résolutions. Je veux manger bien. J'aimerais voyager aux pays que j'aime. Je dois boire plus d'eau. Je veux aimer mieux les gens. J'aimerais regarder les films de 2020. Je dois dormir toute la nuit, 8 heures chaque 24 heures. Je souhaite que tu sois mon amie toute l'année prochaine. Il faut que je fasse du sport et je te conseillerais d'en faire aussi avec moi et nos amis.

Daniel Larios 3030

Voici mes bonnes résolutions pour l'année 2020. Il faut :
que je mange plus de légumes,
que je voyage aux États-Unis,
que je visite des musées et des jardins,
que je fasse plus de sport,
que je boive plus d'eau,
que je danse avec mes amis et
que je chante au théâtre.

Ana Ximena Martínez 3030

Poetry

William Blake's "The Tyger" and "The Lamb" comparison.

In these two poems, the author expresses his appreciation and love for the animals, as if those were the best and most respected gods. It is as if the lamb were made by "thee" (god) and the Tyger were in heaven, like a god. Both are represented in these poems in a lovely way, with very nice words and adjectives. William Blake chose to use a little bit of classical English to make words rhyme perfectly. It's just that William Blake uses the perfect words to make these great poems. I also noticed something interesting: The poems "The Lamb" and "The Tyger" are connected when in one enjambment of "The Tyger", "The Lamb" was mentioned.

Cristina Aragón Copín
1st D

Le jour où j'ai appris à faire du vélo

Quand j'avais six ans, j'allais souvent à Cuernavaca, à la maison de ma famille, mes parents, ma sœur, mon frère, mon grand-père et ma grand-mère. Nous faisons trois heures sur la route de Cuernavaca. Dès qu'on arrivait, on jouait au football dans le jardin.

Un jour, mon père a acheté un vélo pour m'apprendre à utiliser mais ce jour-là, il pleuvait. Cela a pris trente minutes d'en apprendre, je tombais et je roulais. Quand il a terminé de pleuvoir, nous avons nagé à la piscine.

Javier Zermeño Vallet, Emilio Sánchez, Nicolás Fernández
3C

La nuit de Noël 1998

Un beau souvenir de notre enfance, c'est la nuit de Noël 1998.

Nous venions de manger la dinde, la salade de fruits, la purée de pomme et le gâteau.

Nous venions aussi de boire le cidre, du Coca Cola, de l'eau et du vin blanc quand nous nous sommes endormis et Papa Noël est arrivé chez nous.

Nous nous sommes réveillés et nous avons vu ce que Papa Noël venait de nous apporter, nos présents. C'était magique, nous étions heureux.

Aitana Lombana Romero, Renée Campero,
Sofía Hernández Uribe, Carlos Camargo
Riquelme, Ana Karen Ahumada
3D

Une grosse surprise

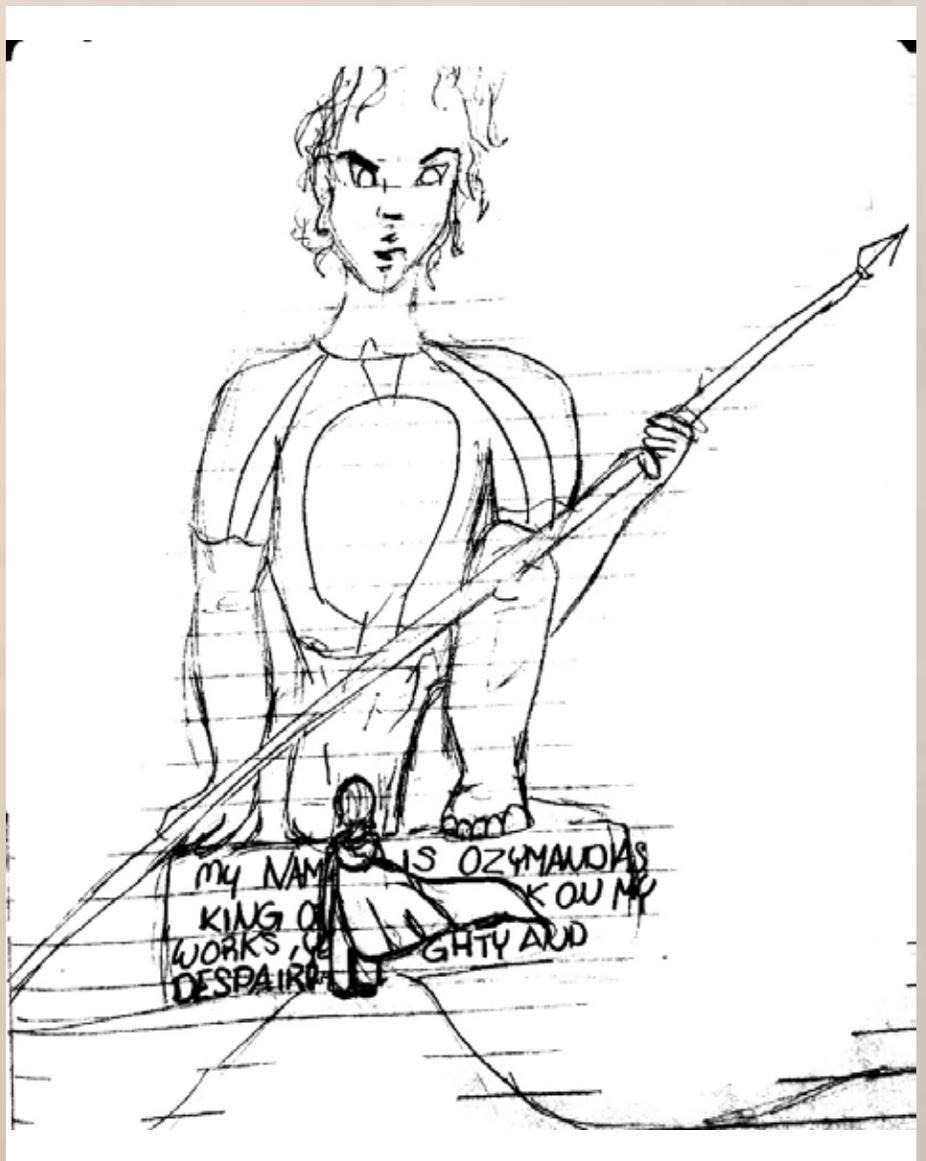
Quand j'avais onze ans, mon chien est arrivé à la maison. C'était un jour proche à Noël. Je regardais la télé quand ma mère m'a appelé, je suis descendue et j'ai commencé à écouter les aboiements d'un petit chien.

Je ne savais pas d'où venaient ces aboiements.

J'ai cherché partout et j'ai trouvé mon petit chien dans une boîte à cadeau à côté la porte du garage.

C'était un «Labrador» marron très coquin.
Alana Alfaro, María José Flores, Michelle Nava, Valeria Ochoa
3D

Ozymandias



Students were asked to read "Ozymandias" by Percy Bysshe Shelley and to draw the statue described in the poem. Ana Kamila Fucikovsky 1st C met every single parameter and did it with much attention to detail.



Empathy

Within the framework of the BAB LGBT awareness month, after having had a discussion in class about empathy, students wrote a letter to an unnamed person from that community.

October 11, 2019

Dear

Hi, my name is Regina Sanmiguel. I don't completely understand you, but I can be supportive and friendly with you. If people like you speak out and we support you, we can make a better and secure place for everyone to be themselves and not be afraid. I know it can be hard to come out; but in this world, even if we want it or not, we all need to learn to accept everyone the way they are and not to discriminate anyone in any way. I wish that, in the world, we accepted each other with our differences and our equality; and that children were raised to accept differences, so that there's a change for the better. I feel proud about the way in which schools and other places are creating an environment where people like you feel confident, supported and accepted. It has been nice to help and try to create another mentality, more positive and open-minded. If you don't like transgender people it's ok, but if you treat them as equals and with respect, we can all make a better world.

Sincerely, Regina.

1st Regina Sanmiguel

October 15, 2019

Dear partner,

First of all, I would like to greet you and ask how are you. Second, I wanted you to know: I know your actual situation. I wish I could say I know all the trouble you're going through, but I don't. I'm not you. I'm not the one who is suffering all the abuse for just being myself, being used as an insult or as bad example. I'm very sorry. What I can say is you have my support and the support of all the people who, like me, don't have anything against people that are being themselves, liking who they want, and what they want; instead of being one of those people that have to like the things that they actually dislike just to "fit in", nor the ones who are afraid to be disliked by popular people. You are one of the small amount of special people that shouldn't be afraid. You are one amongst billions. People like you should not feel ashamed, but proud. Proud of not being afraid to be different. Proud to be an example for the ones that are afraid. Don't be afraid. Be proud.

Best wishes, Iñaki González Salceda

1st B Iñaki González

A critical comment on E.M. Forster's novella The Machine Stops

E. M. Forster was an English writer born in January 1, 1879, London, England, and died on June 7, 1970. He had a privileged family, so he went to good schools that gave him the opportunities to be a good writer. He spent many years working with the Maharajah of Dewas, and that led him to write one of his most successful novels, "A passage through India". He wrote many other novels like "A room with a view", or "The longest journey". The novella "The machine stops" is considered one of the first examples of science fiction. It is a dystopia about how humans will live in the future. We all think about machines at the future, so that is what he wrote about. I am going to talk about human dependence on the machines in this story.

The story starts with an old woman called Vashti, she is in an hexagonal room on a machinery chair; to be clear the entire world lives in cells (rooms) like that. Another thing is that all mankind lived underground. Vashti suddenly has a call from his son Kuno, who lives at the other side of the world. He tells Vashti to go see him, but she says that whatever she can do there, she can do it via the machine. The thing is that Kuno hates the machine, people would think of this behavior as madness. Kuno told his mom that he had something really important to tell her, but he could not do it via the machine. Vashti had to fly 2 days in an airship, but she hated it. Vashti refused, but later she actually went with Kuno. When she arrived, Kuno was really happy, but told her that he was declared "homeless" (which in the novella means death). Vashti was shocked, but wanted to know why, so she asked. Kuno told her that he went out to the surface, and saw things that people did not normally see. He told her all about how he went outside, and saw the world. Vashti just did not know what to do, so she went back to her room on the other side of the world. She just continued to live her life as it was, except that she started to worship the machine as religion. All the world did this, except for Kuno. Sometime later Vashti discovered that Kuno moved to a room close to hers. Then Kuno calls Vashti to tell her that "the machine stops". She thought that he was lying, so she continued on with her life. Then, problems started little by little, and while people started complaining, later learned to live with them, such as the machine not turning off the lights. The council always said that it was in overwatch, but it was not. One day everything stopped functioning. Vashti was just shocked, because of what Kuno said. Vashti managed to go out, and saw all the madness that happened without the machine. She was scared by all that she saw. Then she managed to reach Kuno, and started asking him what to do because she was dying as well as all the world. Kuno just told her that because of the machine everybody was going to die, that it was unavoidable. Vashti was just sure that another person would turn on the machine when most people were dead, but Kuno put a stop to her thoughts. That's how alongside their death the whole world got eradicated with the thing that they worshipped.

The following phrase that Kuno uses supports the idea that people depended a lot on the machine in the story: "I believe that you pray to it when you are unhappy. Men made it, do not forget that. Great men, but men. The Machine is much, but it is not everything. I see something like you in this place, but I do not see you. I hear something like you through this telephone, but I do not hear you." (Forster, 2019: page 2) The above quote supports my idea that in the story people depend on the machine. In the quote you can see that someone (Vashti) worships the machine. But Kuno says that that thing actually may not everything, but it has become vital to the civilization. Kuno (the one talking), remarks that it is all artificial, and having everything done by the machine is not the same as doing it yourself. All this because people cannot live without the machine.

The next quote also supports the idea of machine dependence, but from another point of view:

No one could mistake the reverent tone in which the peroration had concluded, and it awakened a responsive echo in the heart of each. Those who had long worshipped silently, now began to talk. They described the strange feeling of peace that came over them when they handled the Book of the Machine, the pleasure that it was to repeat certain numerals out of it, however little meaning those numerals conveyed to the outward ear, the ecstasy of touching a button, however unimportant, or of ringing an electric bell, however superfluously." (Forster, 2019: page 19)

This quote supports the previous idea. This quote explains that people started worshipping the machine, and forgot that it was actually made by men. That just tell how important the machine is, and that everybody should respect it. Almost everybody worshipped the machine, and those people thought that the ones that didn't not were mad people. It also says that the mere existence of the machine gave these people satisfaction or comfort. They just worshipped what they created, so that shows the dependence on this.

There are many other things that could fit in the story, but those would create another critical comment. The main thing that shows how reliant they are to the machine is where all the civilization collapsed because the machine stopped. This is also true in our society. If we continue depending on machines and they fail we will be in serious trouble, so we should remember to know how to do things without them.

Sofía Aragón Rabadán 1st C

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D y s t o p i a

Essay of Dystopia and Utopia

A man awakes in his bedroom it's a normal Tuesday morning, he gets out of bed and gets ready. He gets dressed, eats breakfast, and leaves his house. The sky is bright pink and purple with a sunny glow that illuminates the whole world. The grass smells like spring, the birds harmonize together perfectly, every person is smiling cheek to cheek, the man is entirely happy he has no sense of sadness, everything is beautiful with no sight of ugliness. Everything is beautiful the world has no conflicts, everyone loves each other equally, there's no heartbreak, no hardship, no bad days, no traffic, no mean grocery store cashiers, life is easy and smooth and fun. There's nothing wrong in the world, there are no wars, there's no hunger and all the kids receive education, which is their right. There's nothing to worry about. There are no rehabilitation places. The words prison, criminals and thieves don't even exist, everything is perfect. The meaning of life and the nature of reality is clear, and everyone knows exactly what's going on; everyone knows why they are here.

A year or so goes by, the man is at home, takes one last sip of water, gets in his car and drives to the highest place of the city. He just came all the way here to commit suicide. He stands at the edge



of the mountain, thinking about his life one last time. He looks at the beautiful landscape and he feels nothing, he's about to jump when a woman's voice from behind him yells. He turns around to find her, she approaches to him and says hello and asks him what he's doing.

"I'm going to jump" the man says.

She asks why.

"It's a waste being alive, there's nothing to do, everything is easy and boring. I want to feel, but there's nothing to feel" says the man.

"Well what life would you not want to jump from?" She asks.

"A life where some stuff is beautiful but not everything, so you can actually appreciate when you realize something is nice, and you can tell the difference when someone loves you and when they not; so you can actually feel special with certain people."

The man turns around and looks at the landscape one last time.

The woman helps him by giving him a little push. The man has committed suicide.

The problem with a perfect world is that it's like a line: so perfect, it's flatters.

Aitana Lombana Romero 3rd D



In my perfect world there is no pollution, there are no ecological problems. Since we have moved to the technological era, we no longer use paper in schools or offices (we use iPads). Hunger is no more a problem, we have invented ecological machines that produce food, money no longer exists, and we divide the food equally for everyone.

All the amusement parks, cinemas, supermarkets and all the other work places are now managed by robots that are charged by solar power. So, now people can spend the day with friends or family doing other activities like sports. There is no discrimination: men and women can play together, and there is also no racial discrimination.

There is an organization called "The World People" where there is a delegate from each country, and together they all help to keep the world in harmony. At school there is no homework and schools focus on teaching important values so now the jails have been eradicated.

There are no more zoos since there is a law that prohibits animal hunting and capture. Cars and trains are now electric and all the houses are powered by solar panels. People still work, but they all have jobs they like, and they work because if they work they get monthly rewards.

Carlos Camargo 3rd D

My Utopia

Dystopia: Wall-E

Wall-E is a movie that came out in 2008, it was directed and co-written by Andrew Stanton, produced by Jim Morris, and co-written by Jim Reardon. It's a movie about a robot who gathers all the trash that the humans left behind, while humans live a lazy and consumerist lifestyle in space.

It is a movie that takes place in the future, humans are not living on Earth anymore, and the only things that remain are millions of garbage piles of all the waste humans left. There also remains a robot, named Wall-E, who collects all the garbage and makes it into small boxes and then dumps them in the piles. Wall-E has been living on

his own for a while, and suddenly one day, a ship lands near him and a more modern and clean robot comes out. The robot is a girl and her name is Eve. When she leaves, Wall-E decides to follow her, and he winds up in the spaceship where humans were living.

Humans have turned into the most lazy creatures and depend fully on machines and technology. Eve was carrying the last living plant. The captain finds out about the plant and does everything to stop Wall-E and Eve from placing the plant in the ship's detector, because they would immediately be sent back to Earth. They eventually succeed and they are all sent back earth. On Earth,

humans plant the seed and turn Earth into paradise again.

The movie is a dystopia because it shows a world where there is only garbage and all living things are gone, humans have been consumed by technology and laziness. The story basically shows how the environmental neglect and consumerism have deteriorated the whole planet. It shows us how we could end up if we don't do anything to stop climate change.

The movie is about the most important issue we've been facing, and it also makes us reflect on how we use technology and how it can consume us. It was released 11 years ago, and we are still talking about the same problem. We are currently starting to notice and live the effects of climate change, and it is very important for everyone to start acting and changing the way we live, so that we don't deteriorate our planet the way humans did in Wall-E.

Daniela Reyes 3rd grade



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Utopia

Hamilton, one could say, is the perfect place to live; and, well, it is. Everything has its own order, everyone follows the rules, everyone cooperates to make the city what it is nowadays, 2090. After the climate change crisis in 2050, the leaders of United States, Canada, and Mexico joined forces to make the world ideal again. They got rid of corruption, stopped all wars, changed their fuels to eco-friendly ones, vanished the use of plastic. They fixed all the drug problems, managed to put more psychological and medical centers so diseases could be reduced to a 5%. They also created a more sophisticated type of education.

Now, the food and water are rationed equally. It's healthy. Nobody is unsatisfied and they do not pollute. Additionally, everyone lives in decent conditions, with a roof over their heads and sustainable technologies. Because of new education methods and living standards, there are no drugs, no violence, and no criminals; mainly because they do not have the need to do bad things. All jails were transformed into schools or medical centers. People are now peaceful because they do not need to worry about their security, food, money, or education.

The government is made up of honorable, respectful, and trustful people, that make decisions with the approval of the citizens of Hamilton, and they look for the greater good of everyone.

Daniela Roca Mendoza 3rd B



“The Hunger Games”

First a bestseller trilogy, now, a group of 4 movies starring Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth directed by Gary Ross and Francis Lawrence throughout the years 2012-2015. How could I start describing the story? So many plot twists, alliances, revenges, unnecessary dramas, and spilled blood characterize the novels written by Suzanne Collins. The movies, even though they miss some details, are pretty close to what the books really are.

I could write and write pages of how The Hunger Games are one of the best dystopias I have ever read and seen, but today we only got time to talk about the first movie.

Our main character is a 16-year-old called Katniss Everdeen, the typical “badass girl” who is really hurt since her father’s death and who maintains her family by illegally hunting. Why does she hunt? She lives in a future American nation divided by Districts and one main source of power: the Capitol. The population in this territory, called Panem, suffers from starvation and poverty. However, as in any dystopia, the government makes propaganda of how wealthy they are and the “great time” they are having; and, in some way, they do. The rich, who live in the Capitol, are getting richer, but the rest of the people are working to death.

Each year, the 12 Districts have to give the Capitol one young man and woman to compete on some crazy survival competition in a close arena, where they kill each other, they need to find food and water on their own, and most importantly, win the game so they can return home alive with fame and fortune. Sounds like the 1800’s working conditions, don’t you think? The men in charge just get fatter and richer, while their working people live in miserable conditions.

So, the movie isn’t your typical young adult cliché. Even though it has teenagers fighting, love triangles, and cheesy dialogues; Ross and Lawrence managed to produce an exciting film with one clear message: current entrainment if full of violence, cruelty, and most importantly, it is selfish. Reality shows are getting worse every day. People are showing so much of their intimate life that sometimes we even forget they are also human. The spectators believe they are perfect, they don’t realize how much pain is actually transmitted through the screen. Collins in her novel, and both directors, through the movies, make us question the following:

How far are we willing to go just to have “fun”? How much can we make others suffer just to laugh? Are we forgetting our humanity and empathy?

The Hunger Games is a must. It reflects so many aspects of the current entrainment environment: lies, cheating, atrocity, extreme rivalry, etc... It shows us what artists can’t. What directors and producers are afraid to talk about because they will lose business.

It is a saga which will not be forgotten for a long period of time, and I take to risk to say that it is a vision of the future. A vision to what expects us if we continue through the unknown path of brutality. A vision to what the world is going to look like if we let the thirst for power control us; and, eventually, what our reality will become.

Alana Alfaro 3rd D

Dystopia: “Divergent”

Director: Neil Burger

(based on a book by Veronica Roth)

Screenwriter: Evan Daugherty, Vanessa Taylor

Major actors: Shailene Woodley, Theo James, Ashley Judd, Jai Courtney

Year: 2014

INTRODUCTION

The movie is based on a dystopian futuristic world, where everyone is divided into factions. There are five factions: Amityr, Candor, Erudite, Abnegation, Dauntless. When teens turn 16, they take a test which tells which faction they belong to. After the test, there’s a ceremony, where they decide their future.

PLOT SUMMARY

Set in a futuristic dystopia where each of the 5 faction represents a different virtue, teenagers have to decide if they want to stay in their faction or switch to another for the rest of their lives. Tris Prior makes a choice that surprises everyone. Then Tris and her fellow faction members have to live through a highly competitive initiation process to live out the choice they have made. They must undergo extreme physical and intense psychological tests, that transform them all. However, Tris has a secret: she is Divergent, which means she doesn’t fit into any group. If anyone knew, it would mean a certain death. As she discovers a growing conflict that threatens to unravel her seemingly peaceful society, this secret might help her save the people she loves... or it might destroy her.

MY PERCEPTION

During the rush I kind of felt a rush inside of me. I was imagining what my life would be like if those were my circumstances. Since I am 15 now, I would get to decide my future in one year, which sounds scary.

ANALYSIS

The people in charge of the cinematography, whose main goal was to capture a post-apocalyptic land-

scape, used an older glass to make the film look “soulless”. Three-point lighting was used to help establish the theme of the movie. Three-way lighting reduces the appearance of harsh shadows when the characters are underground training with Dauntless. It allows more up front camera angles without distractions from the background. That makes the movie feel more real, the sound and the camera aren’t ever in the same place, which makes you wonder where a certain sound came from, and you automatically search in your surroundings.

The main thematic content is about social class, because the whole movie is based on the different factions, some that have more money or privileges than others.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the movie shows a dystopian futuristic world, where people have to live extreme situations. Food is rationed, there are no jobs, there are lots of drastic stereotypes.

- I would recommend this movie because of three things.
- There is a female leader that shows the others how women are powerful and they create a movement.
- People get sick of how the government works, and start a revolution against it. That is a very good point since you should always speak up for what’s wrong or what you don’t agree with.
- It is a trilogy, which means it doesn’t end there.

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Ana Karen Ahumada Villa 3rd D

The Day of the Dead Contest

Julius Caesar

I was born in the city of Rome, a hundred years before Christ. Gaius Julius Caesar was my father's name, and one of the inheritance he left me. He was a respected general, and gave his life to the republic. I always wanted to be like him. Years passed, and so did my father; so I became the man in the family, so I began my journey in the Senate. I followed the steps of my father and took the sword in the name of Rome.

There were tales of a land that we couldn't conquer, of which the army trembled only by hearing its name. I knew that Gallia was my destiny and the opportunity to bring eternal glory to my family name. When I proposed the expedition to the Senate, they laughed at me; but men didn't fight for the senate you know? They fight for the men who leads them, they fight for the soldier standing next to them, and I knew that. My father left me more than his name, but also the respect from the soldiers, so I ignored the senate and led them into the unconquerable zone.

I successfully conquered the unconquerable and returned to Rome only to be betrayed by my generals. I fought them and won. I became the soul most powerful man in the republic, so I began to form my eternal legacy. I became dictator and renewed the political and military context of the western civilization. My son-in-law became my apprentice, but he grew greedy, so he went behind my back to put the senate against me. I was stabbed in the Roman Senate, but I laid the bases for my nephew to become the first emperor of the Roman Empire.

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Jerónimo Posada 3010

Day of the Dead Contest

Characters: Jossef Kahwagi (Rodrigo's grandfather) Amalia (Camila's grandmother)

Hi my name is Jossef Kahwagi. I was born in Lebanon, specifically in the city of Beirut. Since I was a little boy I had always wanted to travel to new countries and to see more cultures. In the early 20's, in Lebanon, there were not enough opportunities to work; so I decided to go on a three-day boat journey to Mexico, and I arrive in Tampico, Tamaulipas. Mexico would be my new home.

Once in Tampico, I started to produce textiles and cloth, because there were no other stores that could do it. I started to sell the cloth and textiles to the hotels and to the stores that needed them. I am one of the first Lebanese people that came to Mexico and it was key for the mixture of cultures, because there were no Lebanese in Mexico. I met a girl named Amalia, she was from Spain, and she's really beautiful!

Was it by faith or by chance that we both ended up in Tampico were our hearts meet? Some might not believe it; but it was, for sure, love at first sight!

"His masculine beard, his smile, the contrast of his tan skin with his green eyes and that joy they transmitted were impossible to resist."

"Her big honey eyes, her kindness and happiness drove me crazy!"

Even if we had wanted to hide our feelings, it would have been impossible! The attraction and chemistry that we had was undeniable.

One day I saw her sitting alone in nature. I gave her a pink flower, because those were her favorite. I offered her a dance with me and, of course, she said yes. Together we had one of the most romantic and beautiful nights we ever had.

Rodrigo Ávalos and Camila Vargas 3030



It is the year 2067

I'm in my late 60's, telling my grandchildren my life story...

I lived a good life. I was really happy. I tried my best to make sure I only had good vibes surrounding me, and I was able to achieve all my goals; but the most important success in my life was meeting your grandpa. Thanks to that, today, I have you guys.

My best memories are after high school. I went to Paris and lived there for 6 months, because I really wanted to learn French perfectly well, but that's not my best story. My best story is when I went to Indonesia to take care of the elephants that had been abused in circuses. They are majestic creatures that are filled with love and happiness. I hope one day I can take you there to meet those beautiful animals. I guarantee it is an experience you will never forget.

After that adventure the next one started, when I finally decided that I wanted to study business administration. So I went to start my college years in Spain, more precisely in Barcelona, Madrid, and Valencia. I was able to make lots of friends during those years, and I got the chance to visit lots of different places around Europe. In my last year of college, I finally moved in

with your grandpa. We used to live in an apartment right around the corner of our favorite restaurant. It was amazing!

Finally, today's last story is my greatest adventure. After college I decided to take a year to travel around the world before I started working, and it was the best year of my life! I went to Egypt, Morocco, Madagascar, South Africa, Thailand, India, Dubai, Japan, China, Russia, New Zealand, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Argentina, Venezuela, Cuba, Brazil, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Fiji, Hawaii, Canada, and the Polynesian Islands. That experience gave me the opportunity to learn about other people, cultures, traditions, history, stories, food; I believe it made me a little bit more human.

As you can tell, my life goal was always to be the best possible version of myself, to take more care of others than myself, to make others happy; and I did achieve that. Now, my only wish is for you to accomplish your dreams, to live a good and happy life, to do what you want and for you to be the best at that. I hope you can be as happy as I have been or, if you can, even happier!

Natalia Barreda 3020

My dears, today you'll know the one and only irreplaceable key to success in life. In order to be happy, what you need is to be surrounded by valuable company. I was lucky enough to find the love of my life and truthful friendship as years passed by. However, you need the third piece to complete the key, which is passion. In my case, I found the greatest job ever, that made me feel more alive every day. Listen closely, because finding the right balance between family, friends, and work, will lead you to have a joyful, beautiful, and fascinating life. Have you ever taken the time to think about the importance of living a happy life? All you need is an equilibrium of the three precious aspects I'm about to narrate, darlings.

First, and most important of all, I was the luckiest woman in the entire world to meet your grandpa and create a family together. Timothy and I met in college. We both studied chemical engineering at the same time. However, it wasn't a classic fairy tale love story. Oh no, at first, I hated him! We first met in math class, and he was the typical boy who took every opportunity available to say something foolish and make the class laugh, causing the teacher to get angry. He always interrupted class and didn't let me concentrate. One day, I was so upset, that I couldn't control my anger and exploded. I shouted horribly at him. My head was red, and I could feel my own blood pumping inside my head. I was hoping for Tim to apologize and stop; but instead, he surprisingly invited me for dinner. That day, that was the wonderful day where everything started. Our love only grew bigger and stronger for the rest of our days, until we decided to get married and create a family! Kids, don't follow stereotypes; the man doesn't necessarily have to propose to the bride. I proposed to him! It was such a beautiful, romantic, and adventurous proposal on the top of a mountain while we were hiking. Afterwards, your parents were born, and we became a family of four. Oh, the two blessings of my life! I couldn't be more thankful for them!

Talking about loving, let me give you some advice: life is much more fun when you have amazing friends next to you. Friendship is such a fundamental piece of the whole cake of life. High school was one of the best stages of my life, because of the people that surrounded me. I met wonderful people that made me feel more fortunate every day. My friends and I laughed all the time, had fun at parties, danced until our feet hurt, cried together when something bad happened, and of course, protected each other

in every situation. We even helped each other with school assignments or home duties. The best aspect about true friendship is that, even during the worst times, you know someone will always back you up. That is just priceless. Once, I suffered from a terrible depression during my adolescence because of some guy, which is totally normal during that age. The cure wasn't therapy, family, nor medicine; it was my friends' support. They found out the right way to cheer me up and eventually got me out of my suffering. I will always be thankful for that. Remember this rule: always appreciate the people that love you and keep them close!

Last but not least: my passion. I was able to accomplish my dreams and created my own company dedicated to save marine life on Earth. Since I was about your age, I always wanted to contribute to the environmental sustainability and help save the planet. I achieved it! During the best years of my professional life, I travelled all around the world with Tim by my side. We visited Virgin Islands with stunning landscapes that left us speechless, we scuba-dived with dolphins, sharks, and gigantic whales, and saw colorful coral reefs full of marine life. I woke up every day excited to go to work and curious about the next animal or living being I would discover in the deep blue ocean. I get nostalgic every time I think about all those adventures. Another important piece of advice that you should keep in mind is that you should not suffer because of work. Darlings, once you graduate from college, you are probably going to work for the rest of your life until you retire, like I just did. Your work should be your passion! It will play a significant role in your life and determine how joyously you live it.

In conclusion, the key to success in life is finding the perfect equilibrium between love life, friendship, and work. Think about it as a chocolate cake divided in three equal parts. If you cut one of the pieces bigger, then forcefully the other two will diminish in size. Always try to keep all three of them balanced. Follow the advice of an old lady like me, I've had plenty of experiences and learned from them, and eventually you will too! Just remember, sweeties, try to enjoy every moment. Find the good in every step, every process, and every situation. Sometimes you wait for a specific event to be happy, but you don't realize that life is always a process, and in order to find happiness you need to enjoy, not just the accomplishment of a goal, but the attempts and failures too.

Alexa Mondragón 3020

Dear Andrea, my beloved niece, whom I will always love no matter what, I'm here writing this letter to you because I know I'm about to pass away; and before I leave, I wanted you to truly know me by telling you about my childhood, my achievements, and the reason our name will never be forgotten.

For starters, I've always wanted to be a storyteller. Since I was just a little girl I knew I had a creative talent probably inherited from my father, your grandpa David, who taught me how to draw and paint, and from the very first time I tried it to this day, I still love and enjoy it. He showed me the power of colors and textures in a still image, which is extraordinary. My mom, on the other hand, showed me the beauty of reading and writing. You probably have tons of books she gave you before she passed, and I hope you get to read them all, because from them I learned many important matters that have helped me achieving my goals. I learned to write stories and ideas that got me small recognitions and awards during middle school and high school. The rest I learned from your father, my dear brother Adrian. He taught me what great music sounds like, and most importantly, he introduced me to the extraordinary world of cinematography, showing me the best films that shaped my own judgement and led me to develop this love of films, especially in my teenage years, when I finally got the chance to make one of the first real decisions of my life: what to do with my life. Choosing to study and dedicate my life to a film career has probably been one of the choices I've ever made. I'm most proud of my choice. It was the first step that led me to being able to change the world, and to help saving it.

Furthermore, the film industry gave me a voice. You see, the world, as you probably know, was at its worst. The Earth was about to come to an end because of people's selfishness, ignorance and apathy towards the future generations and what they were leaving behind. A few spoke up, but none other than very important people were being heard, and that's the reason I was listened to in the first place, because I finally had a voice thanks to my creativity and knowledge which I got from my family and my own experience, and people actually started to listen. I had a very strong ideology and beliefs, for which I very firmly stood up; especially when it came to climate change I was able to help avoiding the end. That's one of the reasons my husband and I decided to not have children, because we knew the world

There was a time you could just walk outside and appreciate trees and nature, you know? It was a great time! Let me tell you, my children, how I became the president, then started a foundation, following a Nobel prize award for my actions. Hold on to your seat and get ready to listen to how I changed the world.

I always wanted to be president. The idea of getting a job from popular election to do nothing else but to help the country I always loved (Mexico), thrilled me. To get the job, however, I had to pull some levers to get the job; but that doesn't mean that my merit is less. Anyway, I got the job and did everything and anything in my power to pass as many bills as possible to help the world in the fight against climate change and environmental issues. Isn't that great?

I have always been an activist on world conservation and global warming. That's why with my remarkable trajectory, after being president in 2050, I managed to open foundation with your grandmother to act as a non-profit organization to help reforest the world after the "Great Deforestation". That's why new trees are readapting to the environment now!

Therefore, thanks to my actions, influence, leadership and trajectory, only four years ago, I was awarded the Nobel Prize for world preservation. I'm extremely grateful I got recognition for my actions; but honestly, I'm above all, happy with what I did to avoid the world ending. Thrilling, right?

So, my children, this is the story of what I consider to be the main highlights of my professional career. Being president, opening the biggest non-profit organization in the world, and getting awarded a Nobel Prize for my actions. I hope this inspires you to do something with your life as it has inspired hundreds of people around the world.

Santiago Gómez Peón by 3010

that he or she would have to live in would be chaotic and dangerous, and the last thing the Earth needed was another person in it! I got together with a very large group of people who finally wanted to make a change. There were artists, painters, writers, actors, and business men and women from every country, who I made a plan with me to save the world.

My contribution? Well, I made the movie with the greatest worldwide impact any movie had ever had up to that day. I convinced an extremely large part of the population that climate change was real and it was killing us. I convinced so many people

A life well lived is a life filled with happiness, but also hardship. You should always try and enjoy the little things, go out with your friends and family, let love into your life and try to learn from your mistakes. Let the bad in with the good, because perfection isn't everything.

When I was born, was very different from the present. Technology and humans have done many things in 65 years. Mars was not a human colony, we used devices called cell phones and many of the things you have today did not exist. Not only that but people dressed and spoke very differently. I lived in Mexico for most of my childhood but I also lived in the United States, which was a very important moment in my life because it shaped who I am. I experience different things because of the different cultures. After high school I travelled before I did anything else, which I think everybody should do because it helps to understand what is happening around you and explore other places.

Admittedly, the turning point in my life was when I decided to move because right after I found a job that I loved and met your grandfather, who I still think is my soulmate. Then, life started to pass by

Dear children, a life well lived is the one in which you have achieved every one of your goals, and you don't regret anything. I was the best doctor in Norway. It was one of the greatest decisions that I've ever made. I spent my whole life with the love of my love. The best legacy I left, was my family and the technique of heart surgery called Nagore method. Can you imagine what a life I had?

First of all, I always kind of knew that I was meant to be a doctor. I don't know how to explain that feeling, but it is wonderful. I studied at Harvard, it was hard to enter but with perseverance, you can achieve anything you want.

As well as that, getting to know your granddad was one of the best things that could ever happened to me. We met at the hospital. As you already know, he's also a doctor. We got to know each other during a surgery. It was amazing because it was my first solo surgery. He was just standing in front of me. I actually didn't notice him until I finished the surgery. He approached me and invited me on a date. Of course, I said yes and a year later, we got married. Later on, we had four beautiful children who happened to have you. Oh, my dears, I love you so much. What I can tell you about love is that

that I actually got them to make a change in their lives and the ones of those around them. Alongside the other members of the group, which later began growing so much it became a community, we saved the world!

So here am I, writing this letter to you, my namesake, a name that will never be forgotten, and the knowledge and certainty that if the Earth ever gets this close to dying again, you and the people that care will save it again and again, because this is our home and it is our duty preserve it.

Andrea Martínez Mares 3010

really quickly because happiness can have that effect on time. Family became one of the most important things but I didn't let that stop my adventures, some of them I can't even tell you.

With this in mind, I believe that you should never stop looking for adventures. My favorite adventures were the ones that involved exploring different countries and cities like Australia, France, Japan, Canada, Africa, etc. Travelling to outer space and walking on the moon, exploring underwater caverns and talking to animals were some of my favorites. I'm so excited for you and all the adventures you'll experience because, who knows what will happen in your lifetime?

Finally, I wanted to give you some advice. In all my years if I've learnt anything it is that you should never take life too seriously. There should always be room for adventure and fun. Life is not easy and there will be hardship but you can learn from them. Lastly, you should always try to find what makes you happy because it is essential to a good life. I hope you will hear this message and take something from it, I have to hang up because the signal from Earth to Mars is not that good. I love you, goodbye.

Ana Paola Reyes 3020

it will always arrive when you least expect it. Even though, I was a great crackerjack when I was in my 20th surgery, my patient started to have a complication. I almost lost him, it was a horrible moment. The other doctors told me to let him die, but I didn't give up because I made a promise to myself in order to save lives or to give my best effort at it. It felt like an instinct, I did an amazing suture that nobody had ever made before. It saved his life, due to that I called it the Nagore method, and I even won a prize. You already know that Norway has a lot of great doctors, but I got to be the first female Mexican who was one of the top 10 doctors in Norway. Oh, never give up, always fight and stand.

Although my life was great, I lived it the best I could. I had the best job ever, and I got to share it with the love of my life, but my life isn't anything without you, my dears. You're the best kids in the entire world! My life is the best example of being passionate, and always look forward to it. The key to my successful life was never giving up, always dreaming big!

Isabel Huerta Nagore 3040



A life well lived is worth by living it. All of the decisions I took, lead me to today; because of me, you're right here sitting in my lap. I know I don't look like a dinosaur, but I lived in a different era. I was part of the generation that changed everything: a technological and social revolution. Every school day, every party with new friends doing crazy stuff, every trip meeting new cultures and bonding with other types of people, and every adventure lead to new groups of people, new relationships. I lived in a very controversial society which made up and is now today's completely new society and government.

To begin with, at school my friends were all really close and did some crazy stuff jumping off bridges, and pranks inside school. Though school was extremely stressful, it did not stop us from being crazy and goofy. Once when we were in 8th grade, most of my friends decided to go on the rooftop of our school, crazy right? We had to jump, climb, and try not to get caught; but we did! It's probably a memory I will never forget and how we almost got expelled that same day from the school I had attended my whole life! Yet school and teachers started changing. Just imagine going to school every day, learning with a notebook and using a pencil, and the next school year, you start using an iPad and technology. Well, it all started when I was still going to school and having fun.

Basically, everything was changing. Sports started to change and evolve, "classic" sports were still there but surfing, climbing, skiing, skateboarding and all of those you like, were slowly getting more popular every day. We were a generation who set a lot of today's trends. You know how all cars are super powerful, so you can fly them without damaging the environment? Their predecessors

were called electric cars. Planet Earth was about to die and we made certain changes in our diet, reusing materials and renewable energy, so we brought it back to life. We were the generation who took care of the planet and were really conscious of how we were about to destroy our habitat.

Well, I know you're wondering... and what about grandma? Well, I met granny while I was in my second semester in college here in LA. I was walking around campus and was starting to get to know some of my great friends y'all know, just like Pablo and John. It was a Friday afternoon and we were trying to get turned up, and have a fun night; but had a car accident on our way to a Frat party. Not a very serious one; but the seriousness came after, when the gorgeous lady that received the impact was not worried at all and was just laughing. When I saw her, I knew she was the right and perfect girl. Love and friendship come when and where you least expect them.

Bottomline, life is full of surprises and new, lovely, and interesting people. Collaborating with such people, the way in which the world works and society itself can always be changed. I'm the perfect example of change. I was involved in the change of climbing, because of the new styles that I started to practice and all of the championships I won. All the improvements I did for the growth and development of climbing had the purpose of making a change in the climbing world and for my sport to be the new highlight. My generation changed the perspectives and ideals of the time. The world evolved for the better. Now it's your turn, you're next! It's your time to make a change, create and have fun, so that your grandchildren know and can live in a great place just like the one you're living in.

Diego Zúñiga 3030

Hi grandchildren,

This is a letter from your grandfather. I know you didn't know me, but your parents have told you anecdotes about me. Some people thought that I was very funny, and others would just hated me because I was a very direct person who didn't mind what others thought of him. A life well lived is having enjoyed every moment in life; living today, as if there were no tomorrow, having fun and laughing with friends, family, and others; yet always caring. I was the best at parties, but I was also a great husband to my dear Alexa.

I was the king of the party. I was always a great partier. I saw everything as a good reason to celebrate. Your parents and your grandmother sometimes did not value parties as I do; however, I always convinced them to party with me. We were a very happy family, and I hope you remain united and backing up each other.

Now talking about my dear Alexa, she was the love of my life. We were a very close couple. We had many things in common, although I was in charge of taking care of the household while she worked hard to bring back home the bacon. Grandma was a Google CEO. In those days, I went to my cycle classes and had a beer and tequilas with my friends during Alexa's trips.

Your parents, a very important part of my life, ended up being warriors like me. They were very funny, and we had good times together. I hope everyone is well and healthy. I would have loved to meet you and spend time with you; but, sadly, because of my bad diet, it could not be. So, keep asking your parents what my life was like and learn more about me and from me. Always be happy and enjoy life!

German Gonzalez
Canton 3020

Since I was a kid, I always dreamed of being a princess, due to all the Disney movies. When I grew up, I started worrying about different issues. In my teenage years there were huge movements to prevent climate change, animal abuse, and meat consumption. I was very much influenced by videos, news articles, and everything that circulated through the net.

During my teenage years, I always liked to play and be outside. I loved exercising outside, and traveling to places where I could appreciate nature. The sight of natural made up the most beautiful and peaceful moments in life. I've also always had a passion for food, above all, Mexican food. Mexico is, by far, my favorite country! Its food, its natural wonders, its people and their joyful soul; but, especially, the importance of family. I used to be really close to all my family, as I am now to you, my own family.

After high school, I studied sustainable engineer, taking action in what our planet needed was my passion. I was very successful, and once went to England to give a conference. As luck would have it, I ended up meeting the prince of England, Prince Edward. We spent the whole evening together. After a couple of months of knowing each other, we fell in love. The connection between us was unbelievable, as people used to say, he was my soulmate. We got married and started living the best life. From that moment on, my life changed, and everything was centered in me being a princess and in much publicity; but I felt something was missing. My role in life was empty. So, I decided to take advantage of my fame as a princess and started an enormous movement to fight climate change and animal abuse. The movement was called "We are ONE", because I believed that to us, as humans, the Earth and nature were our mother and animals our brothers and sisters.

It was the biggest in history. With the help of all the team, we managed to protect the whales and save species, stop the poles from melting, reduce the amount of CH₂, ban animal abuse in every meat industry, and diminish the amount of meat that was consumed. Prince Edward always backed me up. We were, as we are today, a power couple. We also achieved to stop the production and the use of plastic. We promoted the use of different toothbrushes, for example, and succeed in changing 98% of England's energy to sustainable energy. We created a way to produce marine, clean energy with the movement of the waves and managed to share our know-how with many countries. "We are ONE" was also in charge of going around the world teaching people what a balanced diet required, and showed some foods that were cheap in each country, yet full of nutrients. Climate change became the most important issue in the world. It reached a point where it unified countries and society, because we all had the same concern. I managed to fulfill my goals in life by helping others out.

As a result of enjoying life when I was young and accomplishing all my dreams. I achieved to be fully happy and thankful. Movements like "We are ONE", my dear grandchildren, require young minds and ideas; that is why I want you, my grandchildren, to be in charge of it. I trust you will be able to make huge improvements. Keep on taking care of this beautiful planet that we call home. I also trust you will follow and fight for your dreams and for what makes you feel fully fulfilled.

Camila Vargas 3030



Dear grandchildren,
There are no words to describe the incredible and fun life I had when I was young. I loved going out with my friends and enjoying my free time doing fun things with them. My life was full of good memories and a lot of happiness thanks to my loved ones, who helped me and were always by my side regardless of the situation, and all I want for you is to have the same support I had. You must start enjoying your life. No matter what happens, your life must be full of good memories and pure happiness.

Back in my good old days, I used to be a very fun and outgoing person. I loved to party with my friends and meet new people. I always tried to be a good friend and give good advice to the people I loved. At school I was very bad, I never liked to study, and I was very irresponsible; still, I managed to pass all my subjects.

Believe me or not, I used to have seventeen best friends, and we did everything together. We were all very different and each one of us had a unique characteristic that made her very special. Alexa was very smart and she had the best grades anyone could get, whilst Paulina was very good at sports, etc. My friends taught me how beautiful life is when you are accompanied by special people who love you for who you really are. In the end, true friends are the ones who lift you up, when no one else has noticed you've fallen.

When I finished high school, I went on a trip with my sixteen friends, "los cuais", to Europe. We travelled together for almost two months. We went to some amazing places like Croatia and Vienna. We also met some amazing people and made friends with other people from Mexico. During the day we toured the most important places in each city, and during the evening we went clubbing until sunrise. During the trip, I met the love of my life. He was very funny and charming. I would never have expected to meet him the way I did. One of the nights we spent in Budapest, we went to a music festival called Sziget Festival, which consisted of many indie and rock artists. My friends and I had been standing for a little more than eight hours waiting for Twenty One Pilots to play, when suddenly a guy approached me and I asked me where I had bought my blouse, because he had liked it for his girlfriend. I ignored the fact that his question was weird and simply told him where I had bought it. Kindly, he thanked me and left with his friends. A few minutes later, Twenty One Pilots was on stage singing. A few songs went by and the guy asked me something again, but I couldn't hear him because I was focusing on the music. He realized that I wasn't listening to him, so he stopped talking to me. He started dancing next to me instead. When Twenty One Pilots finished, he asked me if my friends and I were interested in going to a party with him and his friends the next day. I said yes, and he asked for my phone number so he could send me the information. Sadly, the next day we left Budapest, and I never heard from him again until two years later. I had already started college in Spain, I decided to study marketing and publicity. I worked at a small company that made ecological clothes. One day, I received

a message from him saying he was in Barcelona and asked me if we could meet. It turns out, that he was a fashion designer who was looking for alternatives to make his clothes more eco-friendly. I gladly gave him many tips and we worked together on his brand for a few months. After that, we started dating and he proposed to me three years later.

To conclude, I want you to live your life to the fullest and always enjoy what life gives you. Never regret anything and always do what makes you happy.

Jimena
Ortiz Baigts
3020

Can you imagine meeting your soulmate while saving the world? Is there anything more magical? Dear grandchildren, here's the story of my foundation, the way I met your grandpa, and the family we created together.

To start this story, you have to know that the world was chaos. It was around 2030 when there was a huge famine in Asia, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the continent's population was about to starve to death. Warnings were out there since I was little, but we decided to ignore them. Our due date was there. Asia was in great danger. What could humans do to stop what we'd started? I decided to act: my dream of having my own foundation came true in 2022. By 2028 there were 6 people on board, 6 really committed people and others were starting to believe in us too. By 2030, I had a huge budget and had organized a mission to go to Bali. 40 of us were going to help one of the most vulnerable places on Earth. Would I be able to succeed?

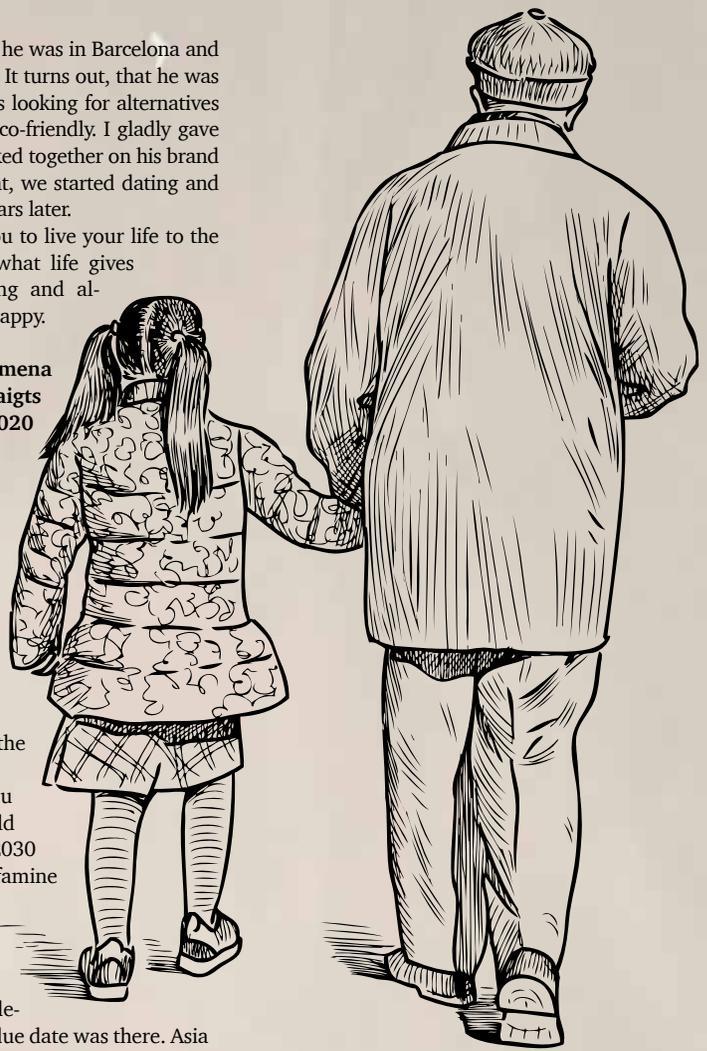
When we got there, I started meeting the crew and there he was, holding little Amelia (a girl from the town in need). I saw him and immediately got closer. Your grandpa was a gentleman. However, I didn't have time for love, I had to save the world and I didn't like the idea of failing. Weeks went by and the mission became harder each day, but we were also getting better at it. Our organization was quicker: we all had specific roles and changed every two days. Every 5th day a group of 5 people would get the missing supplies. Our medical help was improving, and more people were donating every day. By that time, I was already in love with your grandpa, after having spent so much time working together for our common goal. Finally, in 2035 the mission was over. We did it! Bali re-

covered completely. What new challenges would grandpa and I face when returning home?

Lastly, I accomplished my second dream: my own family. After getting married and having your mom Ana, Sofia, and Santiago, my heart felt fulfilled as it still is nowadays. Our life has been lovely, and the best part is I got to have you as grandchildren! Throughout the years what I have enjoyed the most is watching my family grow and evolve. Since I was a little girl, I had always dreamed of holding my baby in my arms so you can imagine how I felt having had three children and now such beautiful grandchildren. It seems as if happiness never ends in my life!

Such has been the story of my life: how my foundation worked in an era of crisis, how I met your grandfather, and the family we created to get to have you here today. I love everything I've done and that has led me to be here today. I'm most proud of my foundation, which is the most important one in the world today. It has saved a major part of the world and, as a bonus, it gave me an incredible family. If there is something clear about my life is that dreams can come true.

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