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Seongdong District







What if I Could Have a Big Meal for 4,000 Won?

By: Minhee Jo



In Seongdong-gu, anyone between the ages of 8 and 19 can eat lunch that changes every day as much as they want for 4,000 won. Additionally, you can taste nutritional balance and fresh ingredients. Do you know where it is? It is within the schools of Seongdong district that many great students attend.

Various schools in Seongdong district try to attract students' attention with their own colorful menus. Hanyang University High School introduced menus such as octopus fried rice, chicken nuggets, cheese balls, and chirendor ice cream, which are as good as most restaurants. Okjeong Elementary School has also introduced nutritious menus such as stir-fried meat, stir-fried colorful vegetables, seaweed soup and mixed rice.

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Then what about the students' opinions on this school meal? We may think that many students are naturally satisfied with these colorful menus. However, one elementary school student said, "I'm not good at eating spicy food. it's hard to eat because of the spicy stir-fried meat that is usually made at school. I also like a healthy diet, but I hope we can have delicious snacks and bread often.' Another student also said, "We don't usually finish the food because we cannot eat it all, but teachers feel burdened by pointing out not to leave any leftovers."

With the free lunch system or the efforts of many cooks and nutritionists, anyone who is currently a student can have a healthy school life without starving. It's so much better than not having school lunches in the past, but wouldn't it be better if some students' opinions were supplemented little by little? What's clear, however, is that school lunch helps our students in the Seongdong district by making our school lives better.



Seongdong- gu's Most Popular Place, Ttukseom Park

By: Jisu Park



When people go camping they usually go to mountains or valleys, not Seoul. But did you know there is a place you can go camping and swimming in Seongdong-gu? Lots of people go to Ttukseom Park to camp with their family or friends on holidays. Let me introduce this wonderful place.

What kind of things you can do there?

First of all, you can go swimming there. Ttukseom Park has an outdoor swimming pool, which is very big. People can buy tubes if they don't own a tube. Also they can buy various kind of foods such as tornado potato and grilled chicken. And in winter it turns to a sledding place.

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Second of all, you can ride a bike there. Ttukseom Park has a beautiful bicycle path. Many cyclists go there and enjoy wonderful views. Don't worry if you don't have your own bicycle. You can rent Seoul Bike. Its rental fee is 1000 won per hour and 2000 won per two hours.

Third of all, you can go camping there. As I mentioned previously, people can go camping at Ttukseom. If you want to go camping at Ttukseom, you have to book a camping place in the park. Next, bring camping supplies or rent it. Then, you can enjoy camping there with your friends.

Lastly, you can enjoy leisure activities there. The first leisure activity is riding a motorboat. You can ride a motorboat on the Han River with your friends. The motorboat fare is 40,000 won for three people or less and 10,000 won for one additional person. The second leisure activity is windsurfing. When you cross the Cheongdam bridge, you can see lots of people windsurfing. People who like to windsurf or people who want to learn how to windsurf go to Ttukseom and enjoy it. The windsurfing equipment rental fee is 70,000 won. However, if you also want to learn how to windsurf, it's 100,000 won.

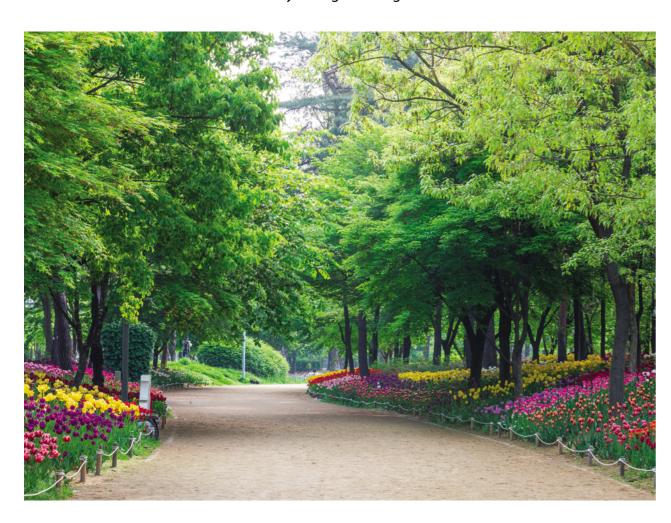


How do I get there?

People who have their own car can use the parking lot, but people who don't have their own car can use the bus or subway. The closest stop is Ttukseom Resort Station line 7.

The History and Beauty of Seoul Forest

By: Jeongwoo Jang



I'm going to introduce Seoul Forest, a rest area in Seongdong-gu. Seoul Forest is a park where not only many inhabitants of Seongdong-gucan go, but so do Seoulites. Seoul Forest meets the Han River and provides people various cultural leisure places. People visit there and rest. You can go there by subway or bus.

Before it was made, there was a racecourse at the place where Seoul Forest is now located. Horse racing was held until August 1989. Then it moved to Gwa-Cheon. There are statues that commemorate the racecourse at Seoul Forest.

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Seoul Forest consists of a cultural art park, eco forest, field trip, and marsh eco-park. There are ponds, ginkgo nut trees, and metasequoia trees at the cultural art park. People recover from fatigue that they got in daily life there and it is healing.

There are deer cages at the eco forest. Beautiful spotted deer live there, and people can feed them. You shouldn't give them things that they can't eat.

There are insect botanical gardens and butterfly gardens. You can see many insects, animals, plants and beautiful butterflies there. It is a good place to go on a picnic with children.





There is a very quiet part at the marsh eco-park, so it is good to take a walk. You can see beautiful flowers and cute ducks there.

There are many performances at Seoul Forest, and popular singers sometimes perform there. Also, some orchestras perform there, too. Many people come and have a blast when there are performances.

People often go on picnics to the Seoul Forest. Children have a fun time with their family and friends. Besides children, most Seoulites rest and spend their spare time there. According to a stay-at-home mom, Hyun Ja Kwon, she goes to Seoul Forest to take a rest.

They exercise there, too. Some people take a walk or jog by looking at the beautiful Seoul Forest scenery. Other people play sports like basketball, tennis, and so on. Also, there are playgrounds for kids, too. Visitors can borrow bicycles and ride around the forest. "I ride a bicycle and play in Seoul Forest with my family," according to a Ma Jang middle school student, Chae Rin Park.

When you are hungry, you can order delivery, or go to convenience stores at the park and have some light snacks. There are also many famous restaurants near Seoul Forest, so you can enjoy delicious foods.

If you are looking for a good place to visit in Seongdong-gu, why don't you go to Seoul Forest and have a good time?

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Why are We So Far When We Live So Close?

By: Kyungmin Kim



Nowadays, many people live in an apartment. And I live in an apartment too. When I was an elementary school student, I used to go through apartment complex. But one day, the apartment residents decided to close the door through their complex. They say the people going through their property were too loud. And I wondered why would they do that? If we were too loud, they could give us a warning. So people going through the complex can at least try to be quiet.

There is another complex near my apartment that we used to go through to get to the park. But they locked the passage with no reason. So we have to go all the way around again. And I thought, "Why would they do that?"

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There are three methods of response. First, we can retaliate against them by closing our doors. Second, we can talk to the apartment residents about opening the door. Three, we can just deal with the inconvenience and live this way. But if our apartment residents decide to use the first way to solve the problem, there would be no effect. The second way, would have an effect, but it is almost impossible to do. The third way is what almost all people decide to do.

According to my aunt, she was shocked when she visited my house, to see that all the apartments were blocked. She lives in Nowon-gu. There are a lot of apartments, but they aren't blocked. It almost seems as if they are the same one. How is it so different when the condition is same? Do we have to be so far?





I asked to my mom "What is the inconvenience of the blocked path?" she answered "That we have to go around, so the path is longer." I asked another question "Should we block our path too?" my mom answered "No, we shouldn't. If we block our path just because other apartments did, it would be a separated world."

I saw the other apartment's people going through our apartment to go to the subway station and take their children to kindergarten. When I saw that, I got angry and wondered, "What do they think when they go through our apartment? Do they feel guilty or do they think nothing?"

If it were a perfect world, we would respect each other's situation and none of this would happen. There would be no walls to block others. We would talk and find the best way to solve this question so both sides will be happy. However the world is not perfect. At least we can think about other's situation and not think about only for themselves and own goods. Then we can get closer.

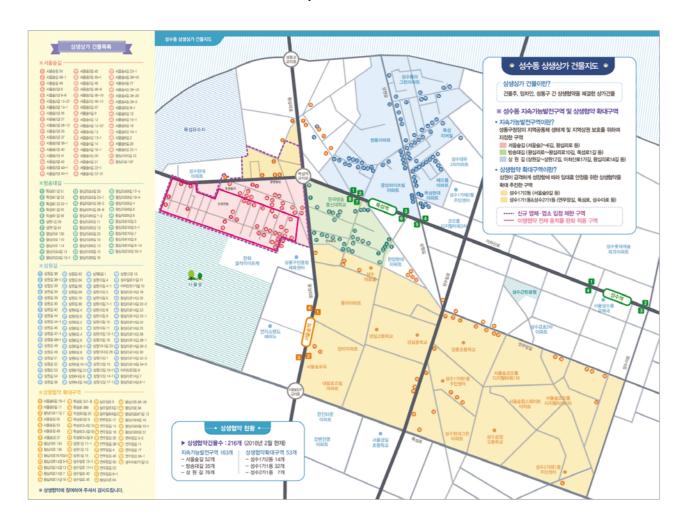
I hope our town's locked apartment doors all open magically and we become closer.

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Seongdong's Special Recipe to Solve Gentrification: And Now?

By: Subin Cho



How would you feel if you had to leave your home where you were living for a long time? Some merchants in Seongsu-dong have experienced that problem. There had been some attempts to use warehouses as a place of art, and Seongsu-dong has been changed from a dismal area of shoe factories into an area of appealing attractions, recently emerging as a 'hot place'. More and more people have come to Seongsu and the business district has developed. Everyone who lived and worked in Seongsu was happy about this at first, but it was not entirely good. Some merchants who ran a store for a long time in Seongsu found themselves on the verge of being driven out.

What is threatening people in Seongsu? It is GENTRIFICATION. Gentrification is a phenomenon

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that occurs when poor places develop and rich people start to live there. Original residents have to leave because of high rent. To solve this problem, Seongdong-gu took action to resolve the gentrification. According to a department on the Sustainable Development of Seongdong District Office, first, Seongdong-gu assigned "Seongsu-dong Sustainable Development Zone" and acted: encouraging a win-win agreement between building owners and tenants and restricting the opening of franchises. Also, they started to run the 'Seongdong Public-Relief Building' and six 'Seongdong Public-Relief Arcades' in Seoul Forest IT Castle and some more



for local merchants suffering from high rent. The rent for the building is cheaper than the market price and lease period can be renewed to 10 years, the anxiety of leaving unintentionally seems to be gone.

Recently, however, some problems are rising. For example, some people argue that the location of the building is a little remote. This means that as there are few people passing by the Seondong relief building, the stores in the building suffered from a decrease in the sales. This issue was broadcasted by some media. After this, Seongdong-gu began to take action. According to Boksun Yoon, the owner of 'Yoons Kimbap' in Seongdong relief building, her store has become better recently. "Seongdong-gu helped my store to expand and the sales began to increase," she said. "And I just wish it would be better if the building is located in a place with a large floating population. Still, I know that it's already hard to do like this, providing a building for merchants."

Providing and installing gentrification-free areas for merchants who are suffering from high rent sound like a wonderful way to solve gentrification. However, there is a slight defect, too. Fundamentally, I think it's important to cooperate with landlords and tenants to keep their area active. Also, it is crucial for the district office to continue watching and suggest a solution when problems rise, as they have once done.

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Do You Know a Good Place to Travel in Seongdong-gu?

By: Rae won Kim



For one time, you might have wanted to feel a small happiness near you. If you live in Seongdong District, you're lucky. Many people know 'Seoul Forest' and 'Eungbong Mountain'. But there are many good places to travel besides these. Don't forget Seongdong District has many hot places.

"What do you think there is a place to visit in Seongdong District?"

According to Nam Gil Kim, who is 50 years old, and a Seongdong District employee, "It's good to visit several times because it's close to home."

"The Page Gallery" is located in Seoul Forest. It looks like a European big art museum. Big and

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various exhibitions, how graceful. And Seoul Forest has many yards, festivals and healing places. I recommend that you play in Seoul Forest after you visit The Page Gallery. If you want to heal with artist's work, you can go there to enjoy your small happiness.

"Wangsimni Square" is on a main street and has many festivals, pop-up markets and volunteer works. People also choose this as a meeting place. It is located in front of E-mart. There is also a middle school nearby. So it is usually crowded with people. If you want to enjoy a small festival or a market, you can check out the schedule and come here.

"Muhakbong Neighborhood Park" is located near many apartments.

If you live in 'Kumho Bestvill', 'KCC', 'Xi' you can go there in a minute. You can feel a little healing too. It has two badminton courts and a basketball post. And if you go to the top, you can see the Hawangsimni's sight. At night, you may see a little spectacle.

These are three places that are good to visit. But people's opinions are important. So I asked him again. "What do you think about Seongdong District's facilities' condition?" According to Nam Gil Kim, "It is lacking compared to Gangnam. So we have to invest in facilities."

You can go to these places by car, taxi, bus or subway. These three places may or may not be famous. Just play and enjoy. Enjoy a part of your life. But if people don't like it, it can't be useful. "Is the number of leisure facilities in Seongdong District appropriate?" According to Nam Gil Kim, "No, not enough. I think we need more for children to play, and more cultures and amusement facilities for middle and high students." Seongdong District has leisure facilities. But people think it is not appropriate. We have to supplement it.

You don't have to come far from home. It is important that you are enjoying it. If they aren't your style, you can find your own style. It is not true happiness to be forced to enjoy something. Finding your own enjoyment of life is a good way.



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Endangered Species in Korea

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As the global warming is getting worse every year, our ecosystem is getting damaged and polluted. As a result, animals are losing their territories. These animals have become endangered species or worse, become extinct. Endangered species are defined as a species of animal or plant that are seriously at risk of extinction. Korea has become one of the top countries with serious pollution. For the past 4 years, fine dust has been a serious political issue. According to Science Daily, 'A new study shows that even though water quality has improved in South Korea's Han River basin since the 1990s, there are still higher-than-acceptable levels of pollutants in some of the more urbanized regions in and around Seoul'. For these reasons, Korea's endangered species are at risk living in this environment.

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Red-crowned crane

A red crowned crane, also well known as the bird on the 500 won coin, is one of the most popular endangered species in Korea. They are endangered because of water diversions, human disturbance, collisions with power lines, land development, pollution and environmental contamination. On February 9, 2019, over 5,900 red-crowned cranes were spotted by a birdwatcher in Cheorwon County, Gangwon Province.

Sable

On May 29th, 2019, a sable has been found somewhere in Mt.Mudeung. Sables are one of the few endangered species in Korea. They haven't been found for 4 years since 2015. They got caught in one of the cameras and they are assuming that there are two out in the wild life. Since sables live in the forest, it means that the forest is clean, and ecosystems are healthy as well. Mudungsan committee officer, who are looking after the forest, haven't specified they are to protect sables from any harm.

The Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea have a lot of endangered species like Amur leopard cats, red-crowned cranes, and the Siberian musk deer. According to a statement from the Republic of Korea Ministry of Environment, about 2,000 species live within the DMZ, many of them endangered.

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Bubble Tea

By: Suji Lee



These days, there are drinks that adults and students enjoy. One of them is bubble tea. Although it is the most famous in Taiwan, it is also hugely popular in Southeast Asia. Some people would call it the national beverage of Asia. Bubble Tea is said to be the most popular drink in Taiwan and Japan. It is also called bubble tea or boba tea in the U.S. Canada, and Korea. China calls it Jinju milk tea or Pearl milk tea. Bubble tea is a beverage made with milk tea and tapioca-pearls, which goes into bubble tea. The tapioca is made by collecting starch from the root of a material called Casabar, which looks similar to the sweet potato in Korea.



Tapioca-pearl is said to have low levels of fat, calories, and cholesterol, and is rich in fiber, calcium, and vitamin C. Calories play an important role in Bubble Tea's once popular drink because it is a low-calorie food with less than 3 calories per tapioca-pearl. This is helpful for diets. Many people enjoy eating and drinking bubble tea because you can enjoy chewing the tapioca with a cool drink. Bubble Tea stores that are popular in Korea are Gongcha, Amasvin, Tiger Sugar, and Black Hwadang.

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Finding Out: Korea's Martial Art Taekwondo

By: Kyungmin Kim



There are a lot of Taekwondo studios in Korea, especially near schools. I used to go to Taekwondo. But I hurt my ankle, so I am resting. I will return to it when my ankle heals.

There is Poom in Taekwondo. It's like a rank. Under that, there is a different belt. This also shows rank. There is white belt to black belt. In black belt, it turns to Poom or Dan. To go up this belt, we have to take a test. It is different at each stage but usually it tests Poomsae and Kyorugi. According to the Taekwondo Glossary Information Dictionary, Poomsae is a gathering of movements. It is made to train without a trainer. Kyorugi is a way to determine the superiority of technique against the opponent. If you pass this test, you can go up to the next belt. But last two Poom belt and Black belt are a little different.

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To get Poom belt, he or she has to pass a different test. This is a bigger test. It's called Kukkiwon. It looks the same, but there is more. It checks the basic actions and it is more particular. The judges are from a more specialized society. It takes more and more times.

According to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Taekwondo has been selected to be an Olympic event. In the Olympics, there is Poomsae, creating Poomsae and Kyorugi. For the early phase, Korean players were the greatest. But as time passed, other country players became very good. So it's hard to win. I hope our country wins but it's not easy.



I hope many Koreans are proud of Taekwondo and learn it so our country's traditional martial art won't be lost and be good at it.

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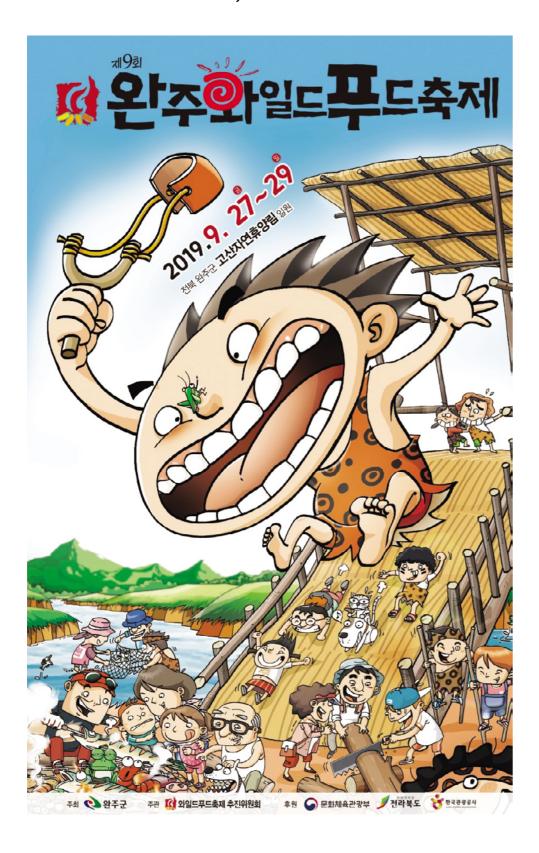
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What do We do at the Festivals?

By: Subin Lee



In Korea there are many different kinds of festivals. People love watching and experiencing the festival programs. The most famous festivals are food festivals. People can learn some of Korea's food cultures and eat foods that are related to the festivals. Two festivals are 'Wanju Wild Food Festival' and 'Incheon Rice Culture Festival'.

Wanju Wild Food Festival started in 2011. The festival opens every year in September. This year the festival started on September 27th and finished on September 29th. There are free booths and booths that we have to pay money for. There are cooking competitions for foreigners, a playground that children can play on, and concerts that people can sing at. People who have lived in the countryside visit more because they can remember the different tastes of cultures and play.



Incheon Rice Culture Festival started in 1999. The interesting thing is the name of the festival was 'Incheon Hepap Rice Festival', but in 2004 it changed to 'Incheon Rice Culture Festival'. Also, in 2003 it became a regional festival designated by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. This year, it started on October 16th and finished on October 20th. There is an agricultural yard where we can learn about our rice in detail, a children's story yard that children can learn rice cultures easily, and other activities, too.

If you want to start enjoying festivals, these festivals will be a great chance for you. It's also good to try other festivals in Korea. By going to the festivals, you will become knowledgeable about Korean culture.



US vs China – Trade War By: Subin Choi



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US vs. China - Trade War

By: Subin Choi



There is no room for two kings in one castle. In July 2018, the U.S. President Donald Trump began a trade war against China. He imposed tariffs on several Chinese products and said it is all because of unfair trade practices and intellectual property theft by China. As a response, Chinese government immediately imposed the same number of tariffs on American goods, too.

A tariff is a special tax that a government collects on goods coming into a country. The original intention of a tariff is to make imported goods more expensive than local products, so that consumers buy more local products. The trade war between the U.S. and China is still going on and lots of experts are concerned it would hurt many companies and consumers of both countries. However, President Trump said the trade war has been beneficial to the U.S A. President Trump thinks these acts are going to cut the trade deficit* with China that has originally been widened because of China's unfair trade practices.

He has raised tariffs on Chinese steel, aluminum and etc. China wants revenge. They have raised tariffs on American agricultural products, computers and etc.

Several negotiations between the U.S. and China on the trade war have ended with no agreement. Some experts say that the trade war is actually a <u>supremacy</u>** fight between the U.S. and China, so the war won't end easily. Korea is expected to be one of the largely affected countries if the trade war continues. Kim Yun-Hee, a trade officer from the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) office in Beijing, said South Korean companies had raised concerns over the trade conflicts, including companies that did not have products on the US tariff list. "South Korean exporters depend heavily on China and the U.S. It will be one of the hardest hit economies in the world if an all-out trade war breaks out," Kim said.

In an interview with an anonymous female Korean citizen about the US and China Trade War, she replied, "The two bullies are fighting, and I hope they both lose."

*Trade deficit: a situation in which a country buys more from other countries than it sells to other countries.

^{**}Supremacy: the quality or state of having more power, authority, or status than anyone else.



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Friday the 13th Reputation

By: Nahye Rhim



There are some colors, dates, and numbers that represent special meanings. In China, red is the national color for good luck, beauty and good fortune. In many cultures, the number 7 is considered as lucky. In Korea, people don't like number 4 because it means death in Chinese characters. In many countries, especially in western superstition, Friday the 13th has a bad reputation.

This illogical fear of the number 13th is scientifically called 'triskaidekaphobia'. Thomas Fersler, a scientist at the University of Delaware, announced that 13 is a number which comes after number 12, a number which numerologists, (people who studies believes in the divine or mystical relationship between a number), consider a 'complete' number. Another theory, based on religious beliefs, is that Jesus was crucified on Friday and the day before, he had the last supper with his 12 apostles.

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According to the Stress Management Center and Phobia Institute, about 17 to 21 million people in the US get triskaidekaphobia. This causes them to break their daily routine, cancel any flights, or doing anything from causing accidents. It creates a huge effect the US economy. It causes about \$900 million of business loss. But on the other hand, people fear to even to get out of their bed. A study by the Dutch Center for Insurance Statistics reported that there were less traffic accidents, fires, and thieves on a Friday the 13th.

So why don't you take the risk and treat yourself with a bargain!

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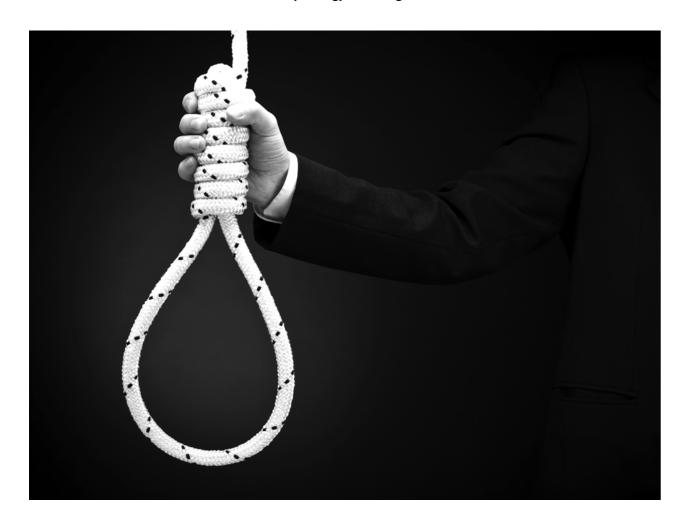
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Death penalty

By: Yungjoon Jung



What is the death penalty? Death penalty is a penalty that kills criminals. However, is it right to kill people even though they are a criminal? The death penalty's agreement is still an issue.

Proponents of the proponents state that 'They are criminals. Some of them have killed people. So they should pay for their crime.' Other proponents have said that the 'Death penalty is the only way to make the victim's family feel better.' It means it doesn't matter because they are criminals.

However, opponents of the death penalty say 'Even though they are criminals, they are people. They have a right not to be killed. We are not a god. We can't make people die just like a god.' This means that we need to respect people's right, even though they are criminals.

There is a book called A <u>Reasonable Objection</u>, that tells people about the death penalty. The author explains the reason why we shouldn't have the death penalty. For example, the author tells us about John, who died from the death penalty in England. He was suspected as a criminal. After he was dead, people discovered that he wasn't the criminal. That means John died as an innocent person. The death penalty can lead to these kinds of problems.

Do you know about the Incheon Elementary School murder? Elementary students were murdered without reason. How would we feel if we were the family of that student? We would be too heart broken and angry towards the criminal. The death penalty is the only way to punish the criminal for the victims, and others. According to the victim's family of the crime, they said "I'm too angry now. I feel too heartbroken whenever I think about my daughter. I think the criminal need to be punished as much as possible, such as the death penalty!"

What do you think about the death penalty?

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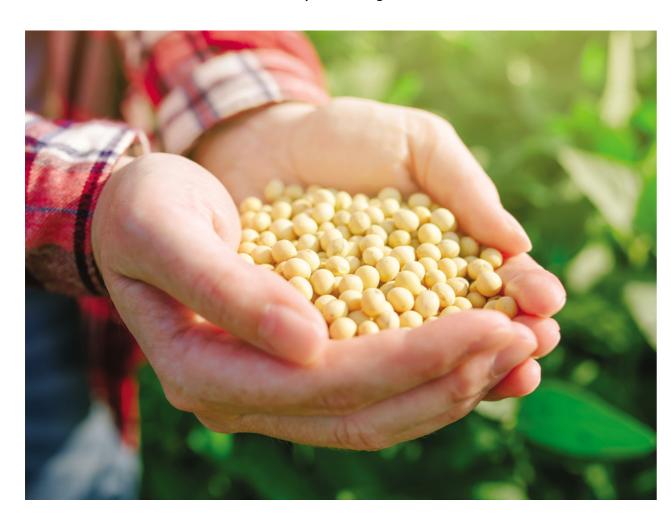






The Disaster of GMO

By: Junu Jung



Nowadays we can see a lot of genetically modified organisms around us. When we eat breakfast, lunch, dinner there is a lot of food made by GMO. But many people usually don't worry about GMO food or even GMO. What is a GMO? Why is it a problem?

GMO means genetically modified organisms. By changing the genes of an organism, it complements the disadvantages. But the problem is modifying genes can make mutant genes which may turn the organism into a mutant. Primatologist, Jane Goodall, in a speech at the National Press Club, said that there are side effects from GM foods in livestock and they will eventually come back to humans. A professor at Khan University, Serena, and the experiment team had an experiment team fed GM corn to 200 mice for 2 years. The end result found cancer from the mice.

Also, more than a decade after the cultivation of GMO soybeans in Argentina, many diseases such as stillbirth, cancer, tumors, down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, immune system deficiency and endocrine diseases have increased rapidly. More particularly, 30% of newborns were malformed, and the people demanded a ban, but the Argentinean government refused GMO soybeans because they accounted for 50% of annual agricultural exports.



Knowing what GMO is and what it could do to your health, would you still eat the food that might be genetically modified or might use GM crops?

You should purchase food that has non-GMO marks on it.

Future Food

By: Seungbin Lee



Today, our food problem is getting bigger. The world's population is increasing 1.7% each year while the pasture is gradually disappearing. The Earth is getting hotter day by day.

This article will introduce about future food. In the future, insects will become our new food. The Food and Agricultural Organization, or FAO, chose insects for our future food because they are easy to produce and are very healthy. Insects have more protein than cows, sheep, pork, and chicken. In the movie, "Snow Piercer", humans made their food with insects.

Second, a nutrient drink called Soylent will become new type of food. Soylent can save 70% of our money since it is very cheap. It has high amount of protein, collagen, and calcium carbonate. One cup of this nutrient drink will be good enough for a meal.

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The third future food is krill. Krill live in the southern pole of Earth. So, they are called the shrimp of the Antarctic. They have a lot of protein and omega 3. They are a strong candidate for future food because they are about five tons and they have a strong breeding power.

Fourth is growing vegetables in the building. This can save our time and we can eat more fresh vegetables.

From this list, which one will be your favorite future food?

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Slime, are You Safe?

By: Somin Lee



Have you ever heard of slime? These days, a sticky substance called slime is gaining huge popularity among elementary school students.

Then, why do children like slime? Seoyul Lee, a 5th grader in elementary school said, "At first, all my friends had slime, so I touched the slime my sister made when she was young. Slime is soft and sticky and feels good when I touch it. I feel like I can relieve my stress by touching it." Slime's softness and stretching seem to have appealed to many children. There are popular YouTube videos that show how to make slime. Touching it and having fun have made slime even more popular among children. However, is slime safe?

The Korea Consumer Agency said, "According to results of collecting and inspecting 100 kinds of

slime from 20 slime cafes nationwide, 19 of them were not suitable for safety standards." In addition, boron was detected up to seven times higher than the European standard in slime. Boron is a toxic substance that affects the development of the reproductive system. So, if it's over-exposed, it can have an adverse effect on a child's reproductive development or puberty growth.



Also, slime causes environmental pollution. When you throw out the slime, carcinogens, such as foam-aldehyde in the slime, are mixed in the water and contaminate the water quality. In addition, if an individual burns the slime, there could be air pollution problems.

So, can't children play with their favorite slime anymore...? Fortunately, there is a solution. You can use slime that has been certified by the state-approved KC. The slime uses new eco-friendly materials. Therefore, safer slime use is possible. Also, when you throw away slime after using it, you can spread it out, dry it in the sun, and put it in a trash bag.

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Why do People Think Math is Hard?

By: Jeongwoo Jang



One subject that we think is hard is math. Why do people think math is hard?

Math is the subject of studying the properties of amount and space. There are many fields in math, such as algebra, geometry, and analytics. Algebra is the study of theories involving calculations related to numbers or letters. Typical examples are prime factorization, and equation.

Geometry is the study of the shape, size and location of objects, such as dots, lines, faces, and shapes. Geometry has progressed steadily since the Egyptians created it. Triangles, circles, angles, and the Pythagorean Theory correspond to geometry.

Analytics is the study of functions, which students learn in detail in college. Analytic concepts include calculus, infinity, and series.

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Why do people think math is hard?

Actually, math is not as difficult and boring as we think it is. Math is a very familiar and interesting subject to us. However, we think math is difficult and that solving hard problems has little to do with real life. We don't understand the use of math in real life.

According to a study on the growth process of 50 elementary and secondary school students, published by the Korea Institute of Curriculum and Evaluation, the first time students experience difficulties in math is when they learn fractions. Some of the students who participated in the study did not understand the fundamental arithmetic operations of fractions, even when they were in the fourth grade of elementary school and second grade of middle school.

"Most of the underachieving students who participated in the study were experiencing difficulties in math, and unlike the elementary second-grade math, they were exposed to fractions and shapes as they entered the third grade, which is where more and more students formed negative feelings about math," the researchers said.

Like these students, if you have negative feelings about math in the third grade, you will give up math and lose confidence when you learn harder concepts.

To break these barriers, you should find how math is used in real life. If a student who dislikes math and likes to play baseball realized that math applies to baseball, the student might reduce the prejudice that math is not fun at all.

According to the above study, one of the students who thought math was difficult became a sixth grade student and began finding math interesting. The reason this student could become interested in math was, first, because he studied the arithmetic that he found difficult. Also, the student's teacher used the characters of PC games and movies to organize math stories related to the contents of math studies and ran the class using cards, so the student became interested in math.

Actually, I also hated studying math. However, because I became interested in math when I started watching a TV program about math geniuses. Afterwards, I studied math hard. I realized that math is related to everything and it is really important.

If you feel repulsed by math, why don't you get interested in it and diligently study a section that you find difficult?

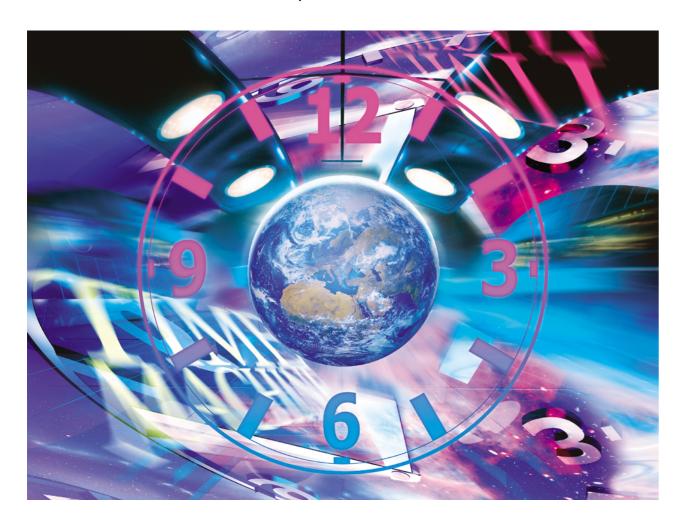
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Time Travel is a Science!

By: Rae won Kim



Do you want to time travel? Time travel has been popular from <u>The Time Machine</u> by H.G. Wells to "Avengers: End Game". Time travel is our dream. It may be possible after we die. Now I think it's possible to time travel. You know that time travel is only in the imagination. But it is not only imagination, it is science!!!

According to Naver Dictionary, time travel is divided into "Future travel" and "Past travel." First, future travel is easier than past travel. Moving fast or traveling to places like black holes with very large gravity can cause travel time into the future because time flows slowly. Even now, some astronauts are experiencing time travel, although it's a very short time. Russian astronaut Sergei Abdeyev, who was in orbit for a total of 748 days, has already traveled a fifth of a second into the future. It means that time travel is possible. But the reason I say it's impossible is because humans lack scientific skills and now it's

impossible for very short time travel. Maybe you can't feel it.

Second, past travel is more difficult than future travel. It means returning to the place where we started in time and space. If an object can run faster than light exists, in normal time and space, it can't return to where it started. People might time travel in the future. I think that



you know "wormhole" (a hypothetical pathway that is said to be able to travel by a shortcut across a long distance from space). Wormholes appear in many movies. It links a "blackhole" (a gravitational object that cannot escape even the fastest light in the universe) and a "whitehole" (a heavenly body that offers everything). Even if we go into the wormhole, there are other variables. So it is impossible in the present time. If a genius such as Albert Einstein appeared in the world again, we could time travel.

Time travel is used in various movies and books. Just as space travel has been imagined in the past, time travel will not end in imagination. Many people think USA (CIA) has a solution but it keeps secrets. Time travel might not change the present, but only makes multiverses (only change past). If time travel is possible, when would you like to travel?

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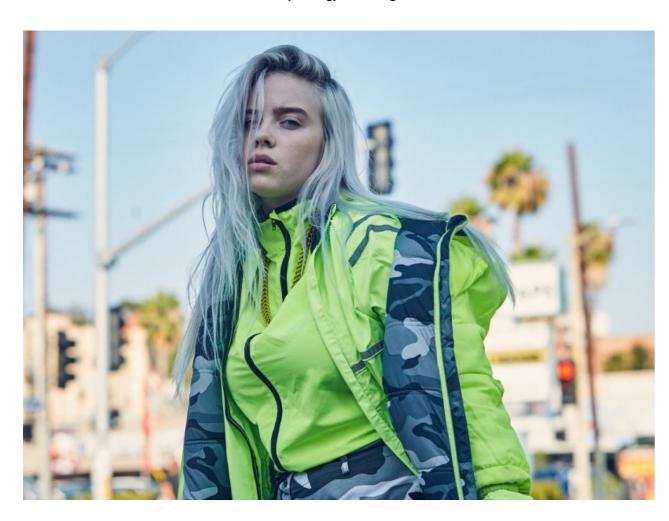




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Billie Eilish, a hot new singer appeared with an amazing song named 'Bad Guy'. Lots of people have said 'This song is too addicting'. She is only 19 years old. Even though she's 19 years old, she has a remarkable voice and a singing ability. In an interview she said that she heard lots of songs such as Beatles, Linkin Park, and more. She also said that Tyler The Creator is a great artist who influenced her. She said that his music video is more creative than the other artists, and she shows her music without limits. Through this process, she achieved the first place on the billboard.

In an interview on The Ellen Show, Billie Eilish talked about her illness. She said that she needed courage to introduce her illness by herself. This illness makes her to do something unnatural, such as shaking head, blinking eyes too fast, etc. She said, "To me, Tourette Syndrome is just one of my characteristics." Through her, lots of people who have Tourette Syndrome have gained courage to be

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themselves. Her illness is called 'Tourette Syndrome' also known as 'Tic disorder'.

Billie Eilish's dream was to be a dancer. She started dancing when she was 8. However, after hurting her knee by accident, she stopped dancing and started to sing. At first, she uploaded her singing on YouTube and 1,000 people watched her video. Since then, she gained the confidence to further push herself as a musician.

On August 15, 2018, Billie Eilish had a performance in Korea. After hearing her songs, lots of people evaluated her. 'Her voice is dreamlike', 'She has high quality songs and lyrics'. People wanted her to have more performances in Korea. I hope she will become a more famous and successful musician.

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J.K Rowling: An Inspiration for Young Koreans

By: Subin Choi



"Expecto Patronum!" If you know this magic spell, you have probably read the famous book, Harry Potter, written by J.K Rowling. Even though many know about Harry Potter, not many know much about the author.

Joanne Rowling was born on 31st of July 1965 in England. The young Joanne grew up surrounded by books. According to the JK Rowling website, she said, "I lived for books. I was your basic commonor-garden bookworm, complete with freckles and National Health spectacles." Joanne wanted to be a writer from an early age. She wrote her first book at the age of six – a story about a rabbit, called Rabbit. At just eleven, she wrote her first novel – about seven cursed diamonds and the people who owned

them. Before the success of the Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling was depressed. Many of her books, including Harry Potter, were rejected by publishers.

The idea for the Harry Potter series had come to her years before on a train ride from Manchester to London. The Latin she learned in the classics helped her a lot when she made up magic spells, such as "Lumos". The 'dementors' introduced in the third book were inspired by her mental illness during her poverty



phase. With the beginning of her depression and the lack of visible opportunity, Rowling treated her rock-bottom as a conclusion, and the feeling that accompanied her failure was acceptance. With time, she realized that though her situation was what it was, it could also be more.

After overcoming many hardships, she became a famous female writer, who became an inspiration for young Koreans. The fantasy novel wasn't a popular genre in Korea in the past, but because of Rowling, now many young Koreans inspired by Harry Potter look for other fantasy novels that would take them in to a different world. Also, she gave hope to many young Koreans (especially women) who feel failure. In an interview with an anonymous student, I asked why JK Rowling was an inspiration for kids. Their response was "I think JK Rowling is very inspirational because she is the most famous and wealthy female writer who overcame many difficulties like being a divorced jobless single mom. She gives me hope when I feel beaten down by life."

J.K Rowling said, ""It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default." J.K Rowling faced so many difficulties and rejections, but never gave up. Finally, she published Harry Potter, and became the most successful and beloved female writer in the world. If you have a dream or a passion, consistently strive for it!

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BTS Returns with a New Album

By: Hayoon Jo



K-pop superstars BTS released their new mini album, "Map of the Soul: Persona" on March 12, 2019. BTS received a global chart on the comeback stage on the US 'SNL' and updates their record every day.

BTS syndrome has begun again. The album has attracted the attention of the world, which has produced a hot response from before their comeback. Their album sold a total quantity of 302 million copies, including collaborations with world-class singers Hashi and Ed Sheeran. The music video of BTS, 'Boy with Luv' exceeded 100 million views on YouTube and was one of the fastest videos to hit 100 million views. This proved that BTS is indeed a global star idol group.

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As the reputation of BTS has risen globally, the Korean Wave has become stronger as interest in

Korea, the home of BTS, has increased. A teenager living in Seoul fell in love with BTS. She said, "BTS has excellent musicality above all else. They overwhelmed the world with their music, and interest in Korea has increased because of them. I am proud that BTS is a singer from our country." Another teenager said, "Member V of BTS is my favorite. He's so handsome, but his voice is husky. Other members have different personalities. BTS is the best.'

The fan club "ARMY" is BTS' biggest supporter of being able to operate in the world like this way. Army has voluntarily created promotional and translation accounts to offer subtitles in 11 languages in real time and is making BTS' name known around the world. Thanks to the activeness of ARMY in Korea, the Korean wave is accelerating further. Overseas ARMYs are learning Korean to understand the songs of BTS, as well as Korean music, food, culture and history.

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The Greatest Worries of Youth: Pimple

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If you are a human, certainly you've had pimples or you're having pimples, or you'll get pimples. Pimples, or acne, are caused by complex hormone secretion, genes, cosmetics, or more. In particular, acne occurs most frequently between the ages of 14 and 19 for men and women. This is due to puberty.

Most young adults are worried about their pimples. But what solutions are there? An anonymous student, Mr. Lee, said "I think cleansing is most important. I've gotten pimples. So, I cleaned my face and got rid of them." On the other hand, another anonymous interviewee Mrs. Moon said, "I think the health of the body and acne are connected. When I don't work out, I get more pimples." Depending on people's dispositions, the way they get acne can be different. So, check if it fits you and use that way carefully.

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One of the most famous ways to treat acne is a 'limp massage'. 'Limp massage' is an effective way to reduce the secretion of hormones and removing toxins from the body. First, massage the forehead, temples, and cheekbones for about 15 to 20 times by pressing outwards in a spiral motion. Then do a hollow sweep of the eye and under the parts of the eye. Lastly, raise up from the middle of the chin to the base of the ear.

Lack of sleep, eating instant snacks, skin contact, irregular meals, sweat, constipation, stress, high temperatures, humid conditions, greasy conditions, and more, can make your acne worse. Most pimples heal naturally after your teenage phase. So, just waiting can be a better treatment than using strange chemicals on your skin.

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What Makes You Decide Disadvantageously?

By: Subin Cho



Do you think that you're a perfectly reasonable person? Well, you may be, but you are not likely to be in most cases. This is because most people are affected by sellers' various psychological strategies. WARNING! There are so many factors that prevent you from spending your money reasonably.

First one is "anchoring effect." As a ship anchored doesn't move, the price or any other condition which is firstly presented would have influence on decision. For instance, you would have experienced this in a clothing store: a skirt with the highest price is presented at notable point. This makes other skirts with lower price seem much cheaper and more affordable, even if it's not that reasonable compared to another skirt in another store.

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Also, some enterprises use the "endowment effect." "Endowment effect" is when people think their stuff is more valuable than it actual is. You can find this concept in this experiment: researchers divided people into group A and group B. Both groups were shown the same mug; Group A was asked how much money they would pay for it and Group B wasn't. A few minutes later, when both groups were asked how much they would charge for it, the average price of group A was higher than that of Group B. This is used in "experience marketing." Because of the endowment effect, people who experienced a product feel like they own it, so they tend to buy the product.

We've gone through some concepts in the perspective of marketing, but these can also be used when we make other decisions in our lives. Don't be attracted by the opponent's strategy, and make reasonable decisions considering these ideas.

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Can You Hear My Sound?

By: Soomin Lee



Intro

Have you ever been to the orchestra? Or have you ever looked at an orchestra? And have you heard an orchestra? An orchestra has groups that have different sounds and make one story. An orchestra is a group of many instruments. There are various instruments and many performers.

Strings

First, there are musical stringed instruments. Among the stringed instruments, there are 1st violin, 2nd violin, viola, cello, and contrabass.

Wind

Next, some musicians make sound by breath: wind instruments. Wind instruments can be divided

into woodwind and brass. Woodwind instruments refer to instruments that are made of wood. Examples are flute, clarinet, oboe and bassoon. Trumpet, trombone, horn and tuba are examples of brass.

Percussion

Last are the percussion instruments. Timpani,

triangle, bass drum, snare drum and cymbals are typical examples of percussion instruments.

Seating

Where do performers take a seat? There's a rule. Based on the conductor the violin is on the left. Viola is in the middle and cello is on the right. Contrabass is behind the cello. Flute and oboe are behind the viola, and the bassoon is behind the flute and oboe. The horn is next to the bassoon. The trumpet, trombone and tuba are behind the wind instruments. Lastly, percussion instruments are behind the brass.

Classic music

Orchestras usually play classical music. It takes effort to enjoy classical music because most people feel bored listening to classical music. As more and more classical music is listened to, we can enjoy it more. It's better for those who are not used to orchestra to listen to short symphony rather than long ones.

Conclusion

Playing a solo instrument and playing orchestra are very different if they play same music. Orchestra can make a much fuller and more varied sound.

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Compare and Contrast of Aladdin

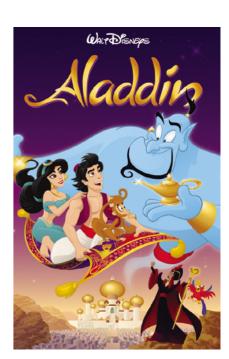
By: Ji won Kim



On May 23, 2019 the movie Aladdin was released. In the past there was another Aladdin. I'll compare and contrast the two Aladdins.

Aladdin was released as an animation in 1992. The director was John Musker and voices include Scott Weinger, Robin Williams, Jonathan Freeman, Linda Larkin. According to Naver Movie, Aladdin scored a 9.34/10.

The live-action version of the movie Aladdin came out in 2019. The movie was more inspired than the past one. It was directed by Guy Ritchie. The actors include Mena Massoud, Will Smith, Marwan Kenzari, and Naomi Scott. Aladdin scored a 9.41/10.



Here is how the movies compare: they are both from the story <u>Aladdin and the Magic Lamp</u>. They're both from Disney. And the most important one, Jasmine is beautiful, Aladdin is super handsome and they fall in love.

Here is how they contrast: the first movie in 1992 is just an animation. But the second one is a real version. In the story there is a genie of ring but, in the movie, there are no ring of genie. And modern movie time is longer than former one.

I like this movie, because the actors are beautiful, handsome, and the songs are good to hear.

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