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Social Media Apps

By: Olivia Lee

Guess how many people use social media? You're probably thinking a lot. Well you are indeed correct! We will now be showing different kinds of social media that almost everyone might have or at least heard of. The first app that is used very often is Snapchat. I'm sure that you have heard about this app many times. Snapchat is known throughout middle school, elementary and high school. This app is known mainly for it's skills to have filters on various people. Not only is snapchat used for filters they are also used for texting. Snapchat has other cool features like showing your friends location or even to post things on your stories so other people can see it.



The 2nd app is instagram. I am sure many of you know what instagram is. Instagram is where you can post pictures of you or someone else to see other people post various pictures on their stories. You can gain as much followers you want and you can follow as many people you want on this app. Instagram is widely known among middle schoolers! Many people just use this app to post pictures and videos, but you can also text, facetime and go live on this app! Who knew a small purple camera app could do so much more than take pictures!



The final app that probably 99.99% of the world knows is...Youtube. Almost every single person knows what Youtube is and uses it daily. Youtube is a social website where you can go on and post videos of your own, Post picture on your community, go live or see videos from your favorite Youtube channels. Youtube contains many content like gaming videos, daily vlogs, your favorite music and more! One of the coolest features about Youtube is that you can easily see people posting from different states and countries. For example, if you want to see Korean youtubers all you have to do is search up their Youtube channel and a bunch of Korean videos will come up.



Those were all the social media app/website that are commonly used daily. Have you tried these apps? I am sure you've at least tried one. You can get all these apps easily in the play store or just search it up on google. Well that was it for wonders of social media apps!

Aesthetics and Softies

Types of Aesthetics

By Sasha Golubchik and Brea Ampaw

VSCO Girls/Boys:

What is a VSCO Girl/Boy: A VSCO Girl/Boy is a quirky and trendy person who posts trendy pictures on the app VSCO. VSCO was first an app for photo filters but then started to be popular on the app TikTok. The vSCO trend was a summer thing because it was a beach vibe aesthetic. During the summer vSCO girls were all over everywhere.

What you need to be considered a VSCO Girl/Boy is: Birkenstock, a Fjallraven Kanken Backpack, Mario Badescu Rose Water, scrunchies, shell necklaces, friendship bracelets, Vans, Crocs, Bath and Body Works items, and obviously a Hydro Flaskvibe aesthetic. During the summer VSCO girls were all over everywhere.



What are Soft Girls/Boys:

Soft girls/boys are people who love clips in their hair, lip gloss, like Power Puff girls outfits and loves peaches. They are the softer version of E-Girls.

What you need to be considered a Soft Girls/Boys:

Black school girl shoes, a lot of lip gloss and blush, schoolgirl skirts, listen to Billie Eilish, have a cute phone case, cute room, be obsessed with cute things. They like to wear comfy clothing, aesthetic clothing, aesthetic Instagram posts, aesthetic Snapchat, aesthetic TikTok.

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E-Girl/ E- Boy

What is an E-Girl/E-Boy: An E-Girl/ E-Boy is someone who would be considered emo in 2008 but is now a trending subject on TikTok. It is someone dressing up as a darker version of soft girls.

What you need to be considered an E-Girl: Chains, any type of ripped clothing, wear blush, little cute shapes on their cheeks, as well, and they wear a lot of make-up. They usually dye their hair pink, blue, green, ect. They may seem tough but when you get to know them, they are a softie.



Things to do:

1. Go to a farm
2. Visit the forest
3. Go to a pumpkin patch
4. Take pictures
5. Spend time with family
6. Go to a fair
7. Go to an amusement park
8. Take walks
9. Read books
10. Cozy up next to a fireplace

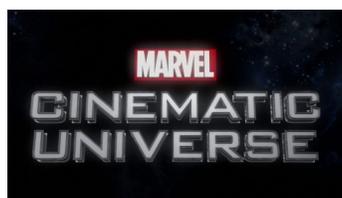
Holidays:

- Thanksgiving
 - Veteran's Day
 - All Saints Day



Leading up to Endgame: The History of the Marvel Cinematic Universe

By Ansh Mathur



Avengers: Endgame. It was the \$2.8 billion summer sensation that also served as the climactic conclusion to over 10 years of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU for short), launching with Iron Man in 2008. However, Avengers: Endgame isn't the only success. For 10 years, The MCU has been thriving, consistently pumping out box office smashes like it was popcorn. Today, I'm going to walk you through the history of this movie franchise, and how it was able to reach where it is today.

What is the Marvel Cinematic Universe?

For those of you who don't know, the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), is a film anthology series that follows Stan Lee's iconic Marvel Superheroes, such as Captain America, Iron Man, Black Panther, the Hulk, Thor and many more. The series was kickstarted by producer Kevin Feige, who over time became the president of Marvel Studios (the official name of Marvel's film division).

How did they get started?



Because Marvel had gone bankrupt in the mid 90's (due to questionable management decisions), they sold off the IP to some of their iconic characters such as Spider-Man, the X-Men, and the Fantastic Four. Spider-Man was sold to Sony Pictures, the Incredible Hulk being sold to Universal, the Fantastic Four and X-men being sold to 20th Century Fox. The studios proceeded to make financial successes off of these characters, Marvel receiving minimal profits. In 2005, seeing how characters like Spider-Man and the X-Men were easily able to be translated from page to screen, at the time President of Marvel's film division, Avi Arad (bottom left picture), set off to create their own universe of superheroes, in which the heroes could interact with one another and team-up to fight villains as they did in the comics. And so, the idea of the Marvel Cinematic Universe was born.



Marvel hired junior producer Kevin Feige (top right picture), who had already worked on superhero movies such as Sam Raimi's Spider-Man trilogy (2002-2007), Brian Singer's X-Men trilogy (2000-2007) and Ang Lee's Hulk (2003). He had the vision to first tell the stories of the individual characters first, and then merge them into one epic crossover. Avi Arad doubted the strategy, and resigned from the company, promoting Feige to studio chief at age 33. Additional people that were hired included former producer Louis D'Esposito and former comic book writer, Brian Michael Bendis.



Casting inexperienced director Jon Favreau (right figure), and controversial actor Robert Downey Jr. in the role of Tony Stark (left figure), Marvel went full force in launching its first project in the MCU, Iron Man. The cast and crew were running the movie at a risk. If this movie didn't make enough money, Marvel would lose all of their IP for good. But on May 2nd, 2008, their worst fears were diminished.



The film was a commercial and critical success, making a total worldwide gross of 585 million dollars. Audiences and Critics were stunned around the globe, but little did they know that they were just beginning to witness cinematic history. However, at the end of the film, there is a scene that occurs that changes the scope of the MCU permanently.

In a post credit scene, director of spy organization SHIELD, Nick Fury, enters Tony Stark's home. Director Fury asks Tony if he thinks he is the only superhero in the world, adding that he became part of a greater universe, but he just doesn't know it yet. When Tony asks why he is here, Nick introduces himself and states,

"I'm here to talk to you about the Avengers initiative."



Once fans heard these words, they knew what Marvel was trying to do. They were going to assemble The Avengers. Earth's mightiest heroes. And they would join along for the ride.

How has Marvel grown over the years?

Seeing the sheer profitability that Marvel was making with just their first few films, Disney bought the rights to Marvel in 2009, Disney helping Marvel in producing and promoting the films as well as selling merchandise in their various attractions and stores.



While Marvel's other 2008 theatrical film event partnership with Universal, *The Incredible Hulk* was barely able to generate as much excitement and positive critical reception as *Iron Man*, subsequent films such as *Iron Man 2*, *Thor*, and *Captain America: The First Avenger* were phenomenal crowd-pleasers. It all came together in the summer of 2012, with the release of *The Avengers*.

This was it. All Marvel had been working towards for 5 years. All the time and money that they put in, this would decide whether this was all worth it. Well they weren't wrong.

It was the cinematic event of a lifetime, 6 of our favorite heroes coming together in the cinematic blockbuster of a lifetime. Never before was Iron Man and Captain America sharing the screen together. Never before was Thor and Hulk battling to share the title of Strongest Avenger. It was all, magical. The film was a phenomenal commercial success, making approximately \$1.5 Billion. The once list of B-list heroes such as Iron Man, Captain America, Thor and the Hulk were now household names, becoming icons in cinematic history. But this was just a beginning in Marvel's rise to stardom.

MCU issues and Memes

MCU Issues

By: Ehan Raheja

After lots of negotiations with Sony Marvel lost Spider-Man and he could no longer appear in MCU films. Marvel which is owned by Disney made 5% of the revenue from the movies and could feature Spider-Man in other movies. Disney wanted to do a 50% percent split but Sony refused.

But this story has a happy ending and Spider-Man can return to the MCU. The two companies smoothed over the issues and announced there will be a third Spider-Man movie coming that features the MCU. This one will be a follow up to one that came before it.

The fans have reacted well to this development and are happy they can see Spider-Man in the MCU again. It seems like a win win situation because the fans will see Spider-Man in the MCU again and Disney and Sony will most likely make tons of money.



Memes

By: Ehan Raheja

What is a meme? You might find yourself asking that question. A meme is a humorous thing spread across the internet that is constantly being altered. But the real question is why do people view memes the short answer is because they are funny. The more complicated answer is that certain individuals with mental illnesses find them funny and the memes make them happy. Of course memes do have appeal to those without mental issues they have universal appeal and most people can find them funny.

What meme came first? The first meme is the dancing baby meme. This meme started in 1996. The meme was also known as as "Baby Cha-Cha" it was a 3D rendered baby that danced around it danced to the intro of "Hooked on a Feeling" which was by Blue Swede. Michael Girard and Robert Lurye created it but it was later edited by others.



Apple iPhone 11 By Brea Ampaw



On Tuesday, September 10, most of us witnessed Apple launch their new iPhones. The phones became available on September 20th.

iPhone 11

The iPhone 11 comes in 6 different colors: Yellow, Mint Green, Black, Product{Red}, Purple, and White. The colors Purple and Mint Green are new to the iPhone, but many people think that these color choices are the best. The capacity of the phone ranges from 64GB to 256GB, and it weighs 6.84 ounces. The 11 has a Liquid Retina HD display, 6.1 inch (diagonal) all-screen LCD Multi-Touch display with IPS technology, 1792 by 828 pixel resolution at 326 PPI. The iPhone 11 display has rounded corners that follow a beautiful curved design, and these corners are within a standard rectangle. This is a remarkable phone, and we hope you can check it out.

Crisis in the Forest

Maya Stewart



Panthers are one of the many animal inhabitants of Florida. But, a potentially fatal problem is challenging the lifestyle of panthers along Florida's Gulf Coast.

A neurological system issue known as “the cripple effect” affects young panthers the most. According to NBC News, this issue plays as the challenge of trying not to get harmed or killed by road accidents and more life threatening occurrences. The suffering animals may have ingested some type of toxin in the air that humans may have caused by polluting the environment or this may be a health disorder that is crippling these panthers.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation have been frequently testing the cats for contamination, including rat poison, possible diseases, and nutritional losses. “Numerous diseases and possible causes have been ruled out; a definitive cause has not yet been determined,” Gil McRae, director of the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, said in an interview. “We’re working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a wide array of experts from around the world to determine what is causing this condition.”

Researchers hope to find the answer to the crippling mystery with more footage of the stumbling species. The Washington Post is empowering people to help identify more panthers that might be showing signs of this saddening condition. The Florida Wildlife Conservation is also recommending for Florida to upload camera videos that show panther activity, and to call or report any that are seen injured or dead.

Lady Wildcat Softball

Congratulations to the Lady Wildcat Softball team. Coach Lucas was very pleased with the amount of work that each athlete put into the season. Our season ended with 4 wins and 1 loss. Each Wildcat worked hard at practice on their hitting, fielding and throwing. Most importantly, we challenged ourselves to work as a TEAM. We were fortunate to have Brie Cunanan as our All-Star pitcher. Her approach was very accurate and dependable. We also had a solid infield, which included, Maddie Cole at 1st base, Chloe Kim at 2nd, Caroleena Decesare at Short Stop, and London Turner at 3rd. They all worked like a smooth machine and turned several double plays. Hitting the softball improved for the whole team. London Turner lead the team in homeruns and runs scored. Next year should be an excellent team, too, since there will be many players returning to the diamond to improve their winning record to 5 wins and zero losses. It has been my pleasure being able to coach this team for the last 6 years.

Thank you for the memories.
Mr. Brian Lucas

7th grades
Rhaja Allen
Amiriyah Bonilla
Maddie Cole
Coroleena Decesare
Chloe Kim
Kyra McGlinchey
London Turner
Daphne Synder

8th Graders
Fatema Ali
Anya Bhasin
Brie Cunanan
Ambar Melo
Mahum Pasha
Aliyah Reyes
Emma Ward



November Recipes

November

By: Sasha Golubchyk and Julia Lyonga

Pumpkin spice Latte

So you can just buy one of these from Starbucks but it's fun to make it yourself.

- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup brewed coffee
- 2 tablespoons canned pumpkin puree
- 1tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- Dash of garnish
- Whipped cream (optional)



Pumpkin pie (chocolate edition)

- Package chocolate flavored crumb crust(6 oz.)
- 1 egg yolk slightly beaten
- 1 can pumpkin (15 oz.)
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk(14 oz.)
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- ¾ cup chocolate chips
- Whipped cream optional

Facts:

- November was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar and has retained its name from the Latin *novem*, meaning "nine." In Finland, they call November *marraskuu*, which translates as "the month of the dead."

The flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. In the language of flowers, chrysanthemum is considered to symbolize honesty, joy, and optimism.

Scorpio and Sagittarius are the astrological signs for November. Birthdays from November 1st

Classic Pumpkin Bread



- 3 cups sugar



- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 16 ounces canned unsweetened pumpkin
- 3 ½ cups of flour
- teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- ⅔ cup of water

Rocky Hill CC Coach Sean Stevenson

Logan Edwards

Tamiya Hopkins

Tess Lovingood

Crystal Lufafa

Liliana Meertens

Anna Bonapace

Anna Grow

Pranavi Kamana

Lauren Lederer

Katy Padilla

Christa Sadd

Sanvika Thimmasamudram

Trinity Turner

Broden Behrhorst

Sheilla Agopome

Edwin Cho

Matthew Cox

Azariyas Girma

Ethan Gracias

Walter Graybeal

Sean Jean-Baptiste

Danny Le

Kevin Niniola

Wali Raziuddin

Kenny Shen

Anthony Suwito

Thomas Chu

Sean Elder

Anil Ghosh

Kai Meertens

Fernando Vargas-Vidal

Joonas Veimer



Boys Record 2-2: S

Standout Runners: Joonas, Kai
and Alex G.

Girls Record 3-1

Standout Runners: Trinity
Turner, Christa Sadd, Lauren
Lederer, and Anna Bonapace



Spirit Week

Boys Softball

Head Coach Jim Wilberding

The boys softball team finished a great season. The boys were a competitive force with several games going into extra innings. The team was strong offensively with many multiple base hits and several homeruns. Defensively the team was lead by consistent pitching and some excellent infield play. Next season the team will be even more impressive with the return of a strong 7th grade class.

Boys Softball 2019-2020	First Name	grade
Johnson	Marcus	7
Patel	Ishan	7
Perkins	Aiden	7
Long	Milo	7
Viola	James	7
Bogan	Julian	8
Cassidy	Sean	8
Chambers	Cieran	8
Fosella	Peter	8
Hassett	Christopher	8
Moore	Chase	8
Patel	Niyam	8
Shiblie	Steven	8



A Sit Down with Mr. Baldwin

With Ansh Mathur



Noble. Creative. An inspiration to us all. Born and raised in Syracuse, New York, Mr. Baldwin spent his whole life dedicated and determined to spread his creativity, and ignite it in others. In addition to being our LCL! LCFL! and LCML! teacher and supervisor of the Rocky Hill Morning Show, Mr. Baldwin is an illustrious author publishing books like Camp Lenape and his upcoming novel Bloodshot. I had a chance to sit down with him, and ask him a few questions about his career, life, his thoughts on film and media, and his experience at RHMS so far.

Ansh: Mr. Baldwin, thank you for taking some time out to do this.

Mr. Baldwin: Happy to be here!

Ansh: Can you tell me a little about your background in education?

Mr. Baldwin: I went to Towson University for Theatre, and I also have a Masters of arts and teaching and I have a masters in creative writing and literature.

Ansh: How long have you been teaching?

Mr. Baldwin: This is my fifth school that I have been teaching at.

Ansh: What is your favorite thing about teaching?

Mr. Baldwin: It is pretty different and special, every day is a new day, and with the rotating classes, there's a sense of variety that is created and it keeps me excited for new opportunities.

Ansh: Is there an important role model in your life and why is he/she important to you?

Mr. Baldwin: What I think about who one of my influencers for going to teaching is probably my 10th grade social studies teacher Mr. Crisfield. He really made his own lessons really exciting especially with a subject that could be incredibly dull, he made it interesting he made it engaging, and he made it very visual.

Ansh: Would you like to share anything about your family?

Mr. Baldwin: Yeah I have a younger brother and he has a five-year-old daughter and they live in Brooklyn, New York. I have an older sister and her husband who have two children, six years old and four year old.

Ansh: Since you are a film/media teacher, what do you like about film?

Mr. Baldwin: I like that this particular discipline draws in a great number of other I was like all subjects converge into this particular discipline. You can you can incorporate sciences, you can incorporate of course humanities to tell a story in a way that will capture a wide audience, especially in the way that video is very visual, it's very auditory, it's very kinesthetic. It's a really exciting thing to watch how we as human beings tell stories.

Ansh: Any favorite movies?

Mr. Baldwin: I always go back to Dead Poets Society as my favorite film. Robin Williams stars a teacher at a private school that works really hard to spark a love for learning within his classroom.

Ansh: What do you think about where the film industry is now compared to 20 years ago?

Mr. Baldwin: I think especially when you see the emergence of independent artists being able to initially just put their work on YouTube and now they can put their work on Amazon Prime and so forth. I think we're going to see a lot more of that where I wouldn't be too surprised if in years to come, when it comes to the movie awards, the film awards that we will eventually see an independent film up for award.

Ansh: I also heard that you sponsored and oversaw a drama club. What was that experience like for you?

Mr. Baldwin: Very busy, it's like spending every waking hour planning a production, doing lots of work. I directed the community, so I would come home after work and then there be another like three hours of rehearsal, getting ready for production and so forth. I really enjoy Theatre, I love it, I love teaching it but I'm not so sure I want to go back to it in the present time, sleep is very important!

Ansh: What do you like about Rocky Hill?

Mr. Baldwin: Rocky Hill I really enjoy because it's got a real strong community amongst staff and most students. I feel like it's a very supportive environment where people can explore and become who they are as they relate to other people and as they relate to what they're learning.

Ansh: Finally, any advice for students at Rocky Hill?

Mr. Baldwin: Work hard, be creative, be yourself!



Rocky Hill's Holiday Wish List By Brea Ampaw

Mackbook 16 inch

- •Airpods Pro
- •Instruments
- •Jewelry
- •Beats Solo 3
- •Socks
- •Comfy Blanket
- •Video Games
- •Nintendo Switch
- •PS4
- •Sport Equipment
- •Xbox
- •Pokemon Sword2w

- •VSCO Things
- •iPhone XR
- •Air Force Ones
- •Vans
- •Clothing
- •Spicy Ramen Noodles
- •Pets
- •Apple Watch
- •Money
- •Champion Hoodies
- •iPhone 11, 11 Pro, 11 Pro Max
- •DM Screen
- 3 Dungeons and Dragon Manual Books

After School Clubs

By: Benedicte Mpiana and Olivia Lee



There are a variety of clubs at our lovely school, Rocky Hill. The clubs at our school include after-school clubs, and clubs held during lunch. But, the majority of the clubs held at our school happen after learning hour. Most clubs are available to all grade levels. Anyways, let's get to all the clubs. (Well, not all of them). This is an example of a club held during each lunch block. This club is available to all grade levels. Now we have an interview including Benedicte Mpiana.

Question 1. Why did you choose to join this club.

Answer: I chose to join this club because I have experienced being the new kid several times. And, being the new kid is quite difficult and I don't want others to experience this struggle.

Question 2. What do you do in that club?

Answer: We plan ways to help the students adjust to the school. But, we hope to put all those actions into effect. We also help navigate the new students around the school.

Question 3. What is your favorite part of the club?

Answer: My favorite part of the club is getting to navigate the new students around the students. I love to help other people get used to other things.

Question 4. What is your least favorite part of the club?

Answer: I don't have one it is such an awesome, fun group!

Question 5. Would you recommend it to others? Answer: I would recommend for students to join. But sadly, you would have to join next year if you want to join. This is an example of a club held after school. This member decided to remain unknown.



Question 1. Why did you join that club specifically?

Answer: I wanted to know what the club does. And I wanted to join to be a leader.

Question 2. What do you do in that club?

Answer: It has to be planning events, sharing my ideas and making posters for different events.

Question 4. What is your least favorite part of the club?

Answer: I don't think I have one. It is such a great club!

Question 5. Would you recommend it to others?

Answer: I would recommend the club to others. But, if you want to join you'll have to wait for next year. This is an example of an after school club. The member of the club has chosen to remain unknown.



Question 1. Why did you choose to join that specific club?

Answer: I joined because I love to write.

Question 2. What do you do in that club?

Answer: We write interesting news articles for the whole school to see.

Question 3. What is your favorite part of the club?

Answer: My favorite part is seeing the whole news article done at the end. All the newspaper looks so cool when it's done, because everyone tried their hardest to make the best looking newspaper!

Question 4. What is your least favorite part about the club?

Answer: The research! So much work is done, but it makes a good outcome.

Question 5. Would you recommend it to others?

Answer: Yes I would. It is really fun, except for the research. But, at least you get to learn new things.

Those were some of the great clubs that we have interviewed. Student Leadership Group, SGA and newspaper article. All 3 of these clubs are awesome groups we do a lot of fun things and we all enjoy ourselves during meetings! If you want to join remember to sign up for these clubs next year!



After School



Clubs

Coming in our next edition:

More teacher interviews, Climate change, Streaming Services, Winter Sports, and Movie reviews.

Famous Women Who Influence Women's Rights

By Brea Ampaw

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—Has always fought for women's rights. In 1973, Ruth took on a case for a woman Sharon Frontiero who worked for the U.S Air Force. Air Force officers who were men automatically receive benefits for their wives, such as payments for their health care. However, female officers did not receive the same benefits for their husbands. Ruth argued before the supreme court that this exclusion was not permissible under the Constitution. When Sharon won that case it wasn't just a victory for her, but for everyone seeking the equality between men and women. In 1980, Ruth became Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Also, in 1993 President Bill Clinton, asked her to be a justice on the Supreme Court.



Gloria Steinem ---became a freelance writer after college and grew more and more engaged in the women's movement and feminism. She helped create both *New York and Ms. magazines*, helped form the *National Women's Political Caucus*, and is the author of many books and essays. After finishing her degree in 1956, Steinem received a fellowship to study in India and then established a career for herself as a freelance writer. She expressed her feminist views in such essays as "After Black Power, Women's Liberation. Others questioned her commitment to the feminist movement because of her glamorous image. Undeterred, Steinem continued on her own way, speaking out, lecturing widely, and organizing various women's functions. She also wrote extensively on women's issues in 1986, *Norma Jean*. She became a consulting editor at *Ms. magazine* the following year after the publication was sold to an Australian company. Steinem found herself the subject of media scrutiny with her 1992 book *Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem*. "We need to be long-distance runners to make a real social revolution. And you can't be a long-distance runner unless you have some inner strength," she explained to *People magazine*. She considers the work to be "most political thing I've written. I was saying that many institutions are designed to undermine our self-authority in order to get us to obey their authority," she told *Interview magazine*.



Sally Ride ---was the First-American-Female astronaut to travel in space. In her lifetime, she was a fantastic tennis player and enjoyed the work of Shakespeare. But, most of all she was the founder of a company that helped inspire girls and young women to pursue careers in science and math. Math and science were always her favorite subject in school. Her parents took her to friends who were scientists to help foster her interest. They got her a subscription to *Scientific American* magazine so she could read about her passion. Sally's teachers saw her giftedness in science and math and encouraged her to pursue a future in that area. At Swarthmore College in Philadelphia, she was a physics major and tennis player. After the civil rights act of 1964 NASA was forced to look at others besides white males for hire. In 1978 Sally was a finalist for becoming an astronaut. Sally was able to pass the vast number of tests for mental and physical fitness required to be a space shuttle astronaut and was hired with 35 men and 5 women. Sally began developing the robot arm to be used in space. She created checklists to be used if a malfunction occurred in space. She became a qualified pilot. She was selected to become a part of the STS-2 and STS-7 crews. She trained for years on the shuttle simulators. She died of pancreatic cancer in July 2012. In 2013 she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama. One thing that made Sally so special was that anybody could love anybody they wanted to. She herself got married to a man, but later she got married to a woman because that's where her heart wanted to be.



Wilma Rudolph -----was born into a poor family with 22 children. She was an ordinary girl who dreamed to run with other children. Wilma had suffered much pain in her young life. She was born two months early and was so tiny that the doctors thought she was going to die. Wilma's left leg was twisted inward at birth and the doctors told her parents that Wilma had Polio; a deadly disease. At age six she traveled to an African American hospital to receive treatment. It is a long hot bus ride from her home two days a week. She did painful exercises and wore a heavy brace for many years that kept her from walking correctly. At age 10 Wilma took her brace off during church services. In high school, Wilma joined the basketball team. She played in a state championship game where a track coach saw her and told her she would make a good runner. She ran for her high school and practiced to get better. In 1956 she trained with Ed Temple at Tennessee State University and won two races. She traveled to Seattle Washington to try out for the US Olympic team and won her spot as the youngest member. At the games, she was one of the four American women in the 400-meter relay and won a bronze medal. After the Olympic Games, she finishes the last two years of high school and she then joined the track team at Tennessee to train with Ed Temple. It meant that she could go to college for free and she quickly became the fastest runner on the team. In 1960 Wilman ran in the Olympics in Rome Italy and won the 100, 200 and 400-meter race to win the gold medal. Wilma also helped the US to win gold in the relay. She was a winner in sports and life. She was persistent and a hard worker. She did all she could do to reach her goals.



Famous Women Who Influence Women's Rights

Kate Warne----- was a widow in 1856 looking for a job in a detective agency. She was hired by Allan Pinkerton because she could go places men could not and other women would tell her secrets about their husbands. She was the first female detective in the new nation. She is most famous for saving Abraham Lincoln from being assassinated prior to being elected president in 1860. Kate successfully disguised herself at parties to find out the Southerner's plot. She told Lincoln's close friend of the assassination attempt and they devised a plan to keep Lincoln out of danger. Kate was successful in getting him out of New York undetected and got him safely to Washington DC. She worked behind the confederate lines to obtain valuable information. Pinkerton even hired another woman to work with Kate.



Dorthea Lange-- Dorothea Lange was an American documentary photographer and photojournalist, best known for her Depression-era work for the Farm Security Administration. Lange's photographs humanized the consequences of the Great Depression and influenced the development of documentary photography.



One thing that all these women had in common is that they all inspired women all around the world in their own specialties. Today I want females all around the world to know that they have a choice and they have the voice.

Da'Shira McCallum: Trouble in the Wild

Cheetahs the world's fastest land mammal speed at 120 mph life span 7-8 years, are close to extinction. It's hard to believe that in two years it might be rare to see a cheetah in the wild and the only time you get to see one is in the zoo.

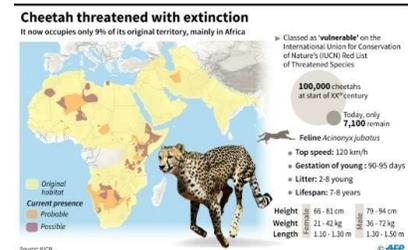
Cheetahs are dangerously close to extinction, only 7,100 cheetahs remain today in the wild they started at 100,000 in the early 1900. Humans are to blame for their extinction due to them being heavily hunted by us for their skin to make clothing, accessories, furniture, rugs, bushmeat, ect. They're also being killed if humans feel they thrented the livestock we build in their natural habitats. But they never harm the livestock, humans are just killing these animals because we are being selfish. I think that if we didn't go into other spices natural habitats to build and grow things on top of their homes there will be no need for killing animals to near extinction.

Cheetahs have been driven out of 91% of their natural habitats, which is almost all of Africa and much of Asia. Cheetahs are now spread out in six different countries Angola, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa, and Mozambique. They're almost extinct in Asia, with less than 50% remaining in one isolated pocket in Iran. That might not sound like a lost put it is, cheetahs almost have no place to live it's almost like they're being put in one spot just to be picked off one by one.

Some cheetahs are safe but that is only because they live in the zoo. But still 2/3 of the cheetah population is still endangered. It's a little late to protect them but humans are trying to find a way to slow down the extinction and maybe even stop it by reversing the trends that affect cheetahs. Like opening fund streams for endangered species only, and talking to the african government about adjustments and new laws.

It may not seem very important that cheetahs are dying but it is. Cheetahs are part of our life cycle and once they start to die so do other animals. Other species need cheetahs to in order to survive in life and if they don't have them their population will go extinct as well. And that won't be good for humans, because we need some of the animals to protect us from other animals that are trying to harm us.

Me and many other people hope to find ways to keep the cheetahs far away from extinction. " Each and every animal has as much right to be here as you and me."- Anthony Douglas Willams. I agree with Mr. Willams because he is right, we hate when someone of our kind is killed for no reason but can't feel a little empathy when an innocent animal is killed. All I'm asking you is to think about your actions the next time you see a cheetah.



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