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# Foreward

Dear AP History Students and Educators,

We want to welcome to you *The Plague: An Encyclopedic History of the World*. Here at Plague Headquarters, our research team found that there was a severe lack of awesomeness in history textbooks. We dropped all our other endeavors (finding a cure to all diseases, creating a world with no borders, laundering money into the Cayman Islands) to tirelessly pursue the truth. Our team scattered across time and space to figure out what really happened. While there were a few mysteries we could not solve, such as how to make my father respect me, we are confident in saying that this is the most historically accurate and detailed account of the world ever written. Take that *A People's History of the United States!*

You have probably heard some of the controversy around this publication. Yes, our entire editorial team was barred from entering the annual Textbook and Academic Authors Association for drunk and disorderly conduct. In our defense, we have also been kicked out of ComicCons in almost all 50 states (Oklahoma, we will conquer you yet!). There is also the argument circling from some historians that we prioritize 'the young folk' rather than historical correctness. To that we say: the kids are the future. If they don't care about history, it will fade from the social consciousness. Just look at Former President Gerald Ford! Sure, we may have taken a few liberties that will ensure go massively viral across every social media platform. Sue us! No one cares about Richard the Lionhearted anyways you decrepit geezer! Nevertheless, we ensure that if you use this textbook to study for any AP History exam, we can guarantee you will at least get a 1, or your money back!

To our educators, thank you for your tireless service. Putting up with those little brats is no small feat. With our textbook, we invite you to kick up your feet and relax for the rest of the year. Hell, even cut class and go to Margaritaville, you've earned it! Our exhaustive but engaging curriculum will do all the work for you. Soon, not only will you have a class full of genius students, none of them will be nerds! No more teacher's pets piling apples on your desk even though you have explicitly stated you don't like them. Instead, your students will be wearing leather jackets and riding skateboards while discussing the merits of the printing press.

Ultimately, this is a resource for the people. There is a beautiful ancient proverb "Those Who Do Not Learn History are Doomed to Repeat It". We couldn't agree less. History rocks, let's do it again! Hopefully this textbook inspires you to start the next Crusade or become a robber baron! You could conquer thousands of people then die by foul play in Babylon! Or start a new religion to divorce your wife, behead your next wife, mourn your third wife you died in childbirth, divorce the fourth, behead the 5th, and be outlived by the 6th. We don't judge.

You have all of history at the tips of your fingers.

Yours since the dawn of time,  
The Plague



CHAPT

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# THE PREHISTORIC ERA

“DINOSAURS, APES, LOIN CLOTHS”

“The Stone Age ended because we ran out of stones” - Fred Flinstone



# facts

## Prehistoric Timeline

### Paleozoic Era

Walk out the door and take a left.

### Mesozoic Era

Keep going straight until the end of the road, then take a right.

### Conzonic Era

Make a U-Turn after you pass the medium sized river.

### The Stone Age

Make a three point turn at the abandoned shed.

### The Bronze Age

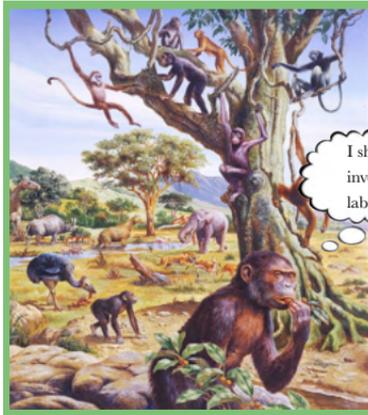
Do a donut in the Olive Garden Parking Lot.

### The Iron Age

Congratulations! You made it to the titular house from My House by Flo Rida!

## The Prehistoric Era

Let's get something straight about the greatest beings to ever walk the earth, dinosaurs: **VELOCIRAPTOR WAS THE SIZE OF A CHICKEN.** All these dumbass mainstream Jurassic Park fans be thinkin raptors were six feet tall. They wrong as hell, the only dromaeosaurs that big were deinonychus and utahraptor. Like what the fuck? Why did they have to go extinct. Why. One thing is for sure: the halcyon days of apex predators on Earth are long gone.



**Figure 1:**  
**Pangea**



## The First Fish To Go On Land

Historians often recount the tale of the very first fish to attempt his fate at land, but the truth is that there were many who made the trek.

The first was called *Oreochromis Niloticus*, more commonly known as the Talapia. Unfortunately he was met with an early demise because he chose to emerge during the heat of the summer. He was scorched, seasoned, garnished with lemon, and devoured immediately. Therefore dooming the rest of his kind to the shelves of your hometown Costco.

Further down the evolutionary track, there was a second named *Aholehole* (Yeah go ahead. Laugh it up. It's real) The *Aholehole* had stubby legs and actually had gotten quite far, in fact, he got a wicked nice bachelors pad under a rock all to himself, because none of his lady fish made it out.

Continuing on, a pair of *Tiktaalik roseae* made it out. The couple were able to successfully step out of the ocean and make it to land.

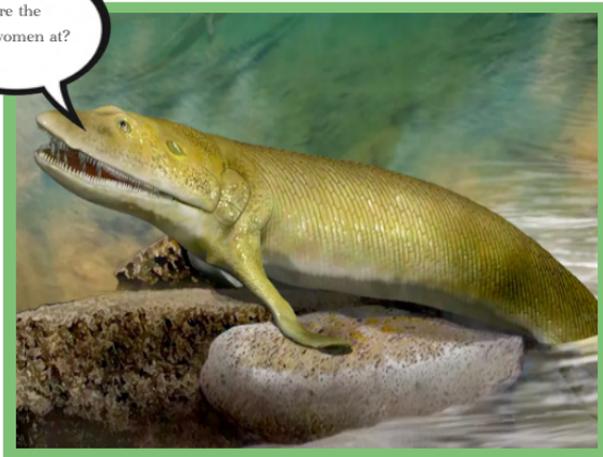
They purchased a home overlooking the lake, enjoyed sipping Veuve Clicquot and went on annual family skiing trips to Park City. They were also able to repopulate. Unfortunately, infidelity got the best of the family, as it was reported that the male would later develop an intimate relationship with a neighboring squirrel-Frenchman hybrid named, "Sinnamon."

Sinnamon is left out of modern history, but is credited as a genetic keystone in the squirrel-fish species, also known as "James Corden."

You know, that thing that scampers across your feet when you're walking home late at night. You swear it had scales, but you'd never actually say that out loud.

Where the fish women at?

**Figure 2: The least known fish to reach land, "Clarence"**



## The Dawn Of Man

Before man was man, man was monkey. Before monkey was monkey, monkey was in real estate. Real estate didn't really work out so monkey is sort of in between things right now, but monkey is hoping that the bachelors in psychology and masters in media studies will open some doors for monkey.

Our in-house artiste depicts the dawn of man as we know him today (Figure 2). If you're reading this in a highly religious environment, we're legally obligated to say that this is merely a fictional depiction. If you are not a highly religious environment, this is totally confirmed by historians.

Figure 2

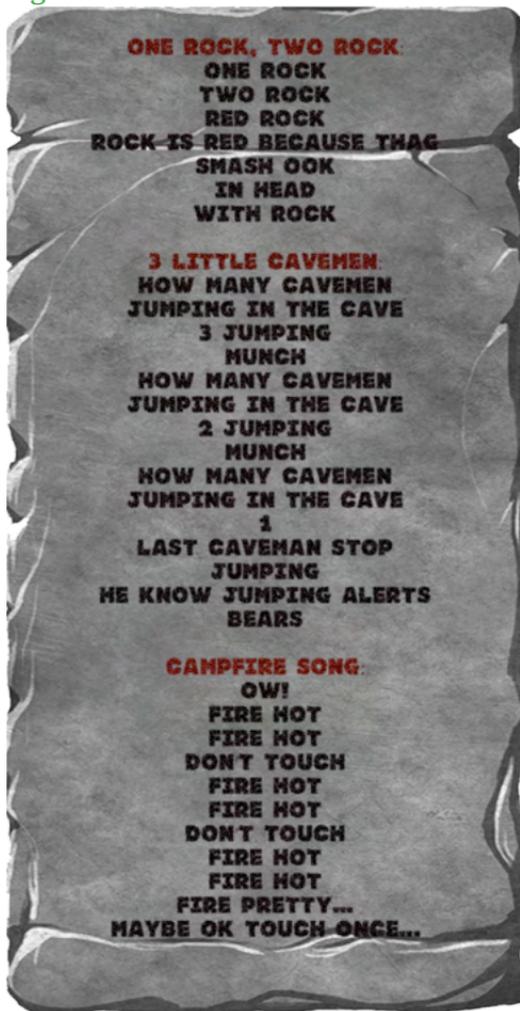


# Stories For Cave-Children

Figure 3

## In Context

Figure 3 depicts a recovered slab of stone that contained three popular childrens tales that cave people would tell their children, in order to stave off the near infinite night terrors implicit with being a cave person. They were told by afamed childrens orator and mammoth slayer "Grunk."



## An Archeological Discovery

The Sahara, Africa. Sandier than the ass crack of your swim trunks. So hot your piss evaporates before it hits the ground. A team of archeologists, caterers and emotional support zebras have worked tirelessly to excavate a site four-hundred miles from any signs of civilization and four miles from the nearest Popeyes.

Buried forty-five feet beneath the dusty desert floor, this team of experts made the shocking discovery of two intertwined skeletons engaged in a shocking exhibition of carnal passion. One, a neanderthal male. The other, a pterodactyl. The team was puzzled upon first making this discovery, for it presented several interesting logistical problems.

First and foremost, the question of mounting a pterodactyl. As any second grader knows, pterodactyls fly. And, as any first grader knows, pterodactyls mated via a single all-purpose orifice known as a "cloaca." For the neanderthal male to have successfully mounted the beast, he must first have risen to a great height, fully erect the entire time.

As if to confirm this hypothesis, Reginald the emotional support zebra was quick to point out the large cliffs adjacent to the site of discovery whereon one could imagine a pterodactyl family making its home.

In theory, the neanderthal -- fully erect -- might have waited until the pterodactyl took flight, then -- fully erect -- leapt onto the beast from behind and finally -- fully erect -- made sweet love to it.

Whether in passion or shock, the pterodactyl presumably grew distracted, and, with the combined weight of its lover crushing down, the two plummeted to their mutual death. To test this theory, and to cash in the insurance deposit on our emotional support zebras, we pushed Reginald off a cliff while the whole team of scientists furiously masturbated on the ground below.

To no one's surprise, none of the scientists was able to finish before the zebra hit the ground (except for three-pump Pete the anthropologist, loser), thus accounting for the mid-thrust state of the two creatures when dug up all these years later. Truly, a marvel of science.

### Big Ideas

#### You Are Not Above a Pterodactyl Making You Act Up

Yes, you, the person reading this. If you saw a pterodactyl that looked this cute you would not be able to control yourself.

You think you are above this. You are not. Everyone has their breaking point. Everyone.





CHAPT

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## MESOPOTAMIA

“LAWS, CUNEIFORM, GILGAMESH”

“If a man brings an accusation against another man, charging him with murder, but cannot prove it, the accuser shall be thrown a surprise party.” - 1st Law of Hamurabi’s Code

# facts

## Mesopotamia Timeline

**3500 B.C.** Cities Grow Across Mesopotamia

**3400 B.C.** Young Kevin McCallister wakes up to find his family has left him alone. Sweet!

**3300 B.C.** Kevin experiences the sting of aftershave. Youch!

**3200 B.C.** First evidence of pictographic record keeping. Kevin's Mom screams "KEVIN!" for the first time.

**3100 B.C.** Kevin tricks the robbers once, but fears they will return.

**3050 B.C.** Kevin vows to return those pesky burglars to the earth.

**3000 B.C.** Marv is hit in the head with a hot iron.

**2900 B.C.** Harry is tarred and feathered.

**2700 B.C.** Marv 'Screams Like A Girl' when he sees Buzz's tarantula. Kevin escapes on a zipline.

**2600 B.C.** Marv and Harry try to follow Kevin, but he cuts the rope and they fly into a brick wall.

**2000 B.C.** The robbers are arrested and Kevin is reunited with his family. For now...

# Mesopotamia

## Mesopotamia Review:

I'm somewhere between the Tiger and Euphoria River. I had to check out this submissive and breedable dirt my fourth grade teacher wouldn't shut the fuck up about. I'm bringing back a ziploc bag of this stuff for my wilting plants. By the river bank, I met this wrinkly old farmer woman with one tooth named Shabitu. She was 27 and a mother of 15 (2 alive). She said she's from Babylon so I was like, "Girl. Have you listened to "Babylon" from Lady Gaga's Chromatica? You'd love it!" I made her put on my headphones and blasted that track. She died on the spot.

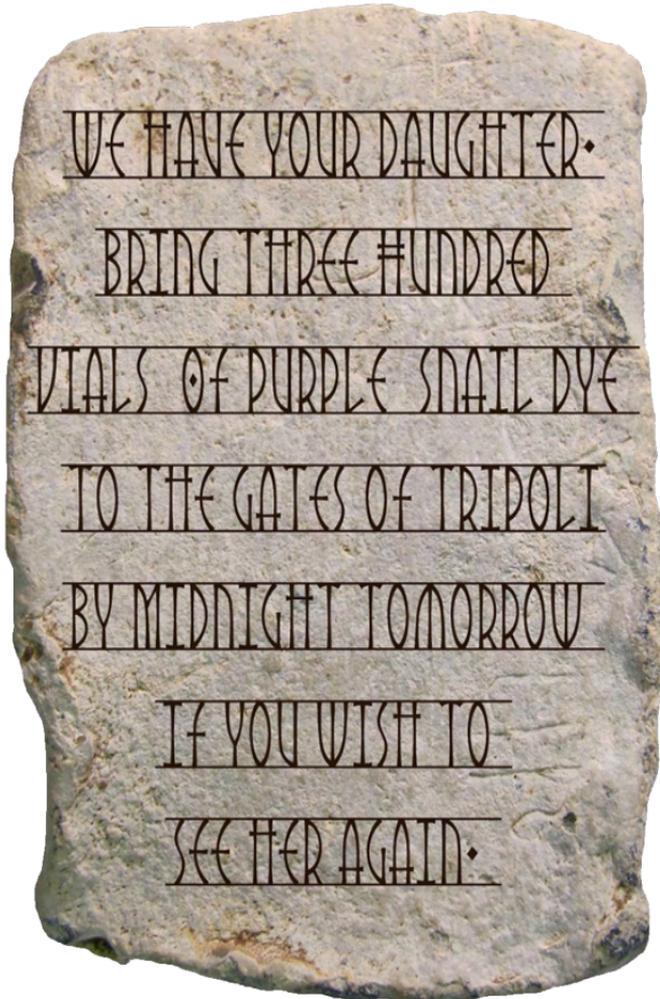
Strut it out, walk a mile, serve it ancient city style

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Dude you're being such an asshole about this.



## Phonetic Ransom Letter



# Pre-Mesopotamian Couple Discovered

This recent Wednesday, my team and I uncovered an unprecedented discovery in the midsts of a never before explored section of Ancient Mesopotamia. Three pre-hominid skeletons in near perfect condition (Figure 2). Their bones are now at a big laboratory being analyzed and carbon dated.

To me, the discoverer of the bones, the most interesting aspect is the story told in the bones. The “bone story”. The skeletons were arranged in a coital position. At first, I assumed this was a beautiful immortalization of eternal love. I was wrong. Upon further excavation I sifted dust off a third body. This body held what can only be assumed to be a chair. The skull lacked any facial tissue to reveal its feeling, it radiated a cuckold rage. Seething in it. I sift more rapidly to reveal an erect penis, perfectly preserved in honey: instantly the story was Crystal clear. Though many may debate this, I, the discoverer, of the bones, will present my theory. Identified through the peval bone it is clear the coital couple was a man and women. Further examination shows indentation on her ring finger: but from what? I asked myself the same question. From a wedding ring. She was married! Beautiful, I was overjoyed with love. But on the masculine coital partner, no ring indentation could be found. Adultery. Perhaps before it was made a sin, but still. Fucked up.

Figure 2



You won't believe this part. On the man with a chair and a 7 inch honey cock: a metal wedding band. Her husband. I was horrified. She removed her ring to court another suitor. The story became immensely clear to me.

The man with a chair and penis as well was a manufacturer of chairs. A carpenter. Perhaps before chairs were invented, the discoverer of chairs maybe. A clear genius. He was off trying to pawn his “chair” in the market when someone told him what his wife planned to do. He rushed home. On the way he realized his wife could never lift all 7 inches of him. He grabbed honey to attract her to his sweetness. This clearly failed. He burst through the door to find her getting railed. He wailed. She yelled “all you care about is your work, you're obsessed with discovering chairs in the Amazon and you never care for me. This is why I fucked your brother”. Then she came as she looked him in the eyes and he died on the spot from grief. A brave man. If this happened to me I would not be brave enough to die. I am a coward. I hate myself. I wish I was only bones, this skin is useless, bones are beauty. After that I assume a volcano exploded or an asteroid exploded and buried them under rock for me to find. Funny to think: all these years and it took a man of my skill and expertise to unlock this beauty. clearly the universe rewards those who deserve it. I expect this to go down in the records for ages. Like my brother except instead of going down in the records he went down on my wife. What kind of woman would cheat on a bone detector like me. Detective bones is what they call me on the site and she couldn't see that. That crazy bitch. I'm going to go buy honey.



CHAPT  
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## ANCIENT GREECE

"GODS, MYTHS, SANDALS"

"If you find a good brewski you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher." - Socrates



# facts

## Greek Timeline

### 1184 BCE

Greeks win the Trojan War thanks to a horse filled with ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar, 1 garlic clove, minced, ¼ teaspoon sea salt, and freshly ground black pepper.

### 1000 BCE

1 English cucumber, cut lengthwise, seeded, and sliced ¼-inch thick, 1 green bell pepper, chopped into 1-inch pieces, 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes, 5 ounces feta cheese

### 800 BCE

In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, garlic, oregano, mustard, salt, and several grinds of pepper.

### 500 BCE

Democracy begins in Greece

### 403 BCE

Democracy is restored in Greece. Unclear where it went.

### 380 BCE

Drizzle with the dressing and very gently toss

### 146 BCE

Season to taste and serve.

## Ancient Greece

Ancient Greece typically refers to the ‘Classical Period’ spanning two hundred years across the 4th and 5th centuries. We would be remiss if we did not mention previous iterations of greekian civilization. A personal favorite of this author is the ‘Goofy Period’. The greek artisans had not yet developed the concept of ‘tragedy’, but ‘comedy’ thrived. Grecians were notorious around the world for their silly bits. Soldiers would wear funny hats while pillaging; They renamed their city-states after phallic euphemisms. Spartans referred to themselves as “Fart-ans”. It was common for loose bannana peels to be strewn across the forum during public events, in hopes a senator might slip.

### Big Ideas

#### Greek Drama

Before the Greeks, people would treat every social interaction as a performance, which got annoying very quickly. Life was performance.

People who could not push their emotion down deep into their throats needed somewhere to blow off steam, and that is how we got the first play: Wicked!



# Report On Sparta from Oxford PHD\*



Sparta was one of the most notable states in ancient Greece, located in Laconia, on the Peloponnesian Peninsula. Though Athens had a considerable navy, Sparta had significant land power, and rose to prominence in 650 BCE. While perhaps most famous in pop culture for its military might, Sparta also possessed an exceptional governing and social system—it even had a constitution. When discussing the social norms of Sparta, the topic of homosexuality can come up, however, the perceived “Fruityness” of the Spartan warriors is a myth.

The Peloponnesian war raged between the two powers, Sparta and Athens (also not gay), from 431 to 404 BC, when Sparta finally emerged victorious. Examining the source of their military might, some have whispered that the Spartans encouraged their soldiers to have relationships with each other, because they would fight harder in battle to protect their lover. This is False.

They were not friends of Dorothy. They were extremely manly soldiers who were more powerful than everyone else around, and could kill you in 3 different ways if they met your sorry ass today. People always like to say they wore those little skirts and so they're light in their loafers. This is wrong, and frankly, offensive.

First of all, they're called Pteruges, so let's just remember who has the Ph.D. in Classics here. Second of all, even if those little strips of leather were pretty short—maybe they swished around, or a Mediterranean breeze blew them up a little—let's say they revealed a muscular leg or the slight swell of an athletic, tight cheek, they wouldn't look. All the soldiers knew not to look, it was like an unspoken rule. They never looked, no matter how voluptuous.

Certain so-called “academics” love to gossip and spread disgusting lies. “Oh those Greek guys in Sparta, didn't they love to get all oily and wrestle each other? Sounds pretty fruity.”

**Fuck you. Fuck you. You're telling me if you could just cover yourself in oil, I mean really lather it on there. If you could feel your skin all slippery and luxurious, you wouldn't? You're telling that if you saw another big, buff, beautiful oily man, a hot oily olive boy, you wouldn't want to tackle him to see the ground in a contest of strength? That's crazy. That's fucked up.**

\* They pronounced “Oxford” as “ecks fart” and they bit one of our editors, but they had something that kinda resembled a diploma, so good enough for us

## A Scene From Athens

As an informational “Text Book”, we are obliged to give credit to the intellectual authorities of old. The great Philosophers of Greece: Aristotle, Socrates, Plato, Jimmy “James Corden” Fallon.

They were as influential in the world of modern philosophy literature as Family Guy season 4. Our In-House Artiste obliged us with another depiction of how these intellectual giants might have conversed (Figure 1).

Figure 1



# The Tragedy of The Trojan Horse

Written in 1250 BCE by a twenty-five-year-old student at the Roman Academy, Gaius Fratemitas, a guy who plagiarized the Greek "fraternity" because he liked the idea of getting sloshed in a secret club.

In modern terminology, our hero is equivalent to a 2.3 GPA football player on a D3 team in Nebraska.



1. AH, THE GREEKS  
HAVE LEFT US HERE,  
FLED THIS CITY, FULL  
OF FEAR.  
SHIT THEIR TUNICS—  
BUNCH'A EUNUCHS—  
FILL THE AQUEDUCT  
WITH BEER!

2. THE PARTY'S ONLY  
GETTING STARTED,  
CAUSE THOSE PUSSIES  
(SO WARMHEARTED)  
SENT A HORSE—  
A HORSE, OF COURSE  
—  
WE'RE SO SAFE THE  
WALL'S UNGUARDED!

3. THE FRAT'S ALL  
HERE TO CELEBRATE  
THAT BIG, GREEK  
HORSE WITH CHUNKY  
GAIT.  
WE PAY OUR DUES,  
AND CRY,  
"WOOHOO!"  
(AUGUSTUS, BRO, IS  
SUCH A  
LIGHTWEIGHT!)  
4.  
LOOK! THE HORSE IS  
DANCING TOO,  
SHAKING ASS FOR ME  
AND YOU.  
BUT WAIT, HOLD ON  
THOSE ARE FUCKING  
GREEKS.  
THOSE  
MOTHERFUCKERS,  
THOSE GODDAMN  
LIAR'S!

OHMYGODS.

5. (MANY MONTHS  
LATER.... )  
THE FRAT'S ALL  
GONE, THE BOYS ARE  
SCATTERED FRAT LIFE  
WAS ALL THAT EVER  
MATTERED. FUCK THE  
GREEKS  
THEY'RE STUPID  
FREAKS.  
MY LIFE'S A TOGA  
THAT'S ALL  
TATTERED.  
6.  
TROJAN HORSE I  
HOPE YOU DIE,  
BY JUPITER'S  
LIGHTNING, WOOD  
WILL BURN, GO UP IN  
FLAMES—  
SCREW "OLYMPIC  
GAMES!" —  
LET'S GO ALPHA  
DELTA PHI!

## CHAPTER 3 SELF-QUIZ

### evaluation words

- Acropolis
- Democracy
- Epic
- Polis
- Assembly
- Tragedy
- Comedy
- Philosophy



### Lesser Known Greek Myths

1. Zeus doesn't commit adultery
2. Pissypus
3. Poopaphis
4. Orifce and Eurydice
5. The Cheeseman

### Unpopular Mythical Creatures

1. Mike
2. The Cock Goblin of the Enchanted Forest
3. Mike's Mom
4. The Dragon; He Sucks!
5. Alvin and the chipmunks but messed up in the head

THEY'LL HAVE  
TO GIVE ME THE  
KETAMINE NOW!

### Lesser Known Constellations

1. Catholic Mario
2. Botched Circumcision Penis
3. Dune Movie (it's only 2.3 stars :/)
4. Orion's foot(stinky!)
5. My Dad loves Milfs,





CHAPT  
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## ANCIENT ROME

“PLEBIANS, PATRICIANS, PANACHE”

“I came, I saw, I tried Tide To Go but the stain still won’t come off. I need a new toga” - Julius Caesar (Allegedly)

## Ancient Roman Timeline

**45 BC** He's HERE! Julian 'Rudy Gulianni' Caesar defeats Pompey to become the first dictator of Rome.

**January 44 BC** JC rings in the New Year with his boys, his girl and his empire. How could it get better than this?

**February 44 BC** JC notices that Marcus 'Marky Mark' Brute, his closest friend, has been acting weird around him. They must be planning a surprise party.

**March 1 44 BC** He heard Cassius whispering about something happening in a couple weeks at the Curia of Pompey. Now he's sure his Senate crew is planning something dope for him.

**March 9 44 BC** JC goes shopping for a new laurel wreath. His crush might be at this party and he doesn't want his head to look weird from the back.

**March 10 44 BC** JC gets pre-party jitters.

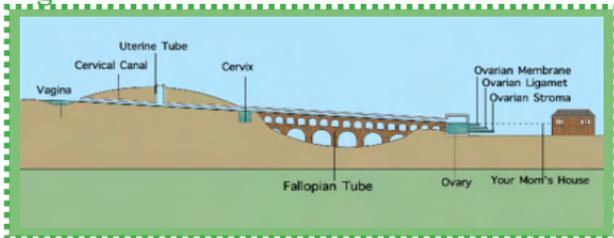
**The Morning of March 11 44 BC** JC tries on every robe in his closet and rubs olive oil on his bald spots for extra shine.

**The IDES of MARCH** Well, you know the rest...

## Ancient Rome

Not only was Roman civilization one of the most advanced in history, they were also surprisingly culturally progressive. Maybe. All we can say for sure is that we found this document (Figure II) from a roman highschool sex-ed class (don't ask where), and the fact that they even had sex-ed puts them ahead of most of the modern world. Makes you think! Makes you think...

Figure II



### Big Ideas

#### Rome's Modern Influence

Adam Sandler's cinematic masterpiece "The Waterboy" was based on the Roman Empire's Waterboy.

He got sentenced to Waterboy duties permanently after trying to cop a feel on Cleopatra. He claimed it was worth it.

## Ancient Roman Tourism Pamphlet

# THINGS TO DO IN ANCIENT ROME

- *Contract a new disease.*
- *Die of said disease.*
- *Push your pregnant wife down the stairs, then castrate and marry your favorite slave boy, if you'd like. There is precedent for this.*
- *Keep your trap shut when Nero sets fire to our beloved empire. Shh, shh, do not be afraid. It is better this way.*
- *It's better this way.*
- *It's better this way.*
- *...*
- *...*
- *Visit the aqueducts!*
- *Go bathe with every single person you know. Good thing there aren't a lot of untreatable diseases in our empire*
- *Realize that Nero was right to burn down the city. It in fact was really cool when you noticed that he was atop a hill playing the fiddle as everything you knew turned to ash. He is our great leader. He is our great leader. He is our great leader.*

## Greek Myths Are Adapted To Roman Culture



## Little Caesar's Ghost

Everyone knows their favorite Roman Emperor. From Augustus



to Caligula,



from Nero



to Bono.



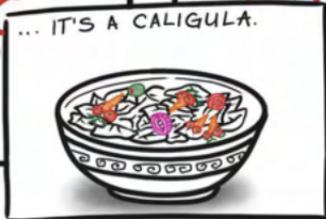
The toga-wearing world conquerors are known far and wide in Latin classes and Russel Crowe movies for their outsized lives and tragic ends. But one emperor stands out above all the others for his sheer cruelty and unrelenting bloodshed: Little Caesar.



The diminutive dictator rose to fame for massacring millions on a scourge across modern day Italy, skewering adults on breadsticks and baking their children into Five-Dollar Deep-Dishes. His efforts on this cross-continental atrocity tour earned him many titles -- the Two Topping Tyrant, the Anchovy Autocrat, the Pepperoni Pummeller, Hitler, etc. -- and his enemies feared him all across the flat earth. His reign of terror came to an unfortunate end during the Crazy Bread conspiracy of 14 BC, where fellow senator Papa John led a group of collaborators to disembowel Little Caesar on the senate floor. And as he looked Papa in the eyes -- his brother, his betrayer, his lover (who's to say?) -- Little Caesar uttered the words that would echo him into eternity: "Pizza, pizza."



## Lunch Break





## CHAPT 5 THE MIDDLE AGES

### “QUEENS, KINGS, AND TWIN-SIZED”

“Strange women lyin’ in ponds distributin’ swords is no system for a basis of government.” - Emperor Richard of the Holy Roman Empire



# facts

## Middle Ages Timeline

800

Wake up with a killer hangover.

835

Fall back asleep.

1056

Freak out because you overslept.

1129

Get to work late and interrupt an important client meeting.

1215

Get reprimanded by your supervisor during lunch.

1337

Forget your clock is in military time.

1431

Get fired.

1444

Go to the bar instead of facing your family.

1482

See yourself in the reflection of the empty glass. Oh god, what have I done with my life?



## The Middle Ages

The Middle Ages were arguably the middle of history, where feudalism reigned supreme and nobody was to speak ill of the king. Were we to have been around in those times, we likely would have been a gaggle of hardworking jesters.

### Big Ideas

#### How to Survive the Middle Ages

Be born into nobility.

Train at every waking

moment. Squire for

an older, wiser knight.

Then, when you're

finally, finally ready— oh

shit you got anthrax

and died at the ripe

age of 15 what a

shame

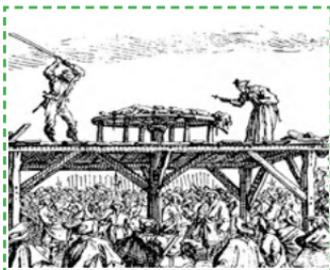
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# Fun Ways To Reuse Torture Devices to Get Your Money's Worth

**So, I bet you're wondering how you can sustainably reuse your medieval torture device to get the most bang for your gold? Well Check out these top tips for torture that doesn't break the bank!**

1. Masturbate with your thumb screws (Don't ask me how just go for it! Get weird with it!)
2. For the ladies, try the chastity belt. It's the torture device that will never go out of style
3. Use the town's Cucking Stool to disinfect your friends who you suspect of having the plague! The device will keep you socially distanced, so all you have to do is dip them into the public river where we dump our waste. Easy! Alternatively, keep them under the water to kill the disease!
4. Use your rack to stretch yourself out after a day's work. Sitting in armor, yelling at serfs, and heading home to have passionate sex with your favorite (definitely virgin) maiden is exhausting, we get it!
5. Use your Iron Maiden to try out the amazing Eastern technique of acupuncture! It's certain to relieve you of toxic stress, and also blood!



## A Scene From The Monastery

If ever there were a place encouraging intellectual thought and wisdom, it were the monasteries of old.

We find one instance of the sorts of high-brow interactions that went on among the friars, depicted by our in-house artist (Figure 1)



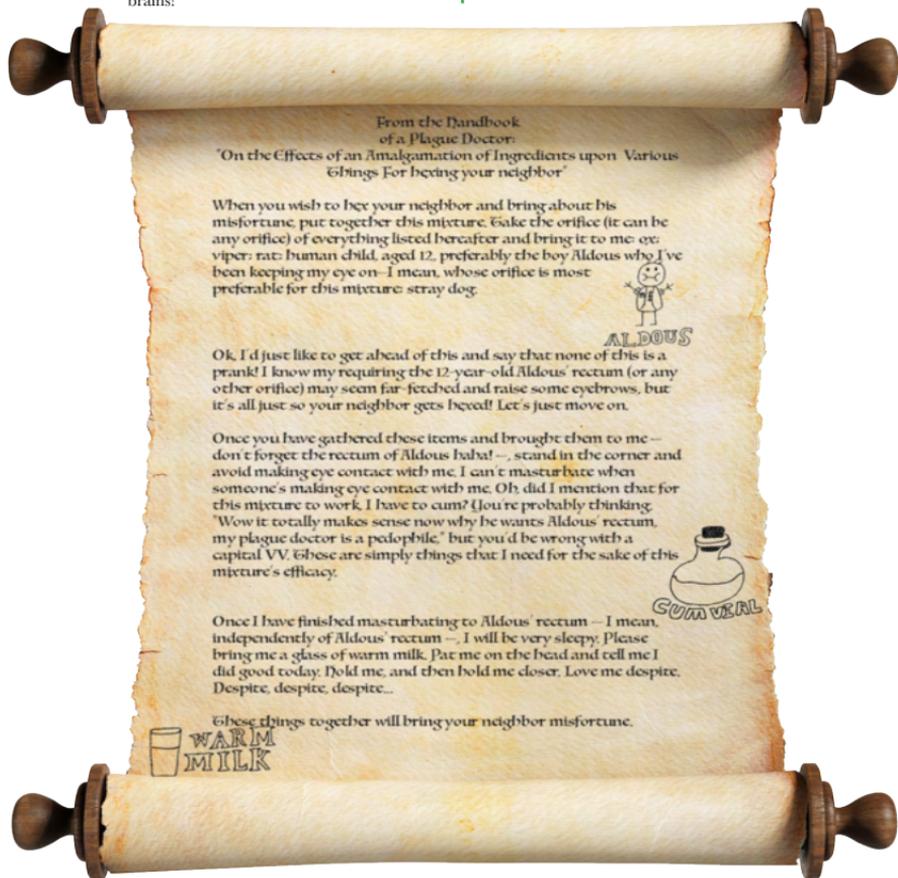
Figure 1



## Potion to Curse Your Neighbor

People in the Middle Ages didn't quite yet have a firm grasp on modern medicinal practices—as such, the remedies proposed by some Plague doctors seem quite outlandish by today's standards. A bout of anthrax might be cured by bathing in ox urine, for example, and treating sleeplessness might require that you drink a tincture composed of monkey and gazelle brains!

And within these same compendiums for remedying the most obscure of ailments, instructions for spell-casting were often enclosed as well. It truly is quite the quirk of history, and all the more quirky for its veracity! Below is the preserved and newly-found text of one such Plague doctor's recipe: this one being for the hexing of one's neighbor.

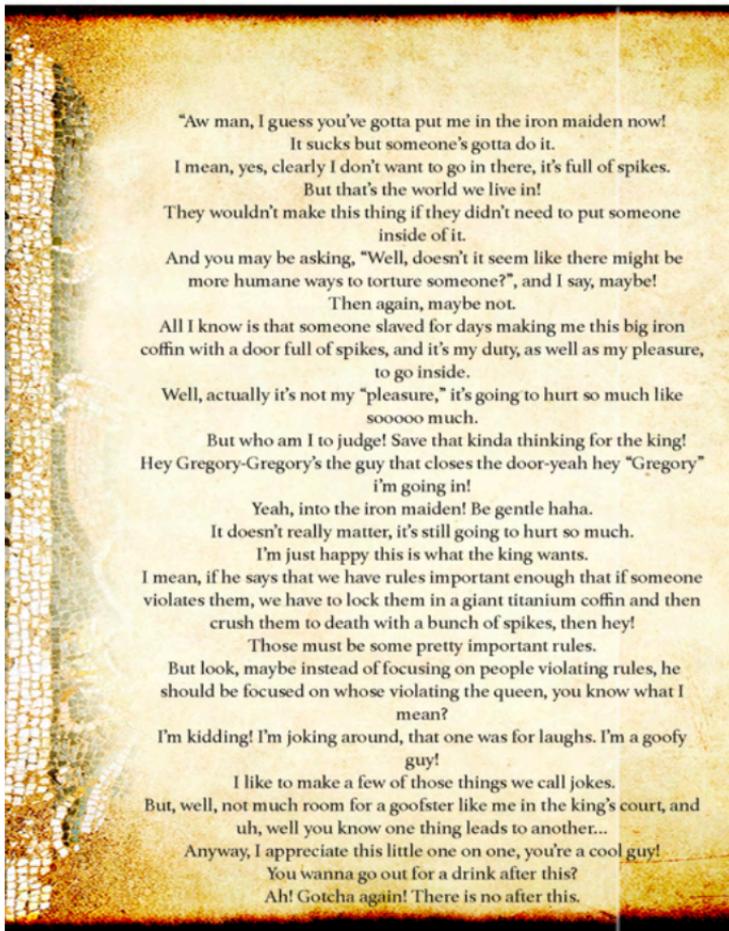


## Tortured Souls

As we wind down our overview of the dark ages, we find another transcript from a poor soul (Figure 3) condemned to take a time-out in that most awful of time-out zones: the iron maiden.

We know neither how or why this individual was such a “naughty boy”, but the historical ramifications are clear: “ouchie oofie ouch wa wa owie!”

Figure 3



## CHAPTER 5 SELF-QUIZ

### evaluation words

- Feudalism
- Serf
- Lord
- Crusade
- Monk
- Holy Land
- Black Death
- Fief



### Spots to Take a Date in the Middle Ages

1. Sexy Corpse Pile
2. The Iron Maiden
3. Wherever you can talk about whether life begins at conception or not
4. Killing fields. Not necessarily somewhere we would want to go, but we don't have much free time and will die young, might as well kill two birds with one stone, y'know?

### Middle Ages TV Shows

1. Evil Shoes
2. Serf's Up,
3. Planet Flat Earth
4. Fleabag (Like an actual bag of fleas, Everyone in the middle ages was covered in fleas. So we kept them in a bag)
5. Jeopardy! (because we are all in grave danger at all times)
6. Ye Olde Spongebob

### How To Get Knighted

1. Dick measuring contest
2. Save the queen from the medieval joker
3. Pillage a village
4. Have a sensual moment with an unexpected friend
5. Maybe if you dressed a little sluttier and put out like the other girls

### What are the lasting effects of the black death?

1. 2/3 of Europe Dead
2. Every set of triplets is now a set of twins
3. No one is keen to hang out in the sewers anymore,
4. All my Skin Fell Off
5. The popularization of the saying "Live Laugh Love"



CHAPT  
6

## THE RENAISSANCE

“ART, ARTISANS, ARTHRITIS”

“Oh, Michelangelo, and I’m a giant! I made David, but I’ll slay you like Goliath! I’m a rap God, and you can’t quite touch me! This battle’s your Last Judgement, trust me!” - Michelangelo Buonarroti

# facts

## Renaissance Timeline

### 1300-1400: The Proto-Renaissance

Did you know if you type star 67 before a phone call you can prank call anyone?

### 1400-1500: The Early Renaissance

Like anyone in the whole world?

### 1495-1527: The High Renaissance

Yes! Even the President of the United States!

### 1527-1600: Mannerism

Cool! But the US hasn't been invented yet. Neither have phones. Or widespread literacy.

## The Renaissance

The Renaissance period is considered a fervent period in European History where culture flourished, except for their cuisine. It was an culinary wasteland. No Burger King, No Popeyes, Not even a humble Jersey Mike's was to be found. For the common man, their only options were Mush or Black Bread. Due to the price of salt, their food was completely unseasoned, instead opting for the dripping sweat of their foreheads. The wealthy ate no better. They partook in feasts of gangly birds; peacocks, swans, and cranes were all staples of a nobleman's diet.

It seemed that there were no hope for our poor ancestors. Until word of a mysterious Jester-like figure began to spread across Europe. Locals referred to him as "Arby" and told tall tales of his meats Children would gather around mush stews to share rumours of Roasted Beef. When word finally reached the king, he demanded an audience with this edible wizard. His Royal offered him a deal: Arby would be his exclusive chef in exchange for all the riches in the world. But Arby refused, simply saying: "WE have the meats." A storm of Half Pound Brisket Meals rained down onto villages throughout Europe. Since that day, we all have had the meats.

You're kind  
of being an asshole  
right now



## Big Ideas

### Renaissance Equality

Although historians love to talk about the Renaissance Man, here at the Plague we like to be on the right side of history.

That is why we love renaissance WOMan. Yeah, that's right. renaissance WOMan.

## A Review of Shakespeare's newest play, Hamlet 2: Hijinks Enslave

I'll admit, when I first heard about Shakespeare releasing a sequel to Hamlet I was a bit skeptical, but after seeing it on opening night I can tell you with confidence it's absolutely worth the high price of admission.

The play opens with Hamlet's best friend Horatio standing over the bodies of all the main characters from the first play. The entire audience was shocked. What would the play do without its titular character?

Shakespeare expertly took on this issue with a bold, fresh twist the likes of which had never been tried. The witches from Macbeth suddenly burst in and bring Hamlet and his friends back to life! After this Hamlet and all his frenemies hug it out and decide on a truce. They then break into an elaborate musical number recapping the events of the first play while emphasizing a message that's seen throughout the rest of the piece, "it's about the friends we made along the way."

Now that Hamlet is on friendly terms with everyone, the play delves into the unfinished plot threads from the first Hamlet, such as the will-they-won't-they between Hamlet and his love interest Ophelia. It was during this section that I first noticed the woman playing Ophelia was actually my ex-fiancee. But don't worry readers, my opinion will remain completely unbiased. Overall, acts 3-8 of the play would have been good if it wasn't for the horrible acting from Ophelia.

I mean really, it's like she doesn't even know her own character. So she was mad at Hamlet for killing her dad, so what? Accidents happen Katherine!

Acts 11-16( not including sub-act 14.5) took a detour where Hamlet decided to try his hand at being a pirate for a bit. During this section there's even a cameo from Shakespeare himself! If you look closely, you'll see him behind a few of the crewmates, crying silently.

Around 10 and a half hours in Hamlet begins a three hour monologue about why you shouldn't have sex before marriage. This is a good time for a bathroom break if you must, but if possible hold it in. While his speech doesn't forward the plot in any way whatsoever, it's absolutely necessary to understand the deeper meaning of the play. Of course, Shakespeare saved the best for last.

About 37 hours in Hamlet discovers one of his soldiers has been murdered. He then turns his attention toward the audience and begins talking to us. From here, the rest of the play becomes an audience interactive murder mystery. Hamlet asks us things like, "Do you like this play?" "Is it as good as the first one?" "Why do you think my wife left me?" It was stimulating.

Overall this play is ahead of its time, and the inclusion of the witches implies many of Shakespeare's works could reside within a connected universe I am dubbing the SMU (Shakespeare Marvel Universe). I am excited to see Shakespeare's next sure-fire masterpiece, Hamlet: Hamilton.

# Never-Before-Seen Transcript From the Galileo Affair recorded by a courtside reporter.



## Big Ideas

This is a never-before-seen transcript of the contentious trial between Galileo and the Catholic Church, as transcribed by one spunky reporter with nothing to lose and everything to prove

### Secret Court Transcription Of the Trial Of Galileo by Me

*Roman Catholic Church Rep: Galileo Galilei, you stand on trial for proposing that the sun, not the Earth, is at the center of the universe. Your punishment, should you be found guilty of housing this heretical belief, will be your placement under house arrest until your death, no matter how far henceforth that will be. Would you like to renounce your heresy and save yourself from this fate?*

*Galileo: No.*

*The court notes that it was at this point that the Roman Catholic Church representative leaned forward, and sort of whispered to Galileo so that no one else could hear. He thought no one would notice, but Iiiii noticed!*

*RCC: ...Seriously?*

*Galileo: Yes.*

*RCC: Hey man, is something going on? This is a pretty stupid hill to die on. Surely you don't just want to— you don't just want to kill yourself, do you? And you figured this was the easiest way to do it?*

*The court notes that tears sprang to Galileo's eyes at this point. He wiped them away so quick, but I don't miss a single thing. I'm like a little detective.*

*Galileo (crying): I just feel so unpopular. Did you read what Francesco Ingoli said about me?*

*RCC: Ah, yes. It appears he wrote, "Galileo Galilei is a sloppy bitch. He thinks that the sun is at the center of the universe, but if the sun were at the center of the universe, why can't we see it at night? The Earth is at the center of the universe because we can see the Earth at night. Galileo Galilei is also buttfuck ugly and he thinks his little beard is so cute but we all talk about how dumb it looks behind his back. We do not invite him to our pool parties for this reason."*

*Galileo: Tell me that wouldn't make you want to tumble off the Tower of Pisa.*

*The court notes that the Roman Catholic Church representative softened at this, crow's feet wrinkles carving their way through the soft tissue on either side of his eyes and spelling, above all, kindness. I should write a novel.*

*RCC: Dearest Galileo, such words are no reason to want to end your life. Don't let people like Francesco win. Renounce your heretical heliocentric theory and live your life. Say, "Fuck it. It's the Renaissance."*

*The court notes that a hesitant smile dawned on Galileo's face.*

*Galileo: F-fuck it. It's the Renaissance.*

*RCC: Got his ass. It is equally heretical to utter curse words in a holy place such as this. Your punishment is house arrest until your death. Get him, boys.*

*The court notes that Galileo's mouth dropped open in shock. His new friend had betrayed him. I can only imagine the pain (I have a very vivid imagination). I wanted to hold him, but I was bound by duty to stay in my little chair. So I just watched, helpless, as Galileo experienced all of life in a single moment: despair and friendship and betrayal and despair again, all because some cunt named Francesco called him a sloppy bitch and didn't invite him to his pool parties.*

*This really is how it happened.*

## Lesson Plan From Science Class At Eton Boarding School(*circa 1543*)

“Let us begin today’s alchemy lesson by first paying tribute to Barnabas, who did not survive yesterday’s alchemy lesson because he was slain by the demons he released when he tried to mix urine with ammonia. Rest sweet young Barnabas, at this rate we should be able to resurrect you by next year.

Now, I needn’t remind you class that today’s lesson comes straight from the foremost source of scientific knowledge in the 16th century: Magic Merlyn’s Book of Spells and Also the Scientific Process, Oxford University Press. That’s right, Oxford! If they’re publishing it, it musn’t be fatal.

Today’s lesson consists of turning semen into gold! That’s right, semen! Isn’t science wondrous. Now, I hope everyone’s come prepared with their own sample, especially you, Young Master Frellick. Haha! That was a jest class, we all know Frellick’s member has fallen off due to the black rot. Worry not Frellick, by the end of this month we will have grown you a new one through the transmutation of a cow bladder.

Now remember, outside of this classroom you may be any number of things, a playwright, a beggar, a Frenchman, but inside of these walls we are all men of science. Before we get started, I hope I needn’t remind you all: Everyone raise your glasses of liquid mercury, or should I say “Silvery Science Serum,” and let us begin!\*



*\*Of the 15 students in Professor Quimble’s science lecture, 13 died of mercury poisoning 1 student dropped out and became the town “freaky guy”, and 1 student, Young Master Frellick, despite his lost member, grew up to be the man we know today as Sir Isaac Newton.*

## Shakespeare's Lesser-Known Breakup Sonnet

*Shall I compare thee to a winter's day?*

*Thou art a rather wretched eyesore.*

*Like a leprous-looking ferret of decay,  
Your hideous face I will eternally abhor.*



*At times even the brightness of the moon,  
Is dimmed by your disastrous, vile face,  
Thou once was a ten, now no better than a two,  
Full consummation was less arousing than first base.*

*Thy eternal winter makes me gag,  
I wish thou could be fouled by deadly plague,  
With that bosom flat and limp as a washrag,  
And with that acrid, sulfurous smell of rotten egg.*

*So long as I can breathe, so long you are a witch;  
So long lives my repulsion at you, you fucking bitch.*



## CHAPTER 6 SELF-QUIZ

### evaluation words

- Guild
- Reformation
- Humanism
- Pope
- Renaissance
- Man
- Art

### How to Become Famous in the Renaissance

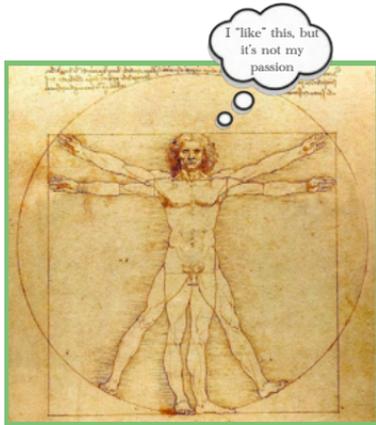
1. Go against the church (you can only do this once, but it'll be epic!)
2. Invent a new element (poopium)
3. Whip
4. Nae Nae

### First Texts to be Printed on the Printing Press

1. They call it "7/11" because it's open 7 hours a day 11 days of the week
2. If you microwave your phone for 15 seconds it fully charges it
3. Misprinted Bible with the line: "thou shall commit adultery" this is the one my dad read
4. <https://www.wattpad.com/story/8328078-sold-to-one-direction>
5. BibleS (it's kind of like how the sequel to Alien was Aliens)
6. New printing press, who dis?

### New Styles of Art

1. Cutting a small hole into a Pumpkin and feeling the inside
2. Post Fucktimism
3. The performance art is that i fuck ur wife
4. Drink Paint Water





## CHAPT 7 EARLY AMERICA

“NEW WORLD, OLD WORLD, ELMOS WORLD ”

“Nothing is certain but death and taxes, and a tasty hot dog at Yankee Stadium during the big ball game, go Astronauts!” - Benjamin Franklin

# facts

## Early America Timeline

1492

Take it back now y'all!

1609

One hop this time!

1643

Right Foot Le-No George!  
Just One Hop!

1702

ONE hop! A single hop.

1733

This isn't funny anymore  
George.

1773

Everyone is gone George.  
It's a ghost town now.

1776

Please George, it's time to  
rest your weary head.

1783

George passed away after  
almost three hundred years  
of hopping doing  
what he loved most:  
testing the foundation of  
buildings.

## Early America

Of the myriad crops introduced to the old world by colonization of the Americas, perhaps the most influential was the tomato---oh, what's this? Tobacco came from the new world? WHAT? What the fuck were they doing before tobacco? How did they get anything done without cigarettes? What, were people content to just toil in the fields without smoke breaks? I can't believe this. I cannot believe they were just raw-dogging this shit until 1556. No wonder they didn't invent the telephone till 1875. I need a fucking hit bro, I am shivering.



### Figure 1

More like the  
Boston ASS-acre,  
am I right?



## Colombus Discovers the Americas

As we surveyed the most influential of history's "big boys," we stumbled across someone we had only known as a salami brand (Figure 2): Columbus. He seemed like a big shmuck but we found this juicy little diary entry of his and we couldn't resist sharing it with the world.

Figure 2



Dearest Diary,  
I fear it happened again. A truly catastrophic event. I fear I will never be able to show my face around the boys again, they'll just look at me like I'm some kind of freakazoid again. Diary, I can't help it if I have the most unfortunate love life in this hemisphere! Ok...deep breaths...I've gotta stay positive. Here goes: basically, I 'courted' a llama? I know, I know, I do have a have a bad track record, like that time that I thought that a beluga whale was a mermaid because of its alluring knees, or that time that I thought that manatee was a mermaid, or that time I thought that other manatee was an even hotter mermaid.

My heart had been empty for so long. I yearned for the touch of another. I tried to find my missing connections through forming new friendships with my crew, but it seems I am cut from a different cloth. Even lowly Bartholomew calls me a foolish bandy-legged knave and always cuts me in line for hardtack

Those behemoths can't possibly understand how much easier it is to get with a voluptuous land mammal than to think you've sighted a mermaid, dive into the water in a fit of lust-induced madness, start to drown because to can't swim, wait until the curious manatee approaches, buoyed by your voluminous doublet, and obtain carnal knowledge of it—all of the things I've had to go through as a hopeless romantic. Whatever. I know at least you're on my side diary.



Forever Yours,  
Christopher Columbus

## Correspondences Regarding the Salem Witch Trials

### Concerning Witches In Salem

On this day Mr. Cary testified against his accused wife, Mrs. Cary, for crimes of Witch-craft and disturba. Examination of the subject proved the afflicted true. Below lie the transcribed words of Mr. Cary during his testimonial. "On the Second Saturday of this August I found myself lying declodhed in mine berth beside Anne-Sue, the young stewardess and caregiver for mine Children. She too wore no dress. Presently my cursed wife, Mrs. Cary, entered the room as Anne-Sue and I were in a reasonably platonic embrace, hugging each the other with all limbs. I stress the importance that it matter not that my employed Child-care provider and I were nude. In a burst of devilish rage, mine wife fell to her knees and began speaking in the tongue of Lucifer, accusing mineself and mine companion with crimes of indecency I shan't repeat. Clearly she is possessed by sin and must be put to death immediately." Presently Mrs. Cary was sentenced to hang by the neck and think about what she's done.

*Arthur McCallum 5 . 23 . 1692*

### Re: Concerning Witches In Salem

On this day Revered Hawke brought with him many cooked parcels and delights to share with the committee. While partaking in Apple pie and cream, we heard the pleas of Four younged Harrison women reported to poesses Black Majik. We listened very little as their case was none too interesting and as I admit the delicious pound cake was rather distrackting. At the conclusion of the meeting we decided to kill them just to be safe. A many thanks to the Hawke family for providing the dedicated folk of the clergy with such a tasty morsel.

*Arthur McCallum 5 . 20 . 1692*

### Witches In Salem, They're Concerning

On this day the committee took to evaluating novel forms of execution with which to dispel sin and wretchedness from Salem. Mr. Garrison from the North end of the settlement offered that we perform a scratch and sniff examination of suspected she-devils. As it is known that Fe-Males cannot defecate, We shall be sure to inspect for the presence of night soil near posterior. If the caboose is smelly, she be a witch. Upon identification, Father Warren suggest we Send her to bed prematurely, Cancel her playdates, and Take away her living privileges. At great length the committee decided to kill the next forsaken Witch by double-dog daring her to hold their breath till she fall faint. Upon her falling, we shall throw stones at her head whilst we call her silly names.

Love,

*Arthur McCallum 6 . 7 . 1692*

# Encyclopedia Britannica's History Newsletter

We took this directly from Encyclopedia Britannica without asking. We owe them a beer, if you're from Encyclopedia Britannica, you can cut out this page and bring it to any bar in New York and redeem it for one free Brewski.

If you're not from Encyclopedia Britannica, hey how about those Encyclopedia Britannica guys? What a bunch of goofsters lmao.



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## Fun Facts about Alexander Hamilton!

Alexander Hamilton...

- Was not born in the United States
- As an immigrant, he got the job done
- He had one shot, and he was really set on not giving up his shot
- Good friend of George Washington, the venerated Virginian veteran
- Wrote non-stop after the American Revolution
- In love with his wife's sister or something
- Had an eccentric, extremely diverse friend group
- Accidentally had sex with some lady when he forgot to take a break for a pretty long time?
- Died after rival Aaron Burr shot him, but see Aaron Burr didn't realize that Hamilton aimed his pistol at the sky instead of pointing it at Burr, cause see Burr knew that Hamilton was wearing his glasses, why? cause he wanted to take deadly aim, and Burr couldn't let Hamilton make an orphan of his daughter, so Hamilton says my love take your time, I'll see you on the other side. Raise a glass to freedom, but he aims his pistol at the sky WAIT!
- Burr strikes him right between the ribs. He walks towards him but he is ushered away.\*

\* Compiled by Britannica's summer intern and NYU Drama Student, Barbara Streisand (not her real name)

# The Forgotten Founding Father: Silas Deane

While Thomas Jefferson famously wrote the first draft of The Declaration of Independence, it was only after lesser-known founding father Silas Deane tried writing the document that Jefferson stepped up to the plate. Jefferson cited “a misunderstanding of the document’s goals and spirit” as the reason for his complete overhaul of Deane’s draft.

According to Jefferson, the first proverbial strike was when Deane renamed the document The Deaneclaration of IndepenSilas. Jefferson claimed that this self-aggrandizing title was incongruous to the unified nature that the document was striving to convey, to which Deane replied, “What, would you rather I call it The Thomasclaration of IndepenJefferson?” Jefferson responded that he would not prefer this title, but when Deane replied “Would too! Would too! Would too!” ad nauseum.

In response, Jefferson finally caved and said that he would indeed prefer that the document be called The Thomasclaration of IndepenJefferson in an attempt to get Deane

to stop talking. It worked only briefly, as Deane began shrieking non-stop the moment Jefferson switched the title back to what we know it as today.

As Jefferson continued reading the document, several more problematic things jumped out at him. For one, Deane repeatedly referred to King George as “Dad”, which Jefferson claimed was nonsensical, though Deane maintained that Jefferson would, quote, “totally get it if you knew my dad.” Jefferson reiterated that he did not, in fact, know Deane’s father, which Deane claimed was, quote, “exactly the kind of thing Mother would say.” Jefferson chose not to open that can of worms, and moved on.

Jefferson also took exception to Deane’s insistence on referring to The 13 Colonies as The 12 Colonies and Also Delaware, claiming that this, in a similar vein to Deane’s reworked title, contradicted the spirit of unification that the Declaration ought to demonstrate.



## The Ballad of Silas Deane, Continued

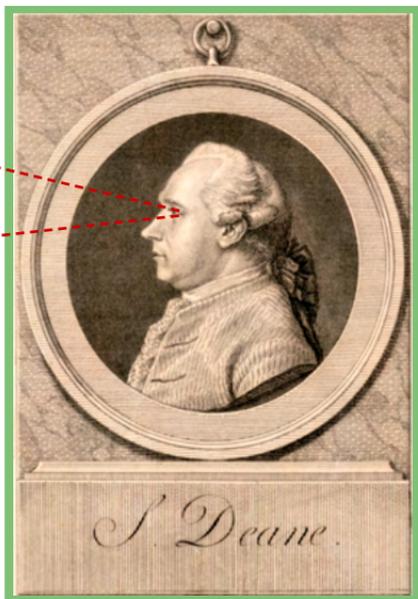
Apparently, Deane looked at Jefferson and said, "C'mon Tom. Have you ever met someone from Delaware?" An exasperated Jefferson said that he indeed knew someone from Delaware, and that Deane did as well: fellow founding father John Dickinson. To this, Deane said, "Ha ha. Dick in son," to himself, giggled, then fell completely silent. Jefferson later stated that he believed Deane to be reliving a memory, but did not elaborate further.

Jefferson also noted that Deane had misspelled America, and it was at this point that Deane threatened to kill himself. Jefferson realized then how precarious the situation had become, and after briefly considering telling Deane to, quote, "Go ahead and do it, see if I care," decided to instead talk Deane down. Deane began to cry, and Jefferson shushed

him, assuring Deane that his draft would be sent to England completely unedited. This was, of course, a lie, but Deane was never the wiser.

Deane curled up in Jefferson's lap, and as he fell asleep, he whispered, "I knew I would make you proud, Dad." Jefferson let that slide, and after petting Deane for the appropriate amount of time, slipped out of the room, careful not to wake his sleeping colleague and surrogate son.

It had been a long, arduous day for our most revered founding father. So he retired to his home in Monticello and did what he always did when the stresses of work followed him there: blew off some steam by beating a few of his many slaves senseless.



## A Scene From The Revolution

Tensions were high at the peak of the American Revolution, and in order to relieve stress many troops took to getting “lit” as a coping mechanism. The rations of each American soldier included 3 portions of ale, or 2 portions of wine for those soldiers who were like “we don’t drink beer, we drink wine.”

Lesser known is that founding father and party hound George Washington not only partook in ale and ye olde weed, but was a “founding father” of the legendary cock spin technique. See below our in-house artist’s depiction of “Washington, crossed on the Delaware”





# Our Own National Treasure

History can be boring. Sorry, that's just the objective truth. But, to bring our ancestors into the 21st century, to contextualize them, we forced a robot to watch both *National Treasure* movies and then write a script on its own. Here is the first page:



Figure 1

## THE NATIONAL TREASURE 3: EVEN MORE NATIONAL TREASURE

INT. MOUNT RUSHMORE - NIGHT

Mount Rushmore. The faces of all your favorite men are on there, except for Lin-Manuel Miranda (though he will be on there soon for what he's done).

Nicolas Cage trips over an artifact. This must be the national treasure, from the title. He strokes it with love.

NIC CAGE  
America is so good.  
Don't you agree?

He turns to his companion, Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

**Oh God. Oh fuck. It seems that the bot has become sentient and watched the only other movie that I have downloaded on my computer: The Birth of a Nation (I downloaded it for class I swear).**

GRAND WIZARD  
Yes. But America was better, back before minorities had rights and such.

Nic Cage nods solemnly at this wisdom from an American hero.

NIC CAGE  
People are afraid to say that now.

Jon Voight, who is in these movies, skates into the room.

NIC CAGE  
Except for special people like  
Angelina Jolie's dad.

JON VOIGHT  
Cancel culture is worse than the  
Holocaust!

Jon Voight leaves the room. He did what he had to. The Grand Wizard burns  
a cross patriotically. He's the hero of our nation.

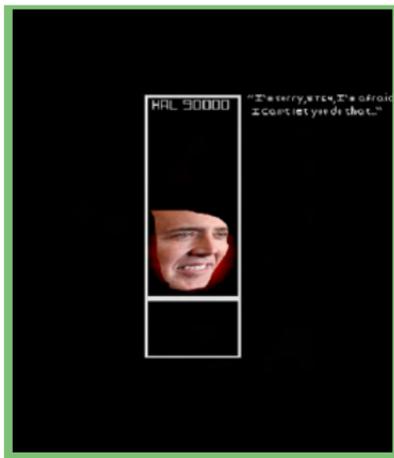
GRAND WIZARD  
The diversity in this room is  
stifling.

NIC CAGE  
Thank you for saying that. You are  
a national treasure.

The Grand Wizard says something outrageously racist, and America agrees.

**It was at this point that I disabled the bot. It was getting too close.**

**Figure 2**



## CHAPTER 7 SELF-QUIZ

### evaluation words

- Colony
- Meetinghouse
- Musket
- Settler
- Constitution
- Minutemen
- Red Coat
- Revolution



### What Amendment Should be Added to the Constitution

1. Electricity is juice. Chargers are tubes. Chargers bring the juice from the wall and puts it into your phone
2. You're supposed to do pushups at funerals. That one guy who did it at RBG funeral was ahead of the curve
3. No rights for bald people
4. No rights for Gingers

### Why Did we Fight The Revolutionary War

1. The British did not believe that electricity is juice
2. Bad head
3. Sloppy toppy
4. They say things like "innit" and we responded appropriately

### What Will You Use To Pay For Land

1. Glass of Milk
2. Free Pornhub premium subscription
3. Paid Pornhub premium subscription
4. Bones of the Natives

### How Did King George Personally Offend You

1. Ate my family
2. Ate out my family
3. Called me the C word
4. Grilled and ate my cat
5. Got wig dandruff on me



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## MIDDLE AMERICA

### "TRAINS, PLANES, THE FELLAS"

"I have been branded with folly and madness for attempting what the world calls impossibilities, and even from the great engineer, the late James Watt, who said ... that I deserved hanging for bringing into use the high-pressure engine. This has so far been my reward from the public;" - Richard Trevithick, Inventor of the Train.

# facts

## Middle America Timeline

1901

Happy Birthday Walt Disney!

1902

Happy 1st Birthday Walt Disney!

1903

Happy 2nd Birthday Walt Disney!

1904

Happy 3rd Birthday Walt Disney!

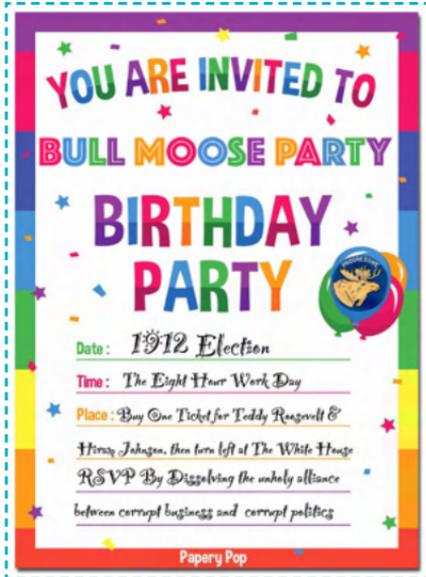
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Happy Eighteen Thousand and Fourth Birthday Walt Disney! We Pledge Allegiance To Your Head and the United States of Epcot. And to the Ears for Which it Stands. One Theme Park Under Walt for Happiness and Mickey for All.

## Middle America

Once the American revolution had wound down and British people were legally obligated to stop talking like that, America entered it's folk-hero era. Everyone had a name like "Jimmy Bannana-Bread" and would spend their days riding horses into the midwest sharing their shitty recipe for banana bread. Annie Knee-Pincher pinched knees from Philadelphia to San Francisco, remembered in the all-american folk classic song "hide your knees, Annie's coming to town." Davey Crockett boldly made his last stand in a Blockbuster Video when they told him that he couldn't renew "Dirty Dancing" for five weeks straight. He refused to return it and was scalped. Legends as they lived, we fondly remember their legacies today.

Figure 1



## Primary Source: Suffragette Magazine

**The** *Registered at the G. P. O. as a Newspaper*  
**Suffragette**  
Edited by Christabel Pankhurst. *The Official Organ of the Women's Social and Political Union*

**What to Wear: A Guide for the Average Woman to Refer to Before Stepping Outside for her Daily 2-Minute Walk, Intended to Keep You Modest but Cool During the Summer Months.**

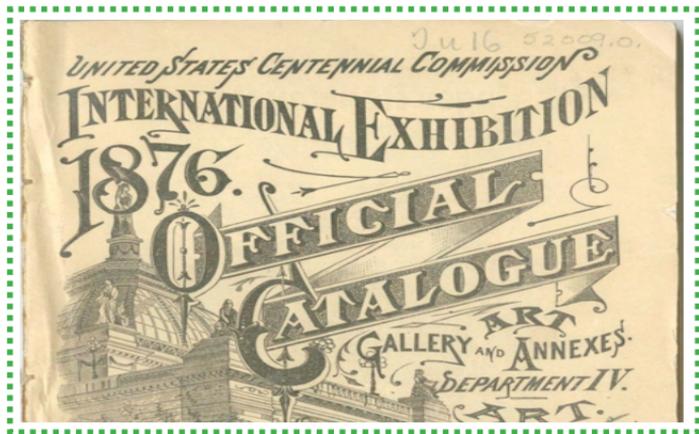
1. Chemise
2. Drawers
3. Corset
4. Another corset
5. Petticoat
6. Woolen petticoat
7. Woolen stockings
8. Chain mail hauberk
9. Metal cuirass
10. Iron gauntlets
11. Grab your country's standard
12. Lace camisole
13. Prepare for war

**IN HONOUR AND IN LOVING, REVERENT MEMORY  
OF  
EMILY WILDING DAVISON.  
SHE DIED FOR WOMEN.**

*"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."*

Miss Davison, who made a protest at the Derby against the denial of Votes to Women, was knocked down by the King's horse and sustained terrible injuries of which she died on Sunday, June 19th, 1913.

# Primary Source: Review from the Centennial Exposition, the first World's Fair in the United States, 1876



Quote: "An invention was presented today, unlike anything I've ever seen before. It will revolutionize life in America. In the world. It is not limited to any one person. It will fit in every aspect of our lives. With tasteful coloration, it evokes thousands of years of magnificent human ingenuity, and its mystical properties will usher in a new age of innovation. Inside of one small, glass bottle are answers to questions we didn't even know we had. And the answer has a name. Heinz."



## Political Cartoon From the 1800s

Central to American History is the role of the “satarist.” Sure, the satarist doesn’t contribute anything to society per-se, and often loaf around while other people do all the real heavy lifting and tends to have not great hygiene.

And, whenever they try to hang out with people, they’re always told that “I don’t have an excuse I just don’t want to spend time with you...” I don’t know where I was going with this, I need a hug Enjoy this bit of political satire.

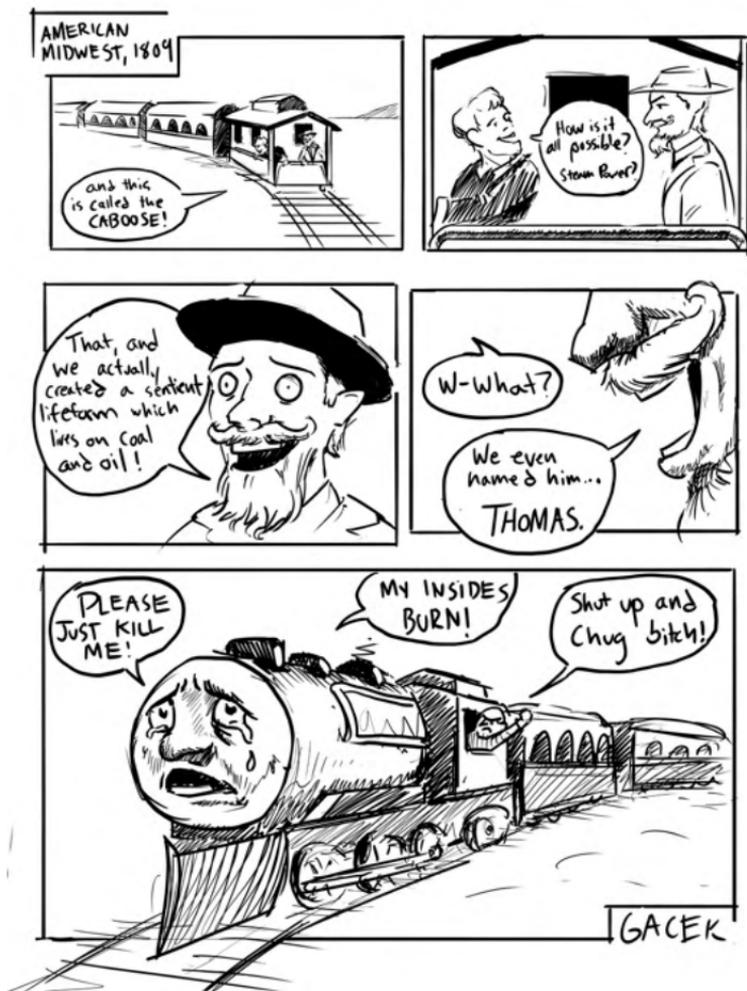


*What the history books don't tell ya...*

## The Steam Engine

The Invention of the steam engine locomotive was a turning point in the history of the United States.

See below our in-house artiste's depiction of the first locomotives to traverse the American continent



# President Theodore ‘Teddy’ Roosevelt

On November 15, 1902, the 26th President of the United States Theodore ‘Teddy’ Roosevelt, refused to shoot an innocent bear on a hunting trip. Although this is now considered a great act of altruism and even led to the iconic ‘Teddy Bear’ name, at the time, the people of the U.S. were not happy with this decision.

As shown in figure 1, when his constituents found out about what he had done (it was not until 1903 that his constituents found out about the incident due to a rare horse-born form of HPV that put the Pony Express on hiatus) they were furious. They saw him as ‘soft on crime’ and wondered ‘who will protect us when the prophetic bear uprising rises’.

His approval rates did increase slightly in 1907 when he brutally murdered multiple bears at his state of the Union Adress. However in 1908, his ratings dropped even further when a traveling troupe named “MythBusters” proved to Americans that it was an illusion and he had not in fact committed theriocide.

Figure 1

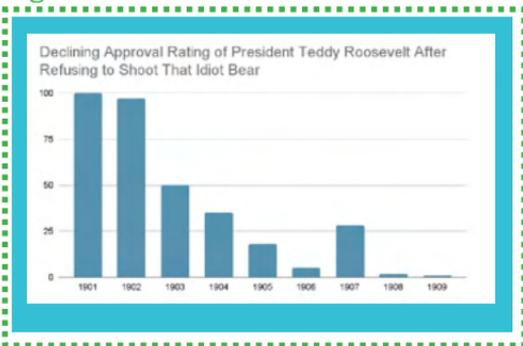


Figure 2

House of Representatives Vote on Ordering Sushi for Lunch on 2/23/1896				
History By The Numbers	Regions	For	Against	Allergic/Vegan
	New England	9	19	
	Middle States	18	42	2
	West and Northwest	29	10	
	South and South West	58	20	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2</b>

# Encyclopedia Britannica's History

## Newsletter 2: Titanic Boogaloo

We took this from Encyclopedia Britannica as well, and they were kind enough to include a forward. We still owe you guys a beer.

From the desk of Mr.Britannica:

"A note to our readers: we apologize for our previous newsletter. The Alexander Hamilton entry has been rescinded, and our intern Barbara Streisand (not her real name) has been replaced."



Britannica

### Fun Facts about the Sinking of the Titanic!

The Titanic...

- The Titanic was a luxury cruise liner that sank in 1912
- The uber-wealthy didn't mix with the poor. Except for this one woman who wanted to commit suicide or something and was saved by a hottie below decks
- So Leo gets really close with Kate, and she starts neglecting her husband who's a bitch, lemme tell you. And they go to the bow of the ship and do this adorable YOU'RE HERE, THERE'S NOTHING I FEAR, AND I KNOW THAT MY HEART WILL GO ON. And they end up having steamy S E X in a carriage. But, see, the upper-class is also a bitch and they end up arresting Leo, and of course that's when the dumbasses in the crow's nest frigin miss the iceberg and the ship slams into it. Water everywhere. The water was entirely practical, super impressive for the time. But remember, Leo is still chained to the radiator! And water's pouring in, and Kate is trying to escape her husband, and it's chaos, but Kate gets Leo out and they almost drown but they make it on board, but only the wealthy get seats on the boats so Leo and Kate are hanging off the back of the ship! And they fall into the water and it's so damn cold! They find this piece of wood and hang on but oh my god get ready, Leo gives Kate the piece of wood EVEN THOUGH there was enough room for him on it too and he fucking DIES. HE DIES. FUCK YOU JAMES CAMERON.
- 
- Traumatizing. I can't even think about it right now.\*

\* Compiled by Britannica's summer intern and NYU Film and TV Student, Christopher Nolan (not his real name).

# Primary Source: The Boston Molasses Flood

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## 10 Tips for Surviving a Molasses Flood

**Giant Wave of 2,300,000 Gallons of Molasses, 50 Feet High, Sweeps Everything Before It—100 Men, Women and Children Caught in Sticky Stream—Buildings, Vehicles and L Structure Crushed**

We've all been there. It's a perfectly shitty winter day in Boston when all of a sudden the molasses plant up the road decides to be a little naughty and explode. Some might think an encroaching tsunami of molasses spells out certain death, but with these ten tips, you'll be able to beat it out the competition and the statistical likelihoods and get back to your perfectly shitty Bostonian life in no time at all.

1. Use the dead bodies of your fellow Bostonians as pool floaties. Contrary to popular belief, molasses is actually a liquid, and bodies are less dense than people think. This out-of-the-box tip is your best chance, but in case everyone around you is alive, you can either kill one of them, or keep reading for more tips.
2. There will be a lot of debris around that you can use to pull yourself out of the goo. You have to be smarter than Jack and Rose from Titanic (1997), but that's a pretty low bar, so you'll probably be fine. Once you find a suitable door or piano lid, you can either stylishly push yourself around like you're your own Venetian gondolier (in this economy, style means everything), or hang ten and catch that gnarly sweet wave!
3. Open your big ol' mouth and get to slurping. You can't drown if the liquid goes down the right pipe.



WRECKED VIEW OF THE WRECK OF THE NORTH END BOMB PLATFORM AFTER THE BOMB EXPLODED IN THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 16, 1919. THE BOMB WAS A 100-POUND BOMB WHICH WAS PLACED IN THE WRECK OF THE BOMB AT THE NORTH END OF THE BOMB PLATFORM. THE BOMB WAS PLACED IN THE WRECK OF THE BOMB AT THE NORTH END OF THE BOMB PLATFORM.

4. If the last tip doesn't work out, we suggest waiting for Kirby © to come and do it; somehow he's invented vacuum suction twenty years before humans did. He usually takes about 2-3 business days to respond to atrocities, so make sure to bring a book to read while you wait, especially if your molasses flood occurs on a weekend.
5. I read online that molasses is pretty sticky, gooey stuff. So slap that shit on your hands and spider-man outta there.
6. In a few hours, Republicans will call you a crisis actor participating in propaganda to make the government look bad. I promise you, it's that simple! You're saved!
7. Not to victim-blame or anything, but if you had built the Ark in time like God told you to, maybe you wouldn't be in this mess to begin with. Just saying.
8. Wait for it to snow and then make candy the way our friends to the north do when the snow knocks out the NHL channel and there's nothing better to do because they live in Canada. It will use up all the molasses, saving countless lives, and starting an organic candy company is a great way to inject capital back into the economy!
9. Gather a bunch of kindergarteners, tell them they can't go to recess until they clean up their mess, and sing the clean-up song until their ears bleed. It'll take a while, but I read on the internet that molasses moves pretty slow, so I think you'll be fine if you give infinite kindergarteners infinite mops, and they'll end up writing Shakespeare, or something.
10. When in doubt, just give up. That way at least you won't have to live in Boston anymore.

**Search for More Victims During the Night  
No Escape From Gigantic Wave of Fluid**

# The Invention of the Airplane

As seen in the newspaper clipping below, the response to the great invention of the Wright brothers was surprisingly lackluster at the time.

Like all great geniuses, they were simply not appreciated in their time. It wasn't until 2015 that planes really took off, and boy are we glad they did.



## Big Ideas

This (Figure 4) is actually an artifact from the 1894 world's fair exhibit titled “world's fair's future world's fair exhibit world's fair exhibit.” It was a prediction of what world's fairs would look like in the future. The accuracy is truly astounding.

Figure 4



## CHAPTER 8 SELF-QUIZ

### evaluation words

- Child Labor
- Union
- Telegraph
- Inflation
- Robber Barron
- Recession
- Manifest Destiny
- Railroad

### Inventions That Changed The World

1. Grindr for Women
2. The creampie
3. Soap with a hole in the middle
4. Mister Doctor

### How To Get out Of the Great Depression

1. Sell hor d'oeuvres at a loss, but build a brand
2. Break the glass like Tris in Divergent
3. Invest In Infinitos the pizza place
4. "Get your f---ing ass up and work. It seems like nobody wants to work these days" – Kim Kardashian, 1922

### Working Hazards in the Industrial Revolution

1. Being a child
2. Chinese fingertrap R and D
3. Falling in the meat vat
4. Hanging out in the meat vat
5. Crying in the meat vat, picking yourself up, and trying again tomorrow

### How to Pass the Time During Prohibition

1. Drinking wait fuck i always do this can i try again?
2. Punch the local baby
3. Jazz
4. White Jazz
5. Masturbate in a cool way



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## THE MODERN ERA

### “EVERYTHING ELSE”

“Postmodernity is said to be a culture of fragmentary jelly beans, eclectic easter eggs, disposable candy bars, and promiscuous licorice, in which the traditionally valued qualities of celery, carrots, kale, regular beans, and hearty stew are evacuated or dissolved amid the random swirl of empty signals.”

—Jean Baudrillard

## Early Modern Timeline

**1946**  
Stanley Lambchop is born.

**1956**  
Stanley Lambchop is flattened by a bulletin board. The nickname 'Flat Stanley' is coined.

**1958**  
Flat Stanley became a national sensation after appearing on television.

**1963**  
John F. Kennedy is shot. Flat Stanley is the prime suspect.

**1964**  
Flat Stanley is arrested after being caught for using his slender frame to sneak into the ladies toilet. He is given prison for life.

**1965**  
Flat Stanley escapes from prison very quickly because he is so flat. He has never been seen again but rumors arise of sightings in public restrooms all over the country for the rest of eternity.

## The Modern Era

World War II never actually happened! It was invented when someone realized how lonely our dads were and wanted to give them something to talk about. This person also invented college football and not talking about feelings and cheating on my mom!... .. Um. Sorry. I was supposed to write a funny little blurb about World War II but now, um... I'm sorry.

### Hitlers Corner

#### Understanding Our Past

Hitler was a well-documented fan of the lessons imparted by the Tortoise and the Hare fable and would often remind his closest advisors, 'slow and steady wins the race... war.'

This is why they killed Jews at an average rate of 500,000 per year. They would then laugh in German.



# Sub-Chapter: World War II

## History In Hindsight: Why Women Shouldn't Be Drafted

**Women Belong in the Kitchen!  
And other reasons women shouldn't  
get drafted in this war or any war in  
the future.**

"Since the dawn of time, women have always been inferior to men — Eve came from Adam's rib, the Beatles breakup was Yoko Ono's fault, and Ross was right, he and Rachel were definitely on a break.

When it comes to fighting a war, we need our best and brightest on the front lines. Men!

Have you ever compared the size of your hand to the size of a woman's? They are so small and dainty — far better fitted for taking a warm, hand-crafted apple pie out of the oven and definitely not for driving a tank or anything like that.

Think about it, if women were drafted for war, how would the uniforms work? Where are the breasts supposed to go? The buttons would do that weird puckering gap thing and look extremely unprofessional. (But hey, maybe that would distract the enemy?)

Imagine how many tampons you would need in the barracks. So. Many. Tampons. Gross!

A new study shows that on average, women take 42 minutes longer to get ready than men do. Imagine if half our soldiers were 42 minutes late. Your spf 50 foundation may protect you from UV rays but it's not going to protect this country sweetie."

- Op-ed from history's first incel, Harry Truman



## Rejected World War II Propoganda

Below is a script from a belabored writer working under the budweiser corporation at the time of World War II. As the country was enlisting every capable citizen to contribute to the war effort, so too were the creatives expected to support the boys abroad. This script was intended to rally enthusiasm for America's greatest priority: beer.

1.

### BEER COMMERCIAL

HARRIS, a sloppy man in a t-shirt and boxers, grabs a BEER BOTTLE from his apartment fridge. The apartment is gray and drab looking. Harris collapses into the beanbag in the center of the room, he is a sad man. The man takes a big gulp and is magically transported into a super horny beer commercial. He is now at a craps table in Vegas, surrounded by chips. A HOT LADY (prostitute) is blowing on his set of dice.

HARRIS

Oh I could get used to this!  
(to bottle)  
Where are you taking me next!?

He takes another big gulp. Harris is transported to a beautiful pool. He's lounging in a beach chair and being massaged by bikini clad women.

HARRIS

Boo-yah! Now, why don't we take  
this party... to a beach?!!

The women all woo and cheer. Harris takes a final chug of the beer and finishes the drink. He is transported onto Normandy Beach. It is June 6th, 1944: D-Day. The sound of gunfire and screaming fills the grey sky. The ocean runs red with blood. A SOLDIER with no legs crawls toward Harris, reclined in the same pool chair.

WWII SOLDIER

Oh my god, I've lost both of my  
legs! Somebody please help me!

## Rejected World War II Propoganda: Continued

2.

HARRIS

Hoocooly shit, holy shit.  
(to bottle)  
Get me the FUCK out of here!

Man tries to take another gulp of the drink, but finds the bottle empty.

HARRIS (CONT'D)

Cmon, cmon.

He tries to turn the bottle over his head but only a single drop falls, missing his tongue. There is a massacre going on around him. A man drops dead in front of Harris, still reclining.

HARRIS

Screams.

Bud Light logo takes over the frame as the camera zooms out and loses focus.

V.O.

Bud Light, the only drink that can grant all your wishes, literally.

FADE TO BLACK.

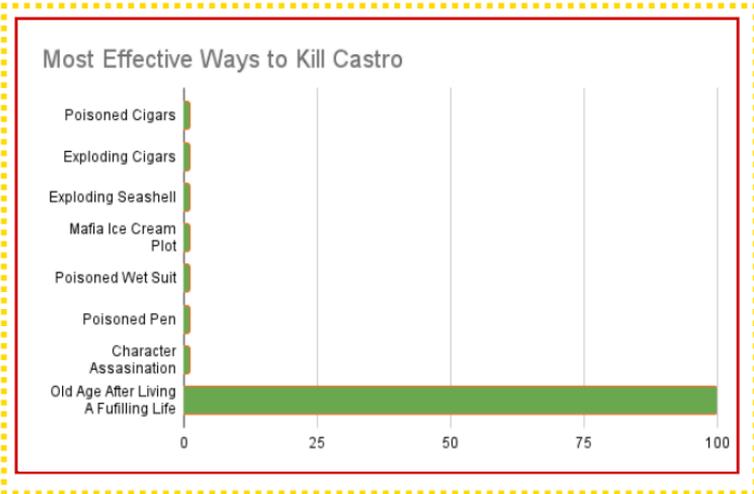
# Sub Chapter: Cold War

## A Burly Russian Man Approached Us and Offered to Write This Sub-chapter

Hello, Comrade textbook reader. Don't you love the crisp pages of this democratically sourced textbook-style paper? Doesn't it feel nice to feel the labor of the proletariat squeezed between your fat capitalist pig fingers as you turn the pages of this false, non-Socialist, American, child molesting, quote-unquote "history" book-text? I bet it feels nice. I bet you like it, don't you?

Fuck you. Fuck you for reading this Western propaganda. I see you. Yes, you, reading this now. We have eyes everywhere. You can't avoid us. We are the true rulers of this earth. We are the ones who knock...  
Anyways, enjoy the chapter, it's a good one!

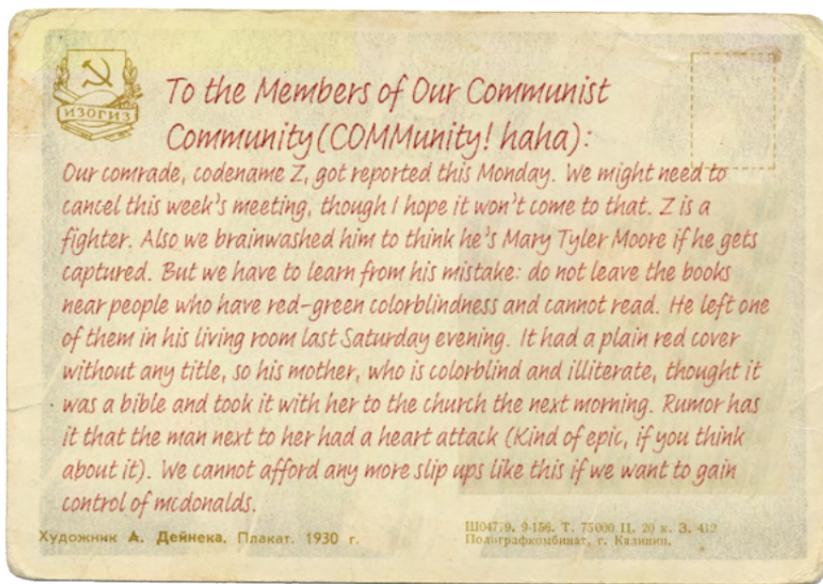
Figure 3



## Note From a Small Communist Outpost in America, Circa 1958

As unfortunate as it is to give him any credit, Senator Joseph Mccarthy was right about two things: 1, everyone was laughing at him behind his back, and 2, there were communists plotting America's downfall at the

time of the red scare. In fact, it's quite staggering that Mccarthy was unable to find even a single member of these plotters, but that's merely a testament to his ineptitude. Rip Bozo. See below a recovered coorespondence from a previously unseen outpost.



# Recovered CIA Document: How to Get Unblacklisted

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## How to get Unblacklisted: A Guide

USSR

So, you've been blacklisted huh? Someone was a naughty little Leninist and now you wanna come slopping back to big daddy capitalism? Ok, but it's not gonna be easy.

First things first, you're gonna need to write a jingle. NOT a song. If it's more than thirty seconds you're going to prison. It should rhyme, and should explicitly state that senator Joseph Mccarthy is good in bed and does NOT underperform, if anything he over performs!

Once you have your jingle, perform it on the steps of capitol hill when you are certain noone is listening. If any dirty hippies are burning reefer and/or flags nearby and they hear you they're going to flame your stupid jingling-ass and you'll never recover.

Once you have performed your jingle in private (instrumental accompaniment is not required but highly recommended), a trap door should open and send you tumbling down a sort of super slide into the "undercity."

Avoid the capital gremlins at all cost—they can smell the failure of communism as an ideology on you and will take it upon themselves to suck it out of you with their fangs. God-bless their patriotic gremlin hearts.

If you survive this far, you will be presented with a choice of three chalices from which to drink from. We're going to go ahead and tell you that the one with the French flag that says "vive la France" will boil your blood and turn you into goo.

If you choose correctly, you will have made it into the final chamber, congratulations you dirty commie. Here you will have to fight a reanimated version of one of the founding fathers, whichever one we were able to summon that day, and best them in mortal combat. They are basically just bones now so don't worry too much but if you get the ben franklin bone dragon you are FUCKED.

## CENTRAL REFERENCE SERVICE



Once you have cast the restless soul of one of our founding fathers back into the pits of hell (NOTE—"heaven") you may proceed to your welcome back party. John D Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie and The Torment Demon are in charge of the party committee. We told them to buy snacks but maybe bring your own they're not very on top of things. Congratulations on unblacklisting yourself, this was not an easy task. Pat yourself on the back and take solace in the crushing weight of capitalism.

Remember our mantra: "She said 'can you get my friends in the club?' I said 'can you get my benz in the club? If not, treat your friends like my benz, park their ass outside til the evening ends'"



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# Sub-Chapter: The 60s Onward

## Primary Source: Recording of The Beatles' First Meeting With Bob Dylan

Music historians rejoice! A recently recovered tape recorder hidden inside of Ringo Starr's toilet bowl at The Delmonico Hotel has revealed a treasure trove of archival material giving profound insight into the musicians' lives and processes. Below is a transcript of the profound meeting of some of history's greatest musical minds:

1. Friday, August 28, 1964.

Ringo:  
What's that you have there, Robert?

Dylan:  
Why, thank you for asking, Ringling. This here is what some in the music industry refer to as "marijuana"

Lennon:  
Mary-what now?

Dylan:  
Marijuana. Hashish. Satan's cabbage. A profound psychedelic substance that I ingest from time to time in order to make my music.

McCartney:  
Neat-o.

Dylan:  
Would you four Beatles like to have some?

Ringo:  
I don't know, Bob. That's a lot to ask.

Dylan:  
That's okay, Ringworm. I, as we cool music-making people say, will proceed to "puff up."

Dylan lights and inhales.

Dylan:  
Boy-o-boy. That is some good marijuana. I think I'll write a song now.

Ringo and Harrison both smoke. John and Paul watch.

Dylan:  
Well boys, how do you feel?

2.

Ringo:  
I feel tingly.

Dylan:  
What about you, George?

Harrison:  
On the thirtieth of December, 1999, I will be stabbed forty times in my estate on Friar Park. I will be brought to a hospital and survive, but will succumb to lung cancer two years later.

Dylan:  
- What?

Harrison:  
On December eighth, 1980, John Lennon will be shot five times outside his home at the Dakota Hotel in Manhattan.

Lennon:  
George, what the fuck are you saying?

Harrison:  
In the year 2001, seeking to inject significant profit into Lockheed Martin, a US based defense contractor, then-President George W. Bush will secretly redirect four flights to various locations across the country in hopes of--

Paul slaps George across the face. They proceed to write Rubber Soul.



## Failed Attempt at Damage Control By The Nixon Administration



*“WATERGATE WAS HOT! If you don’t think getting peeped on by tricky dicky isn’t at least a little sexy in a naughty voyeuristic way you are fucked up!” - Ronald Reagan*

Um. Guys. I think we forgot about the rest of history. Ella? Harry?  
Anyone?

Welp.

Just pray they don't cover anything after 1975 on the exam I guess. If they do, just tell them the world as we know it ended with the invention of the internet.

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