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Cats in History

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Why should humans steal all of the glory? Here are some of the world's bravest, funniest, strangest and most famous cats so, let's see how our feline-friends have affected our lives...



WHY WERE CATS WORSHIPPED IN ANCIENT EGYPT?

In Ancient Egypt there was no animal more important than the cat. Egyptian farmers had problems with mice, rats and snakes who threatened to eat their grain. The Ancient Egyptians learned that wild cats preyed on these pests and they encouraged them to stay with them.

Cats were also thought to be demigods (half gods). The most famous Egyptian cat Goddess was Bast. Only a Pharaoh was important enough to own a cat and all other cats were under his guardianship.



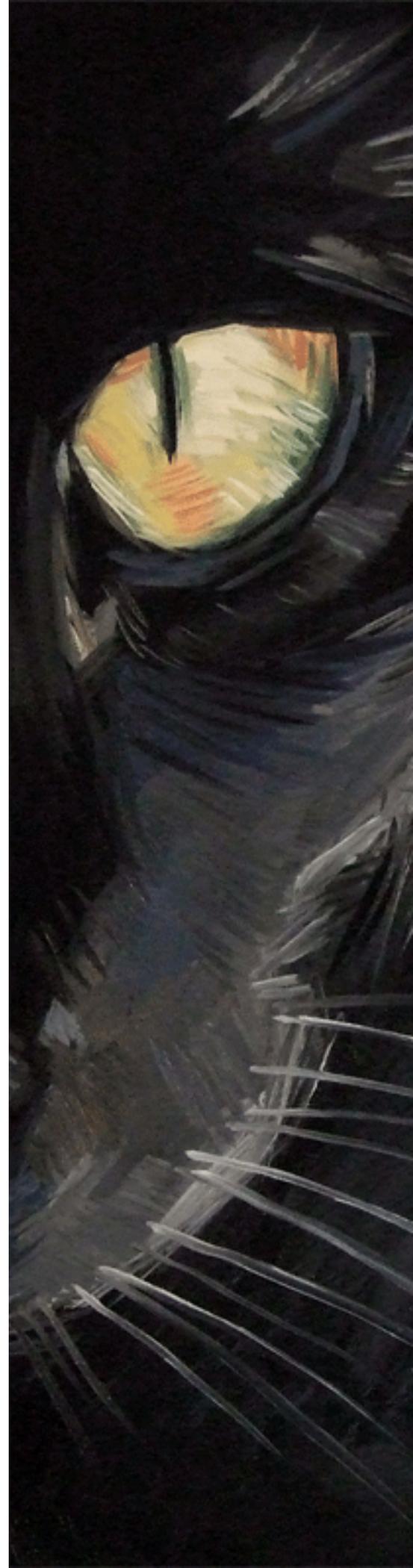
UNSINKABLE SAM

Unsinkable Sam survived three shipwrecks before his death in 1955, his first voyage was aboard the German Battleship Bismarck, which had been attacked by the British in 1941. He was then found by a British marine and survived another two before retiring and living with a sailor.

WHY WERE CATS HATED IN MEDIEVAL TIMES?

In the Middle Ages cats mostly had a bad reputation- they were associated with witches and heretics (people who held different religious ideas from the majority). It was even believed that the Devil could transform himself into a black cat!

It was also believed that witches could shape-shift into cats. Pope Innocent V111 declared, in 1484, that 'The cat is the devil's favourite animal and idol of all witches.'





Civil Rights Movement

By Deepa Patel and
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The Civil Rights Movement was to make sure that everyone was equal no matter what skin colour, gender, religion or age. Civil rights include many things like speech and being able to talk to somebody that is a different race to you. It took place 100 years after The Civil War. Protests from many black people such as Martin Luther King Jr and Rosa Parks led to a change in the law in 1964.



Black people had to give up their seat in a bus and always make room for the white people. The story of Rosa Parks tells us a very important message. It reminds us of how everyone is equal. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white lady and everyone was convincing her to move but she did not. She fought for equal rights. A man called James Earl Ray disagreed with Martin Luther and decided to go ahead and kill him in 1968. The hotel where he was killed is now the National Civil Museum.



We celebrate Black History Month annually to recognise those African-Americans who fought for their rights and succeeded in the 1960's.



Crime and Punishment

By Zara Naghibi

Punishment=Hanging

Hanging was a method when a piece of rope was put around the criminal's neck to restrict their breathing. The person was hung up on another rope until they stopped breathing then they would die.

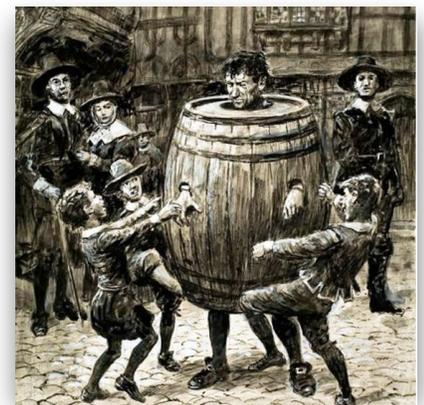


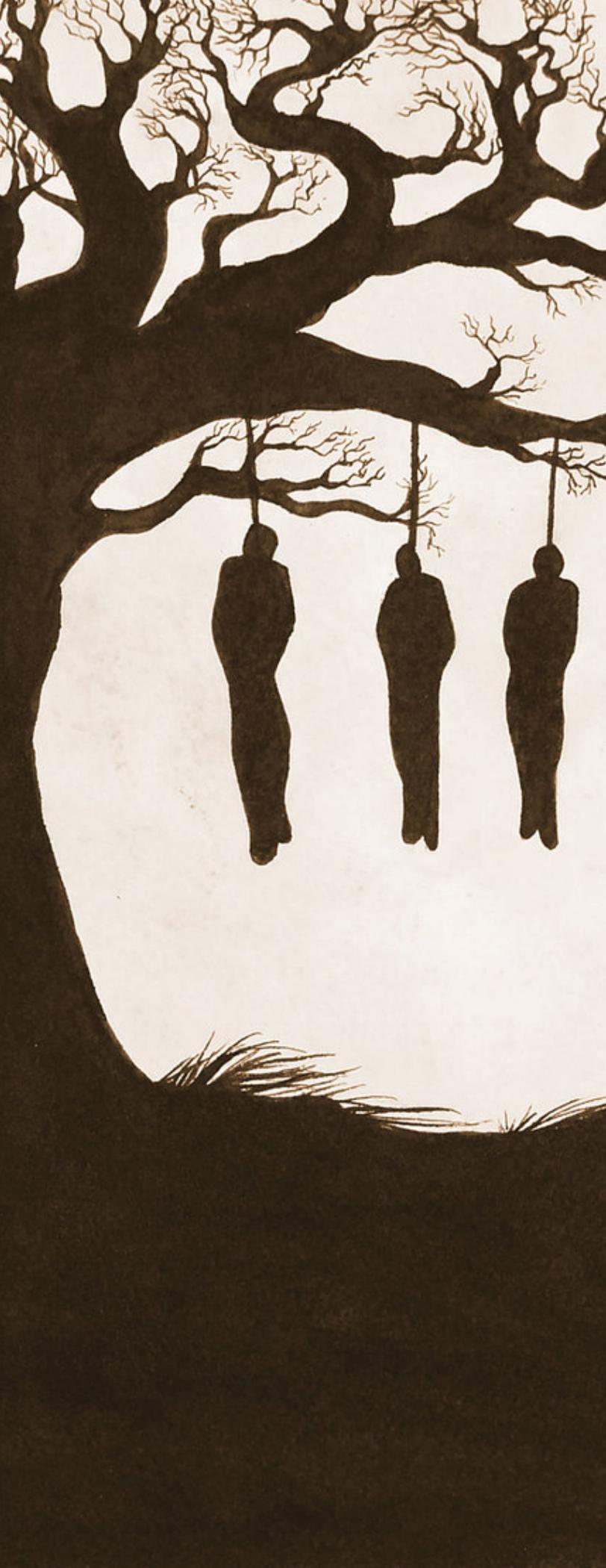
Crime- You would be hung if you had committed crimes like stealing, treason, rebellion, riot or murder

Punishment= Whipping

Whipping was when you were put on a post and stripped to the waist. Then you were whipped!

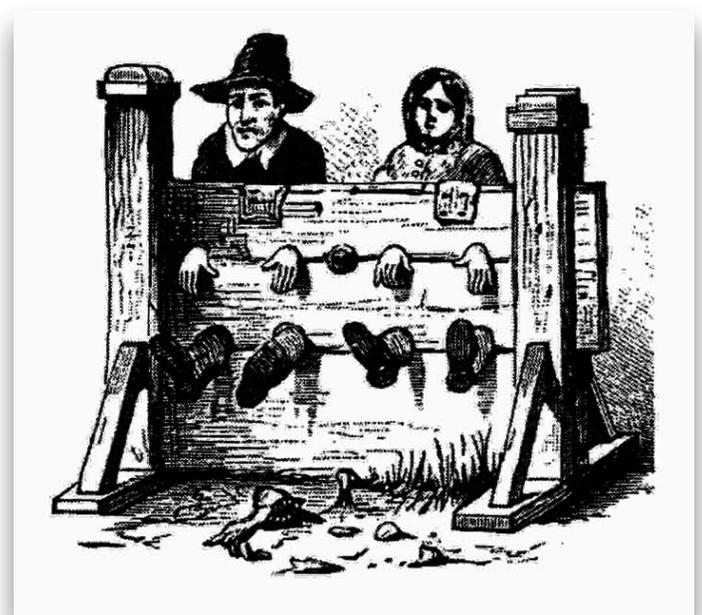
Crime- You would be whipped for just stealing a loaf of bread!





Punishment-The stocks
The stocks were a piece of wood with two holes on them for your feet. You would sit in it then people would throw rubbish or rotten eggs at you!

Crime- You would be put in the stocks if you sold bad meat or bread. You could be put in the stocks if you didn't wear a hat on Sunday!



Punishment= The drunkard's cloak

The drunkard's cloak was when people who were drunk would wander around town with a barrel over them so people could jeer at them.

Crime= The drunkard's cloak was for public drunkenness.

Corporal Bromham

By Ellis Brown

What is the British Army?

The British Army is part of the British armed forces. The army is part of the land warfare.

The uniform:



The uniform can vary. The soldiers and officers and other ranks uniforms were all different. The colours were green and some were green and red. The photo is my Grandfather in a corporal uniform which he wore when he was made corporal. This is what all the corporals would have worn.

Caption:

On my Grandfather's sleeve there are two stripes these are the stripes to indicate that my Grandfather was a corporal.

Relatives and Friends:

Some of your friends and family could've been or are part of the British Army.

Some of your family might of had to join the army for national service and some of your friends and family may have joined for the experience and the thrill of being part of the British Army.

Many years ago my Grandfather. C.Bromham was in the British army he served in many places including Germany and Cyprus and when he left the army he was a corporal he was in the army for 11 years sadly he is now deceased but when he was alive he said he thoroughly enjoyed it and it was a great experience. He was in the army from 1948 till 1959. He joined on national service when leaving school.

This Day in History

By Ellis Brown

10th January:

1724: King Philip V shocks all of Europe when he abdicates his throne in favor of his eldest son, Lewis.

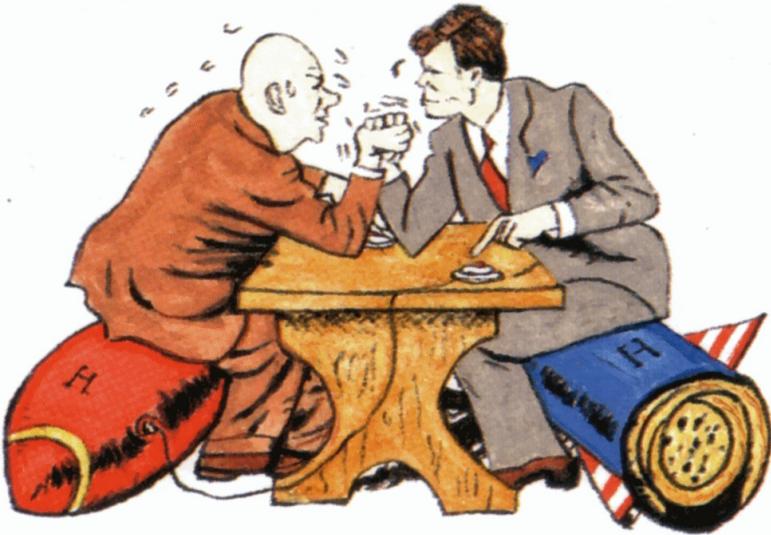


1901: The Automobile Club of America installs signs on major highways.



1940: German Planes attack 12 ships off the British coast sinking 3 ships and killing 35 people.

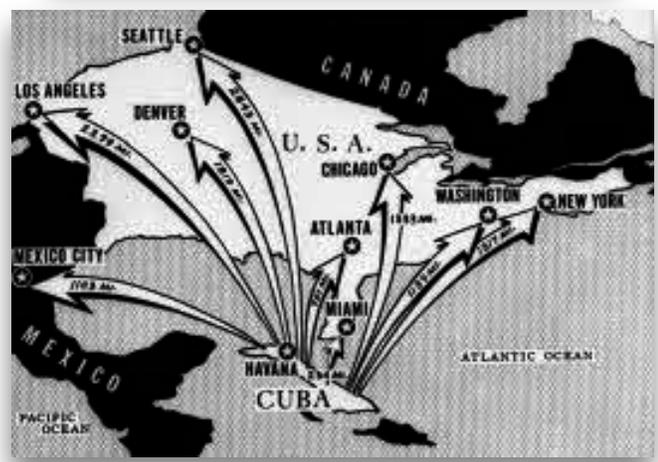
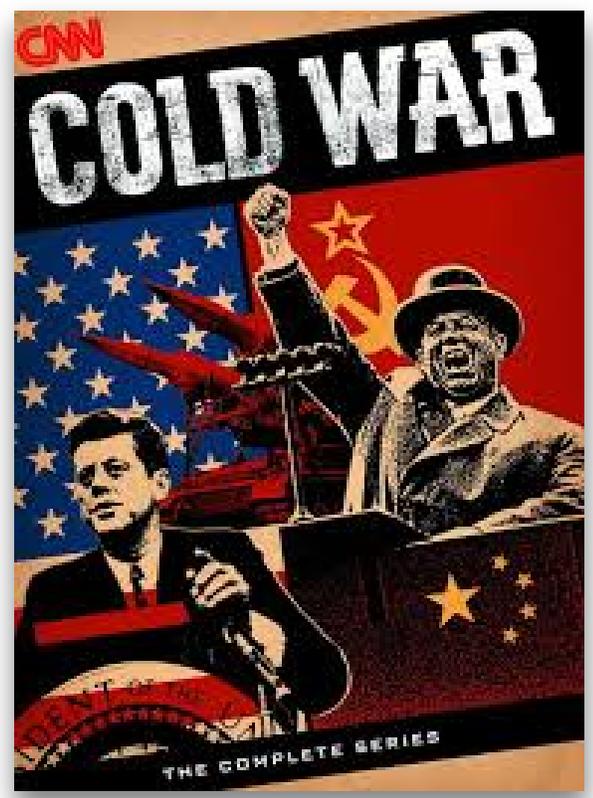




The Cold War

By Jake Zimmatore

The Cold War was the name given to the tension between the USA and the Soviet Union in the years after the end of World War II. During the war these two nations fought alongside each other as allies but the relationship between the two had always been tense. This was due to their completely different ideologies on how their country should be run. The Soviet Union strongly believed in communism whereas the United States were convinced capitalism was the only way forward. Both countries were desperate to ensure their beliefs were the best and did this by exploiting every available option for expansion across the world. Joseph Stalin, the Soviet leader distrusted the US President , Harry Truman, because during the war Truman had informed Stalin of a new, terrifying weapon that he planned to use on Japan. Only when reports of the devastating attack on Hiroshima did Stalin find out what this weapon was capable of.

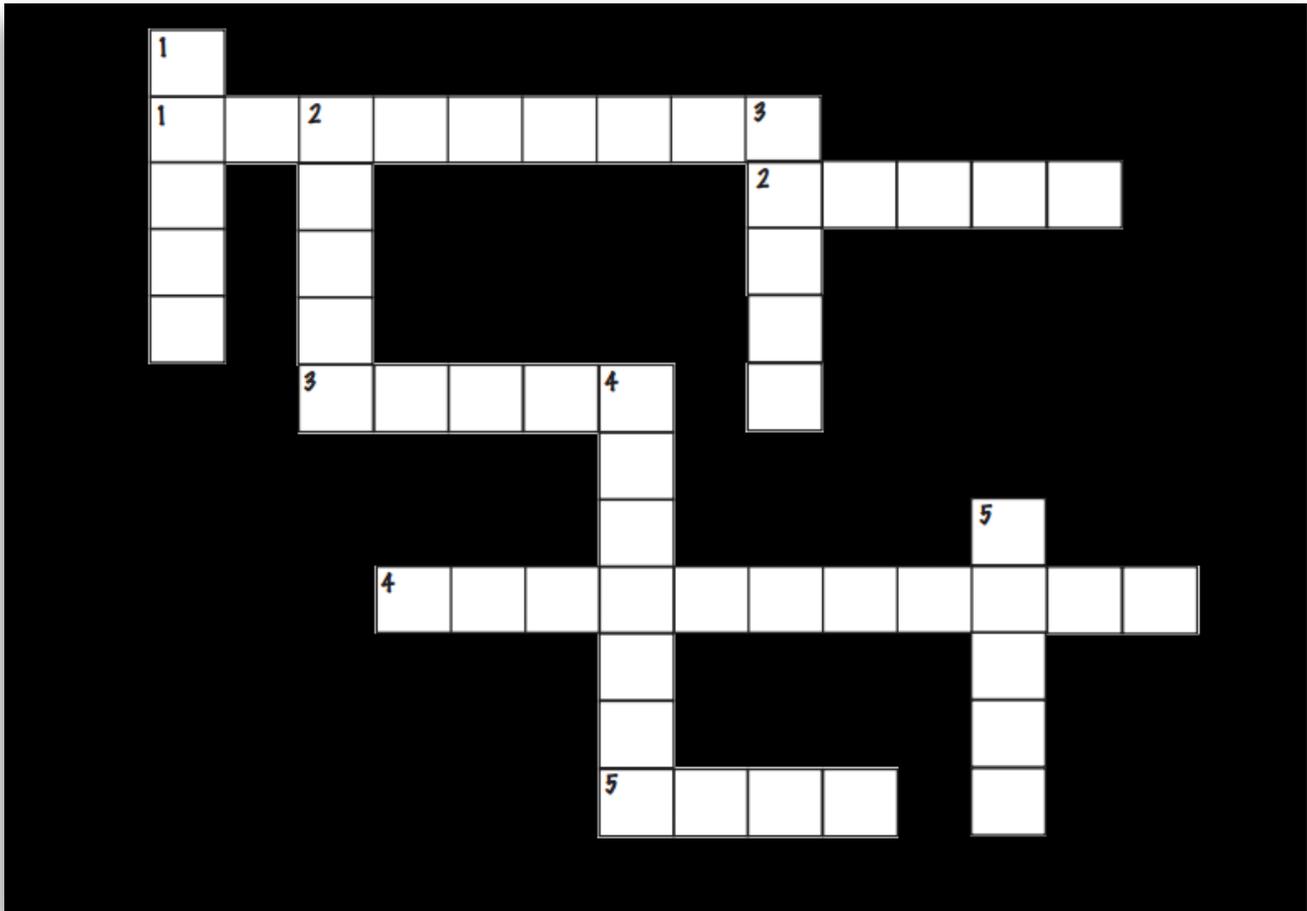


The Cuban Missile Crisis was one of the few times the 'rules' of the Cold War were almost forgotten along with Berlin, Korea and Hungary. It was the closest the Cold War came to violence breaking out. During the 1950s Cuba was lead by Fulgencio Batista who was a right-wing dictator. However, in 1959 a group of rebels lead by Fidel Castro overthrew the government and started implementing his communist beliefs on Cuba. The US president at the time, John F Kennedy supported the anti-Castro Cubans who had gone to Florida. In October 1962 a spy plane took photographs over Cuba which revealed a missile base. These missiles were Russian and were capable of carrying nuclear power. This meant that 80 million Americans were in trouble as the missiles had a range of 2000 miles. The Russian leader, Khrushchev sent president Kennedy two letters, one stating he would remove the missiles from Cuba if the USA promised not to invade Cuba and the other claimed that if the USA had missile bases in Turkey then why shouldn't they have a base in Cuba. Kennedy decided to act on the first letter and promised he would not invade Cuba but if the USSR did not respond then a military invasion of Cuba was launched. The USSR agreed and within two months all of the missiles had been removed.



Puzzle Pages

By Katie Sharp and Rebecca Ward



Across

1. The mother of civil rights
2. Separate but _____ (segregation policy)
3. In 1964, Dr. King became the youngest person to receive the _____ Peace Prize
4. Name of the racist policies fought by the civil rights movement
5. Little Rock _____, the name (and number) of the brave group of students that first desegregated Little Rock Central High

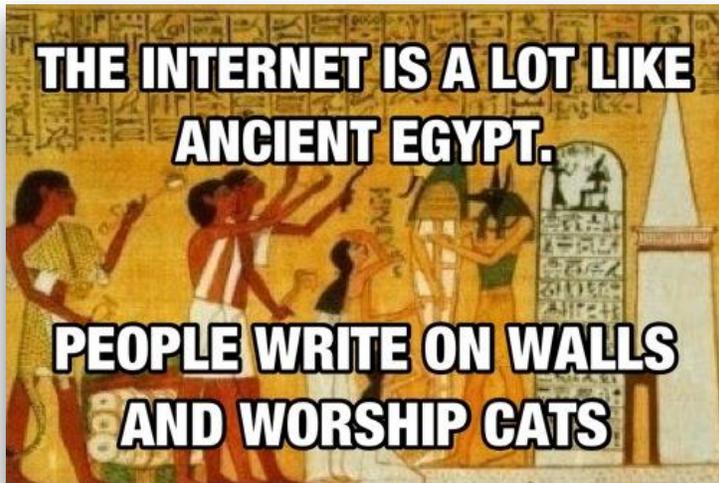
Down

1. _____ vs. Board of Education: 1954 ruling declared segregated schools unconstitutional
2. Type of nonviolent protest often used in libraries and restaurants during the Civil Rights Movement
3. The _____ to Montgomery marches in 1965 marked the political peak of the Civil Rights Movement
4. Dr. King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech at the _____ Memorial
5. The _____ on Washington for Jobs & Freedom, 1963



Words to find:

cannon, catholic, cavavlier, charles, cromwell, edgehill, ireland, john pym, marston moor, musketeer, parliamentarian, pikeman, prayer book, presbyterian, puritan, roundhead, royalist.



Celts

By Riya Patel and
Claudia Baldry

Who were the Celts?

Two thousand years ago, the Celts were the most powerful people in majority of Europe. Their culture was made up of mostly things such as music, language and literature.



Housing

The Celts lived in houses with walls which were made of daub. Daub is materials like straw and mud. The roofs were made of straw which was not always practical. Some of the larger families lived in a huge house called a roundhouse. Depending on who they were, people would live in different places for example, people such as soldiers lived in hill forts because they could defend it easily however, the Romans were still able to invade them in AD43. Farmers lived on their farming land where they looked after animals like pigs, horses and cows and grew crops such as corn.

Warriors

The Romans believed that the Celts constantly quarrelled but if that was true, there would be no time for farming! Therefore, we cannot believe everything the Romans tell us. Although, they did fight sometimes and when they did

they fought naked and allowed women to fight (which was frowned upon by some)! Sometimes they fought in war chariots which were horse-drawn. The Celts may have been skilled and brave but they were no match for the Romans and were of course, defeated. Women were allowed to fight because they followed the example of Boudicca.

Metal

Most of what historians know about the Celts is because of archaeologists' discoveries. They found some jewellery which showed the Celts used gold and bronze as well as iron. They also found weapons which shows that they were experienced metal workers. The Celts used sharp weapons for example spears and a shield.





Clothing

The Celts wore metal jewellery, similar to the sorts that were found by archaeologists, to accompany their tartan clothing which was made up of checks and stripes. To give the clothes a brighter colour and patterns (which, according to the Romans, most of their clothes had), they used plants and berries to dye the wool used to make it. Men wore tunics and belts, cloaks and trousers and the women wore brooches on their dresses. The Romans say that Celtic soldiers tied their hair up in a ponytail and wore gold torcs. Torcs were like large necklaces which were worn around the soldier's neck. They also wore bronze helmets with birds, animals or horns and large decorated shields.



Boudicca-

Boudicca was one of the greatest female warriors in history. She was the queen of the Celtic Iceni tribe from 60 AD - 61 AD. After the death of her husband Prasutagus in 60 AD, Boudicca became the queen of her tribe. In an attempt to formulate peace between the Romans and the Celts, Prasutagus left half of his land to the neighbouring Romans. This however backfired as the Romans decided to pillage the settlement, stealing people to be used as slaves. Boudicca had claimed that the Romans had tied her up and whipped her whilst raping her two daughters that the other half of the land was left to by their father. This sparked a fire beneath Boudicca, this is what fueled her rebellion. Other tribes joined with the Iceni and prepared to attack whilst the Romans were occupied trying to defeat the Druids in Anglesey. The first target for the Celts was Camulodunum or as we call it, Colchester. From Colchester, Boudicca and her group of rebels headed for Londinium or London then to Verulamium or St. Albans. Finally Boudicca was defeated by an army lead by Paulinus (A Roman general). Many Brits were slaughtered and captured however Boudicca was believed to have taken poison in order to die at her own hands and not those of her enemies. Today, historians are still searching for the mystery location of battle site and that of Queen Boudicca's death.



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By Riya Patel and
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Language-

There are seven main Celtic languages that we know to have been spoken. Depending on which band a Celt belonged to, they would speak a certain language.

- ❑ Celts such as Boudicca, who lived in England would generally speak Brittonic
- ❑ Celts that lived in Cornwall would tend to speak Cornish.
- ❑ If the Celt lived in Wales they would speak in (an early form of) Welsh.
- ❑ If they lived on The Isle of Man they would speak Manx.
- ❑ A Scottish Celt would speak in Scottish Gaelic aka Gàidhlig.
- ❑ An Irish Celt would speak in Irish Gaelic aka Gaeilge .
- ❑ If a Celt lived in Brittany (situated in the North-West of France) they would speak Breton.

Religion-

It is widely believed by historians that the Celts were polytheistic, meaning they worshipped many different gods and goddesses. Some of these include:

Lug- The god of light

Sabrina- The goddess of water

Taranis - The god of the sky

Dagda- The god of goodness



They worshipped these deities predominantly by sacrificing. Sacrifices included: Humans, Animals and Weaponry (swords and shields). Since the Celts believed in supernatural forces within every aspect of nature and the world around them, worshipping in natural places like lakes and forests was important for them. Druids were seen as the Celtic Priests that carried out rituals of sacrifice, worshipping and other ceremonies. They were highly respected by other Celts and in some cases made the decision of who would lead their tribe.

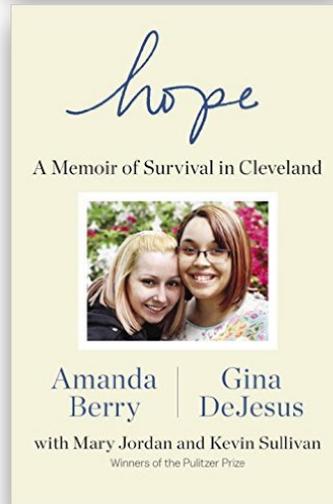
Romans-

In the August of 55 BC, the Romans first attempted to invade Britain. Julius Caesar, after winning numerous battles against the Celts, fled back to France, which was part of the Roman Empire ,with his legions, in order to sort out a revolt. A year later in 54 BC, Julius Caesar gathered more than double the men of the previous attack and attempted to capture Britain. After an abundance of fighting occurred, the Romans and Celts came to an agreement that the Celts were to pay tribute to Rome in return for peace. The Romans then fled and were not seen again for around 100 years. In 43 AD, under the reign of Emperor Claudius. This attack was successful and lead to the 367 years that Romans lived in Britain after that.

Cleveland Kidnapping: Amanda Berry

By Zeal Rathod

Amanda Marie Berry (born April 22, 1986) disappeared on April 21, 2003, the day before she was just about to turn 17. The only evidence that the police had about where she was last present is when they recorded the phone call she had made to her sister, claiming that she was getting a ride from her current work place, McDonald's. The police finally had their minds set on Amanda being a runaway, but their conclusions came to an astonishing surprise that a man had apparently called Amanda's mother and declared that she was safe and would be coming home in a couple of days.



On December 25, 2006, Amanda gave birth to her daughter at the age of 37. She was currently present inside the house, accompanied with all the other prisoners, whilst giving birth to the child.

In July 2012, Robert Wolford, a man that had recently come back from prison made a false statement mentioning that he knew where Amanda's body was, and he led them to a desolate lot on Cleveland's West Side. It was a fruitless search, as of course the body wasn't there! Wolford was sentenced in January 2013 to 4 1/2 years in prison for obstruction of justice, making a fake report, and creating a false alarm.



Cleveland Kidnapping: Michelle Knight

By Victoria Woolmer

Michelle Knight. Association leads us to the name of the man who made 11 years of her life Hell, Ariel Castro. Despite the years of torture that she endured, she manages to remain positive, to the extent that she forgives Castro, saying she can forgive but never forget. Perhaps it's this soldier-like nature that meant she was targeted by the man who is called "the cruelest man of the century" by some. She revealed her reasoning for forgiving him in court when she said "From this moment on, I will not let you define me or affect who I am. I will live on, you will die a little everyday". She has turned her years of abuse into helping other people who are struggling with abuse. Recently, she released a song called "survivor" along with her book entitled "finding me". Castro, however, committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell, an act that some would say is rather cowardly.



The torture that Michelle and the other girls, Amanda Berry and Gina Dejesus, had to bare is simply indescribable. I chose to focus in on Michelle for a few reasons that I hope will become clear. Michelle was the first of the three girls to be taken, 3rd August 2002. At the time she had a two and a half year old son, who she was fighting for custody over. It all began to go wrong for her when she saw the father of a girl she knew called Emily and began to make small talk about the puppies he was advertising. When she began to mention that her son, Joey, loved puppies he offered her one to keep and it wasn't until she got into his house that she realised something wasn't quite right. There was silence, there were no puppies...



For those first few days he kept her in the basement of his house, only a few blocks away from her own. He would rape her 5-7 times per day, whilst tied to a pole by electric cables, in the basement. It was later said by a psychiatrist that Knight had suffered the longest and most severe of the three women. Once she came out of the house she had to have facial reconstruction in an attempt to erase the damage he had caused. Castro impregnated her 5 times throughout her time there and each time he would starve her and beat her until she miscarried. However, he made her deliver Amanda Berry's baby with a gun to her head, threatened by the fact that if the baby died, she would die too. At one point she had to give CPR to the baby. Castro would often leave her without food for around a week at a time and when she did receive food it would be the leftover from the other girls. As well as torturing her physically he would also torment her, especially when the FBI took her off of the missing person's list, making her watch the news whilst they announced that no one, not even her family, was looking for her and she was still made to watch the searches that were going on for the other girls. He would call her ugly and constantly put her down and, even now, his actions have left a mark on Michelle. This is just a handful of the everlasting pain that Knight went through and it makes her one of the most inspirational women to be able to come out of this the other side, with her head held high and in a state of forgiveness.



All of the torture that Michelle suffered has made her into a stronger person and she says that without it she would have probably been dead by now. Despite the torture she endured with Ariel Castro, she had a very troubled childhood and this had an affect on her. Since her release she hasn't seen her family, Gina, Amanda or her son. She refuses to use Castro's name and in her novel simply refers to him as "the guy". She truly is a remarkable woman.



C is for Crime

By Daisy Olyett

Celts

Before the Romans, Celts had their own way of dealing with crime which was rather simple. Even if you injured someone all you had to do was give them a gold coin and if you just so happened to kill someone you would just pay their family a gold coin. Simple, yes. Just, no!!

But if someone were to kill a member of their family by law they must be disowned by them and they lose all legal rights basically making them invisible.



Civil rights movement

Before the Civil Rights Movement took place there were fatal consequences for Afro-American people to just look a white person's way. It was illegal for a black man or woman to even kiss a white person and sometimes the law would turn a blind eye to lynchings who wanted to "take the law into their own hands." Unfortunately, this group of people who were exactly like us could be shot, stabbed, raped and more and the culprit could walk free especially in southern states. The Civil Rights Movement changed all that, but why do some police forces all around the world feel that it is okay and within the law to shoot this particular race of people without a sufficient reason?



The Cruel Cleveland Kidnapper

As we know Ariel Castro held Michelle Knight, Georgina Dejesus and Amanda Berry in his home for 11 years and as a result he is to serve life in prison. But, did you know Castro assaulted these women 937 times, including murder, kidnapping, rape and assault which meant that on average one of these three women would get assaulted in some way 28 times a year. Knight said "I cried every night. I was so alone. I worried what would happen to me and the other girls every day". But should Castro of faced the chair? Was justice served?



Catty Cats

In the 1730s a printer's wife living in Paris was known to keep better care of her cats than her husband's workers. One worker in fact, one Nicolas Contat, complained to his fellow workers and they came up with a plan. One of Contat's associates was known for making very convincing meowing noises to he hid in his master's chambers and meowed all through the night mimicking that dozens of cats in the alleyway which kept all the workers up all night. Over a short series of nights the master grew so annoyed that he chose to kill every cat in the alleyway including his wife's cat! As written in *The Cat Massacre* by Robert Darnton.





History of the "So Last Era Crew" Mrs Rimmer



Mrs Rimmer joined the "So Last Era Crew" in January but, unfortunately, this is going to be her last issue as she has to return to her school, Joan of Arc, in February. However, before she goes back we thought that we would ask her a few questions about herself, to document her time within the team.

How does your family history relate to historical events?

One of Mrs Rimmer's granddads fought in World War One, he even helped to liberate France from the Germans! He also recently received a medal, to the right, for his services. Her grandmother is actually German and they met when he was occupying Germany and she later moved to the UK when she was 18. However, her other granddad was a Bevin boy, meaning that he was constricted to work in the coal mines between 1943 and 1948.

Do you have any pets?

Mrs Rimmer has a rescue dog, called Trixi. She is a Yorkshire Terrier and Jack Russell and was around one and a half when she got her, in June, and is now about two years old.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rimmer for all of her contributions to "So Last Era" over her brief time of being at Bushey Meads and she will be greatly missed when she returns to her school.



What if...?

By Victoria Woolmer

What if Ariel Castro Hadn't left the door unlocked in May 2013?

The obvious answer is to say that they wouldn't have escaped, which is true, but I believe there is more than that. I would say that there is a high probability that one of the women, more than likely Michelle, would have died from his cruel ways. This would have been considerably more difficult for him because the stench of a dead body would've made it extremely difficult for Castro to act as if everything was normal. Having said that, he seemed to be very good at acting natural and could've disposed of the body in an obscure way that we wouldn't even dream up. However, there is also the possibility that Amanda Berry's child, who was allowed to wander freely would have begun to notice that things weren't quite "normal" within her household and mentioned it to someone at church, where she went, with him, every Sunday.



What if the Celts had defeated the Romans?

One thing that we can be certain of is that life would be very different. There is a strong chance that we wouldn't have ended up being a Christian nation, having such a large empire and the land wouldn't have resembled the industrial state that it is today. These are just the changes in Britain but really this would, more than likely, change a lot of the world! However, this wouldn't necessarily be a good thing because the Romans were crucial to our development of basic things, like roads. Having said all of this, it probably wouldn't have mattered to you or I, seeing as we would've probably never been born...



Thank you to
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We hope that you
have enjoyed reading
about the Cs in
History and will join
us again in a slightly
longer than normal
time, three weeks, for
the Ds.



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