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**“Turn your wounds
into wisdom”
- Oprah Winfrey**



By: Amaya A.

How to Write a Play

Plays have been around for a long time. From the Shakespearian tragedies like Romeo and Juliet to Mean Girls and Wicked. The writers of these awesome plays had a system. A failproof system that worked every time. It's called the five golden rules of playwriting.

Make sure it's clear

You have to have clear instructions to do anything. Playwriting is no different. When you write, you have to tell it like it is. Let's say you are writing a script about a princess in a tower you say this in your stage directions, "The princess laughs as she waves down at the prince." It gives the actors exact instructions on how to do a scene.

Don't write too much

You aren't writing a book. It should only be a small paragraph of dialogue for every speaking part and a five-sentence paragraph for actions if you have more than two characters.

Focus on the story

You can have filler for the transitions but you shouldn't have sidestories. Continuing with the princess story, you can't have a side story with a girl and a dragon. It has to be about the princess and the tower.

Don't tell actors how to act

Let the actors do their job. Also, you can't have excessive instructions like, "The princess turns 24 degrees to the right while waving exactly twenty degrees to the left." You have to write clearly and in general.

Try it out

This one is very self-explanatory. If something doesn't feel right, try to act it out with a group of friends and tweak your writing.

Playwriting is a complicated process but it should help to have a format of writing.



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This Week In History

April 5th

- 1986: A bomb exploded at a discotheque that American military personnel often went to in West Berlin. It unfortunately killed two American soldiers and a Turkish Woman. Intelligence analysts said the attack was by Muammar Qaddafi from Libya. Former president Reagan gave the order to initiate a retaliatory air strike against Libya.
- Booker T. Washington's birthday. (1856-1915)

April 6th

- 1896: After 1500 years of inactivity, the first modern era Olympics was held in Athens, Greece.
- 1917: Congress approved the declaration of war that entered the U.S. into WWI in Europe.
- 1994: A plane carrying the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi was shot down. They were meeting to talk about ways to end the ethnic rivalries between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes. Rwanda descended into chaos, resulting in conflict between the two tribes. There were over 500,000 deaths and 2 million fleeing the country.
- Renaissance artist Raphael's birthday. (1483-1520)

April 7th

- 1712: In New York, 27 enslaved African American slaves rebelled, shooting nine people as they put out a fire started by the rebels.

April 8th

- Bhudda's birthday (563-483 B.C.)
- 1952: Former president Harry Truman tried to seize control of America's steel mills to prevent a shutdown by strikers. On April 29th, the seizure was ruled unconstitutional by a U.S. District Court. There was a strike immediately after lasting 53 days. It finally ended when strikers received a 16 cent per hour raise and additional benefits.
- The 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified.
- Ryan White died at age 18 from complications with AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.)

April 9th

- 1865: After over 500,000 American deaths, the civil war ended.
- 1866: The Civil Rights Bill of 1866 was passed in Congress despite former president Johnson's efforts to veto it.
- Paul Robeson's birthday. (1898-1976)

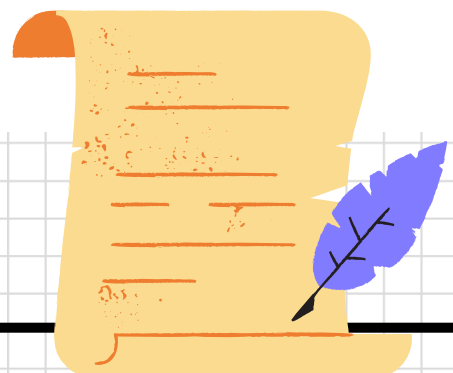
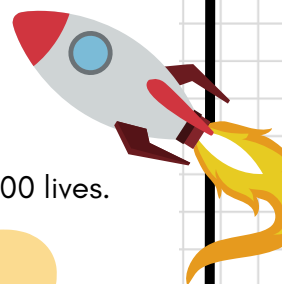
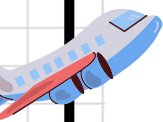
April 10th

- 1945: The Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald was liberated by U.S. troops.
- 1998: Politicians in Ireland agreed at ending 30 years of violence that claimed over 3,400 lives.

April 11th

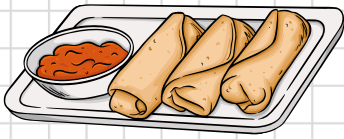
- 1968: Apollo 13 was launched from Cape Kennedy.

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Restaurant Review

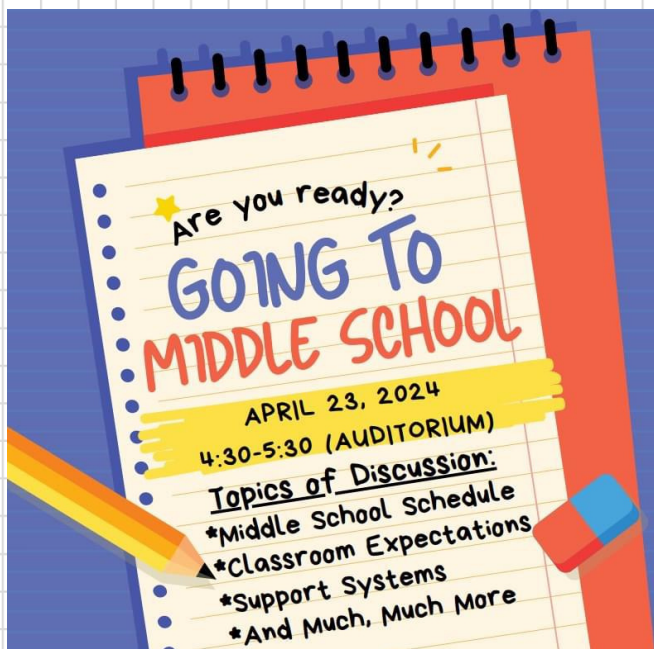
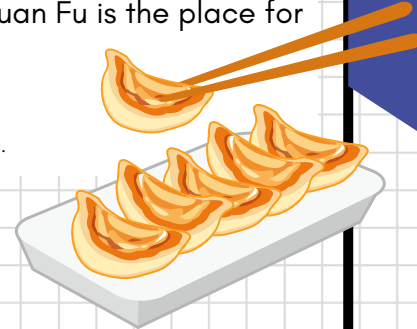
By: Genevieve.A



When you walk into Chuan Fu, you are greeted by a host or hostess who will take you to a booth, chair, or bar seat. At any angle, the view of the restaurant is breathtaking, featuring hanging downlights, or a large chandelier above one of the booth areas. On the tables, there are candles and large menus, with a variety of Chinese foods to pick from. For the appetizers, my family picked the eggroll, (5.99) cucumber salad, (11.99), and potstickers (8.99). The eggrolls came with a sweet and sour sauce, and the potstickers came with another sauce. The cucumber salad was very good and is one of the most popular items. For the main course, I ended up getting the orange chicken. They came in round balls and had a decent amount of sauce on them. It was amazing, and I also had the Vegan Jiaozi with Spicy Black Bean Sauce. It was the perfect amount of spice, to go along with the amazing vegetables that it goes with. I'm not a big fan of vegetables, but this had to be one of the best I've tasted. For dessert, I ordered the sesame balls (8.99) and the golden fried steamed buns (11.99). In my opinion, I was not a big fan of the sesame balls, but the inside was filled with bean paste and the outside was rolled in sesame seeds. The golden fried steamed buns were the best thing I have ever tasted, they are medium-sized buns, glazed in a sweet sauce. It almost tastes like a donut, and I highly recommend it.

Overall, my experience at the Chuan Fu restaurant was amazing. The service was great and the food was even better. If you are looking for a savory and pretty environment, then Chuan Fu is the place for you.

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Where is Princess Kate?

Many of you have heard about all of the drama surrounding where Princess Kate has been. She has not been seen since Christmas and people are getting concerned.

Brief History: Her full name is Catherine Middleton and she is the princess and heir to the throne of Whales. She married Prince William in 2011 at the age of 29. She is now 42.

Why should I be concerned?: Princess Kate has not been seen for months and photoshopped pictures are starting to circle the internet. Nearly all of the pictures that have been posted telling the world that Kate is "ok" have been proven fake by many media companies.

What might it be?: It was said that she could be having a mental breakdown, as she has had kids with William and cheated on her. She was also rushed into surgery recently for an undisclosed reason. While there are many possibilities, only one can be true.

What happened?: On March 22, 2024, the royal family released a statement saying that she has an undisclosed type of cancer and that Princess Kate would like her space to cope with the pain and to heal.

What will happen from now on?: She is currently undergoing chemotherapy to help cure this cancer. If the chemotherapy is unsuccessful, Prince William will be single (unless he remarries) when he becomes the king of Whales. If the chemotherapy is successful, then Princess Kate will make it to be the Queen Consort.

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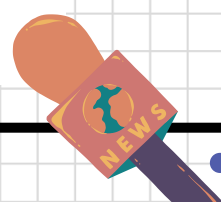
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Meet an OGA Journalist

By: Sloane H

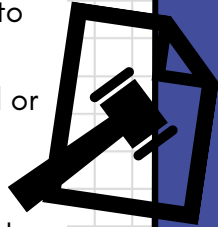
I interviewed Reagan from the OGA Journalism team. She is in 7th grade and her favorite teacher is Ms. Cuomo, even though she doesn't take her class this year. Reagan joined the Journalism team because she wanted to have a say in the yearbook and also loved writing. She wants to stay in the United States when she gets older and live somewhere near the beach. When she goes to college she wants to major in something related to animals because she loves them, and feels that we need to invest more into animal care and treatment. Speaking of animals she has two of her own, a hedgehog named Jinx and a Toy Australian Shepherd named Izzy. She also has a little brother and sister who don't go to OGA but have plenty of a good time with Reagan around.





You've probably heard about the TikTok ban that would ban the app nationwide but what does this ban really entail?

If you were on TikTok during 2020 you probably remember when former president Trump tried to get the app banned because it was "affecting his election campaign", but this time it's not getting banned for the same reasons. According to the US Government TikTok poses a threat to American data and also because it is seen as an "alternative news source" and the US government could not take the risk "of having a dominant news platform in America controlled or owned by a company that is beholden to the Chinese Communist Party."



There is a law similar to this that bans people from downloading the application to government devices such as those owned by federal agencies. But, if the president were to sign this bill it would not be an outright immediate ban. The US government would give TikTok's parent company ByteDance 6 months to sell TikTok to a different company or else there will be a nationwide ban.

Now, how would this bill affect TikTok and its 170 million American users? Well, first off the company would lose around 16 billion dollars in revenue. Tons of people would lose money from this ban too. Lots of people use TikTok to promote and advertise their small businesses or are content creators who gain money from this thing called the "TikTok Creator Fund."

To summarize this, not only would TikTok and its users lose money, but also the US would very much so face legal challenges over this bill because of its infringement on First Amendment rights.

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Restaurant Review - Wings of Winter Garden

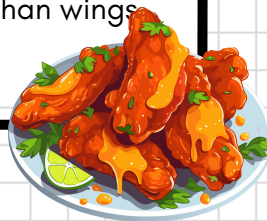
By: Courtney Z.



Located in the center of Winter Garden, Wings of Winter Garden is a hidden treasure for fans of delicious wings. Upon entering the comfortable atmosphere, decorated with traditional furnishings and soft lighting, creates the perfect setting for a pleasurable dining experience.

The menu features a wide variety of wing flavors, ranging from traditional buffalo to unique combinations such as honey sriracha and garlic parmesan. Every bite delivers a harmonious mix of flavors, with a perfect balance and generous coating that leaves your taste buds feeling satisfied and tingling.

Sides such as crunchy fries or flavorful coleslaw make the wings shine even more. The menu also includes a variety of sandwiches, and appetizers for those looking for something other than wings catering to all tastes.



Reagan's Ultimate List of Places I Want to Visit

France

I want to go to France because it is a very popular country and has nice scenery from pictures that I have seen. I also want to go to Paris because of the food they have and how different it is then in the U.S. and the popular Eiffel Tower.

South Africa

I want to go to South Africa because of the wildlife and how a lot of animals in Africa; live in the wild that you would not usually find in the wild here in the U.S.

Brazil

I want to go to Brazil because there are a few famous landmarks in Brazil. I also want to go to Rio de Janeiro because the landscape is very natural and the beaches seem very nice.

Italy

Italy looks to be a very nice place with the canals in the city, the coastline, and the beaches. Italy has lots of monuments including the leanLeaning Towerpisa, the coloColosseumd and more. I am a big fan of pasta and want to try their versions of all the different kinds of pasta.

Australia

I want to go to Australia because one of my favorite animals when I was younger was a koala and sloths and I always wanted to see one in person. Australia also has some of the most popular beaches in the world. I also like gemstones and opal is one of my favorites and is mainly mined there.

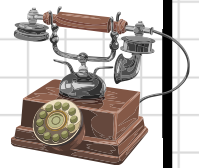
Japan

I want to go to Japan because they have some of the most advanced technology and they have really good food from what I heard. They also have animal cafes where you eat while playing with cats or other animals. Specifically, they have hedgehog cafes that I want to go to.

By: Genevieve A.

Evolution of the iPhone

The telephone has come such a long way, and impacted so many people, on how we live, communicate, and work. The very first telephone was invented in 1876 by Alexander Graham Bell, and it made a huge impact on many people. The rotary telephone, which had rotating numbers in the center, was made by Almon Brown Strowger in the early 1900s. Fast forward to 2001, and the world witnessed the invention of the first iPod, a device where you could listen to music on it, this was created by a man named Tony Fadell. Then came 2007, when the first iPhone came into place it was a worldwide impact, made by Steve Jobs and members of the Apple company. From 2007- to 2016, there were only phones with buttons, then in 2017 came the iPhone X, which had a face ID and no button created by Jony Ive and the rest of the Apple company. The most recent iPhone that has come out is the iPhone 15 Pro Max. There are so many more iPhones to come, and who knows what cool features they will have!



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By: Carter J.

The Impact of Dr. Seuss

As a child, there were many books you may have read. *The Giving Tree*, *Corduroy*, *Charlotte's Web*. But there's a man in particular whose name you may recognize. Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss is a very famous children's author with many books under his belt including, *Cat In The Hat*, *Green Eggs And Ham*, *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*, etc. But how has Dr. Seuss become so famous and how has he changed those around him?

He started his early career as an illustrator in magazines like *Vanity Fair*. He eventually gained the confidence to create his first book. After being rejected by around 30 publishers, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street* was born. The rest was history. He went on to make many of the books you know today. *Cat In The Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, and many more. He sadly died at age 87 due to cancer complications. The question is, what did he leave behind?

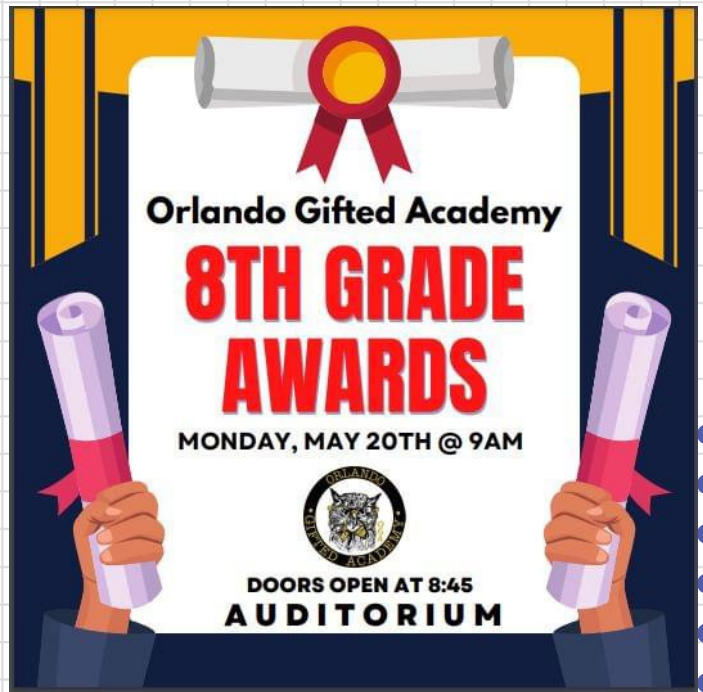
One of the reasons you may remember his work so many years ago is how engrained his work is in all of the media. Seuss's style of rhyming and writing has been used to create tributes, imitations, and even satirized copies. Even his characters have become part of famous phrases, like "Don't be a Grinch." His works are even still being adapted today, with the recent *Grinch* animated movie and *Green Eggs and Ham* TV show.

His books have gone on to inspire many people and shape childhoods across the world. His imaginative, creative, and emotional books were something that touched many people. And we are all glad he left that behind for us to enjoy.

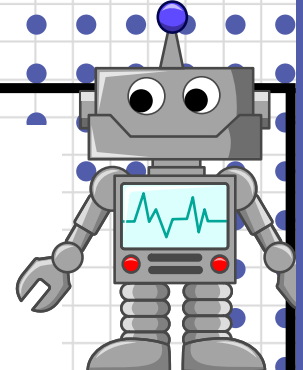
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Robotics Team Interviews



Questions:

1. Why did you join robotics?
2. What do you like most about this class?
3. What is the most interesting thing you've done in this class?

Interviews:

- Trenton R.

"I was just thrown into this class, unwillingly put into it."

"Legos, building with Legos."

"Having competitions in different states."

- August M.

"Well, I've always been interested in robotics and technology since... As far as I can remember. I was in the easier level Lego robotics since 3rd Grade, so I was able to get into this class and I like it."

I like the sense of being around people because they can be fun and make each other laugh, or hate each other."

"It's hard to choose. We've done a lot of field trips that I love. We went to Full Sail University and got a tour of the place, Melrose Center, and The Shakespeare Theater."

- Emery B.

"Because I have an interest in robotics, and I like Legos."

"I like that we can go to competitions and get to be in teams."

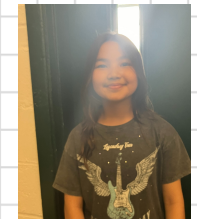
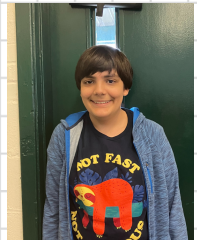
"Coding the robot, because it was fun, but, like, fun-challenging."

- Zhanel B.

"Because I like Legos and Robots."

"My friends and the class itself, because it gave me a lot of skills that I needed."

"I think the most interesting project I've done is the Innovation Project Skit; a project that we did to research a topic that some people would want to do more of because it was fun and I got to present it in front of people."



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Science Night
May 2, 2023
4:00-5:30
Join us for fun stations provided by the Orlando Science Center in the Cafeteria.
As well as games created and designed for middle school students by middle school students in the middle school science classrooms and Media Center!

By: Lexi G.

A Day In The Life Of A Director of Client Delivery

For this article, I spoke to Marcie Miranda, a Director of Client Delivery. Here's what she told us about her career:

The company that I work for builds websites for very large companies, universities, and online publishers like Starbucks, Hilton, Microsoft, Harvard, and The Knot.

In my role as Director of Client Delivery, I get to work with computer engineers, designers, project managers, account managers, and salespeople across the world. Everyone at my company works from home. Even though we are far from each other, we still work closely to make sure we do the very best work for our clients.

We use Slack to communicate and send each other fun GIFs and emojis, and Zoom for calls and meetings. We also use boring time-tracking tools and project management tools.

Each project has a specific budget and timeline that we need to complete the project within. I am responsible for making strategic decisions and providing leadership and direction to our project teams to make sure that we deliver everything we said we were going to within our budget, on time, and that it is of the highest quality. Everything doesn't always go as planned so I'm always on the lookout for what could happen and trying to prevent problems.

I also meet with clients and make sure that we have a very good working relationship because sometimes we need to have hard conversations about what we can build, our budget, or our timeline. We want our clients to be happy with our work and continue working with us or, at least, tell all of their friends about us.

And, I support, teach, and mentor the people on my team of almost 40 people. I help make sure that they are happy, that they have opportunities to keep them excited and growing, and help solve any problems that they might be having on their projects or with other team members.

A normal day for me consists of a ton of meetings. I also run reports, produce and proofread documents, review project plans and timelines, and discuss project team assignments.

I have many different responsibilities but that's what keeps each day interesting. That and each project is a little different so there's always something new to learn.

