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Bunnies Are the Best

By Allysah

Bunnies are a lot of work but they can also help kids learn a lot of responsibility and they can be lots of fun. Bunnies make great pets.



Responsibility: If you get a bunny, you have to a lot of responsibility. You have to feed the bunny, give it water, play with it, clean the cage, and give it love. There is a lot of responsibility when it comes to having a bunny.

Companion ship: bunnies give a lot of companion ship. They are so cute and cuddly and I would just love to always be holding one. A bunny can also keep me company when I'm lonely. I can talk to it, hold it, and hug it. I can pet the bunny to relax me. When I am sad I can get my bunny out and hold it to make me happier.

Entertaining friends: when my friends come over we will never get bored because we will have my bunny to play with. My bunny would be very entertaining. We would always have something to do.

Having a bunny would be super fun and I really want one. A bunny is truly the best pet in the

whole entire world! You should see how fun a bunny could be.

Why I Love Basketball

By Ben

I think basketball is the greatest sport in the universe. I think it is better than lacrosse, soccer, hockey, and all the other sports in the world. Here are some great reasons why I think it is the best sport in the world.



I think basketball is a great sport because it gets your arms very strong, and it gets your legs very strong too because you dribble the ball up and down the court and you sprint up and down the basketball court at full speed. You have to train once or twice every week, and you have to work on your shooting and dribbling every week so that you get stronger and stronger.

Basketball improves your skills and it gets your heart pumping very fast. You have to be ready all the time and know where to be on the court at all times. You get passed the ball a lot in the games and at practice.

Basketball gets you together with your team mates because you play with them at practices and at games and you sometimes

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might eat with them before long games. You make a lot more friends, and you work harder and harder together to make goals and win the important games. You get a lot friendlier with your friends. Friends help you learn to be to be a good sport. Basketball is all about having fun with your friends.

Those are some of the reasons I love basketball and I think it is the best sport in the universe and the Milky Way.

The Wii Is The Best Game System!

By Brandon

Most people think other game systems are better than the Wii but that is not true! The Wii has many advantages over the other game systems and they have **NONE!** POOR THEM!



My first reason the Wii is better than all the other game systems is that you get more awesome games and more games that don't rot your brain like World War 2 Aces! Instead you get great games like Little Kings Story, a game that is one of the most played games in the entire world. As you can see, the Wii has some of the best games ever!

Second the Wii can also play game cube games so the Wii beats all the other game systems to the ground and will not let them get back up. Have you heard of the Xbox copying the Wii? That is true. The Xbox is copying the Wii's remotes.

Third the Wii also is more active than the other game systems. You can drop two pounds in one day just by playing on Wii fit. It is possible.

Wii fit is also more exciting than other exercises. You can play snowboarding and skiing on the Wii's balance board.

Finally, you can see that the Wii is the best game system invented. If you don't see, you haven't tried the Wii yet. Don't believe those other game systems, only trust the Wii.

Fall

By Cammie

Fall is the best season ever. There are many reasons why it is the best. Other than my birthday, actually. The weather is great, I love Halloween, and playing in the leaves is fun.



The weather in fall is the best. The beginning of fall is unpredictable every day. One day you can be swimming in a pool outside, and the next day you can be at home drinking hot apple cider. The middle of fall is the best because it is perfect weather. Doesn't that just sound nice?

Second there is Halloween, which I love. Halloween is the best holiday ever because you get a bunch of candy. Also you can carve pumpkins and cook the seeds. My favorite part is knocking on random people's door without being rude. That is the best.

Finally you can play in the leaves. I like to make paths with leaves and walk through them like a maze. Also if there are a bunch of leaves you can make them like a chair and sit on them and read. Lastly if you have a humongous pile of leaves and a tree you can jump

from the tree to the pile of leaves.

Now how does that sound to you? I could think of many other reasons more. Wait for fall and tell me how you like it.

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

By: Caroline

Have you ever dreamed of a perfect world? Well I have, and I think you should too. Some people care a lot about our planet and some people are just too busy and don't pay attention at all. So stop just thinking and start helping, I care about the world, and I think deep down you do too, and if we recycle a lot, I believe we can change the world.



First, recycling is good because you can take plastic bottles, used paper, and lots of other things to a recycling center, and they will turn it into a new thing and sell it again. Did you know that if you recycle a piece of used paper, they can turn it back to white and reuse it again over and over again for at least 18 times! That's better than putting in the landfill! Also if you recycle more, the landfills will get smaller so there won't be as much trash.

My second reason is that if you are trashy, or you just don't want to go to a recycling center, if you throw trash on the ground, you can disturb an animal. For example, If you are walking along the sidewalk and you drank a can of soda, don't throw it on the ground, because if a little animal comes along, then if they try to eat it, it's so sharp that it can cut it or kill it. You're also throwing trash in their habitat. Imagine how you would feel if someone came by your house and just dumped all of

their trash in your yard. Not good right?

My third reason is that you can recycle but also you can reuse things in your house like you can turn a cardboard box into a house for your guinea pig. Or change an ice cream carton into a pencil holder. And if you like to drink from plastic bottles, reuse them!

In conclusion, whether the grass is green or the sky is blue, I believe we can change the world and you can too!

Don't Drink and Drive

By: Carolyn

You're 16 and you just got your license and your parents just bought you a new car. That night you go to a bar with your friends to celebrate. They tell you to drink something and you do. You drink more and more and the next thing you know you're in the hospital because you ran into someone in your new car and killed them. **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**



The first reason why you shouldn't drink and drive is because you could hurt or kill a person or friend. If you're not careful, you can kill a friend in a flash of a light. If you drink, you can get drunk really easy because you're too young and your body can't take it as much as you're body can take it when you're older. It's easy as that.

The second reason is because it's not safe. Your brain is not fully developed yet so drinking could mentally hurt you. Also, you get slower reflexes when you drink. My mom told me that one time she was at a dance and her friend that was going to drive her home started to drink and got drunk and my mom

knew that she should call her dad to get a ride. My grandpa picked up my mom and her friend and got my mom and her friend home safely. So always call someone to give you a ride if the person who was suppose to ride you home if drunk.

Finally, it's not funny. Some people joke around with their friends and hurt themselves. People every minute kill someone or die because they thought it was funny! IT'S NOT!

No matter what DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE! It's too risky! We don't want another life lost! Don't do it!

Why The D.S.I Is the Best game System Ever

By Daniel

Some people say the Wii and Xbox 360 are the best game systems in the world but I think the D.S.I is **THE BEST** game system in the world. First the D.S.I can surf the web, make comics, take pictures, and make music. Second the D.S.I has millions of fun games and downloads. Last the D.S.I has Nintendo WI-Fi were you can talk, play with, and have fun with your friends.

First, the D.S.I can take pictures. When you are done taking pictures you can mess around with them. You can also make slide shows. Next you can surf the web. So let's say you are on a plane to California and it is Spring Break and you just remembered that you have to turn in an essay about American History. Have no fear, all you have to do is whip out your D.S.I and whamo! You can write your essay. How handy. Filpnote Studio is where you can make funny comics. Last you can make your



own sounds.

The D.S.I has many fun games . My favorite game for the D.S.I is Pokémon Pearl. You can trade and battle with friends. You can download games from the DSI download store. You can also find many fun games at GameStop or any gaming store.

The D.S.I has Nintendo Wi-Fi where you can download your friend's game without buying the game. You can also play, talk, and have fun with your friends. One day I was playing Star Wars with my friend and my other friend joined the battle. It is so easy to play with your friends.

I hope I have told you how great the D.S.I is. So now are you going to change sides?

Why You Shouldn't Do Your Homework At the Last Minute

By Grace

You're doing your homework and something just occurred to you. The thing that occurred to you was a project that's due tomorrow, that you got days ago. You also realized you just saved homework for the last minute. Read this essay and it will tell you what doing homework at the last minute can do to you.

The first reason is saving homework until the last minute can stress you out. You'll say there's too much homework on the last day it's due. Then you'll be up doing homework till 10:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. The next day at school you're so whipped you fall asleep on your desk. It was all because of homework at the last minute.

My next reason is you get more homework than you want. You have homework that's



due tomorrow. You also have homework that's due tomorrow that you could have done days ago. So you now have at least 8 to 9 pages of homework.

My last reason is you feel like you never had a break. You're tired because you've been doing homework for a few hours. You're angry because you wonder why you did this to yourself. Finally, you're confused because you don't know which homework to do first.

So now you know why you shouldn't do your homework at the last minute. If you follow this advice, you'll be a more relaxed person. If you don't you won't be so relaxed.

Super Bowl 42 Vs. Super Bowl 43

By: Hunter

If I could, I would watch the Pittsburgh Steelers' defensive line backer James Harrison tackle and punch Neil Rackers the Arizona Cardinals kicker again. It ended up as one of the *stupidest* plays in NFL history. It also almost cost him the Super Bowl. There was also Santonio Holmes leaping catch in the back of the touchdown. That all happened in Super Bowl 43. NONE of that happened in Super Bowl 42. NONE of it happened.

In Super Bowl 43 there were 50 well deserved toughly fought for points, in Super Bowl 42 there was 31 cheap easy points that came from plays like Morrison's 1 yard run where the defenders didn't even react play, plus there was no teeth gritting plays. In 43 there were plenty of 20+ yard plays, in 42 there was only a few lazy 20+ yard plays. Also in 43 the hype and newborn rivalry hit levels never before seen. The fans were crazy did you see the guy on the big screen that had no shirt on and he had a



Cardinals helmet on and he had the Steelers dingy with a hole in it. Super Bowl 42 had none of that.

In Super Bowl 43 all the penalties that could have been called were called. In Super Bowl 42 there were only a few measly penalties, which shows that in 43 the players were trying really hard. One of the penalties resulted in a score: Hartwigs holding penalty in the end zone resulted as a safety. That is the type of penalties that were called in Super Bowl 43. In Super Bowl 42 there were a couple of teeny tiny penalties that didn't matter at all, unlike the near suspension penalties in 43.

There was a lot more cliffhanging action in Super Bowl 43 than 42. For example Arizona's 15 point deficit near come back tying it with 1:56 minutes left in the game that was squashed by Santonio Holmes diving catch in the touchdown with 36 seconds left, that was under review for 30 minutes! Or Larry Fitzgerald's 60 yard TD catch were he burned about 3 guys and burned Troy Polamalu.

AS YOU CAN NOW SEE SUPER BOWL 43 WAS BETTER THAN SUPERBOWL 42

Hunting is a Good Thing

BY: Jack

Many people think hunting is a bad thing, but it's really not. First of all, if there were too many elk, deer, and other animals, it would start a whole food chain crisis. Second, you get to try different kinds of food. I'm pretty sure people would get sick of farm animals. Third, people have fun hunting together as a sport.

Many people have no idea what would happen if there were too many animals that we hunt these days. I mean it's basic logic if there



were too many animals that we hunt, they would eat all the grass. Then the small animals would die off, then bigger and bigger animals would die off. And, you know how some people go on those scenic drives through the forest; well just imagine if there were too many animals, there would be almost no vegetation.

Second of all, how would you like to eat cow, pig, and other animals all your life, well not me? I love elk and deer but my favorite is moose. I bet that half of this country hasn't even tried wild animal. I bet more than a quarter of that half would love elk and deer meat.

Also it would cost much less if you hunted often. I'm saying that if you hunt often enough, you could save money on your food.

Third of all, people love doing it. For example, one thing I look back and laugh at is that my sister and my mom were sleeping and they woke up with elk right in front of them. Also, you get to enjoy the beauty of nature. So now you know why hunting is a GOOD THING.

World Series vs. Super Bowl

By Jake

Do you think that the Super Bowl is better than the World Series? If you said yes, I disagree. The World Series is better by far. Read the rest and then you'll see that I'm right. Here's why: the World Series lasts longer, is more suspenseful, and it's a better sport.

First, the World Series lasts longer. The Super Bowl lasts one day. The World Series lasts at least four. It makes it way more enjoyable. There are fewer days without it.

Second, it's more suspenseful. It leaves you hanging until the next day. Commercials



make you wait for more excitement. Imagine this. The final game, bases loaded, 3-3, full count, 9th inning, it all comes down to this. You hear a *smack*. I could go on and on. But, I think you're convinced.

If you're not, baseball is a better sport. It's less confusing. Also, anyone can play it without being pummeled. My uncle liked both teams, so he sewed half of each hat together. Cool, huh?

It's easy to see that I'm right. Go, World Series!

Why Creative Writing Is Better Than Essay Writing

By Joey

Different people like different kinds of writing. Some people like to do essay writing and others like non-fiction. I like creative writing. These are some reasons why creative writing is the kind of writing for me.

Creative writing is good for my imagination. The more that I do creative writing, the better that I will understand things in the world.

Creative writing is also a great way to have fun. Why is it so fun? Well that's an easy answer. Creative writing doesn't need an assignment! But if I'm not doing creative writing, (like this darn essay) I don't enjoy writing at all.

Many books in our world are a person's creative writing. For example, Percy Jackson's Lightning Thief. All three of Percy Jackson's books are creative writing. But writing in non-fiction is my worst nightmare. Well that's be-



sides one other nightmare that I won't talk about here.

When I'm writing in non-fiction, my resources are very limited. However, when I'm creative writing, my resources are unlimited! My only limits are my will to write and the amount of paper that I have.

As you can see from this darn essay, creative writing is 99.999% my type. So I'm going to end this essay early so that I can write.

Don't Doubt Girls!

By: Kim

I think girls are treated totally unfair when it comes to sports. We're not allowed to play on the same leagues as boys in track, hockey or basketball. We aren't even allowed to *play* in the pro-football leagues or pro-baseball leagues. Well guess what! The new generation of girls is taking over! They want to play football, baseball and all sorts of "boy" sports. The new generation of girls, are great athletes, they are super tough, and, we have the smarts. I think girls can do *anything* athletically that a boy can do!

It's as simple as this, girls are athletes. We can run, jump, swing, kick, dribble, and shoot just as well as any boy! Plus, we don't get dizzy! Doesn't that count! We've got long legs for running, strong arms for swimming, and fast reflexes for everything! Very many great athletes were girls. Think about Mia Hamm, Sarina Williams, and Wilma Rudolph, legendary to all girls. Have you been watching the Olympics lately? Girls are rocking out! But we know we can't all get gold, they're there



for the experience! We won't complain if we don't get on the basketball team, we've got other sport options too! Most girls like all kinds of sports. Whether it's softball, swimming, soccer, skiing, or even kickball, and girls are athletes.

Some people think that girls are "just girls". Prancy, pink, crybabies is what they think. They think all we do is twirl around, jumping like ballerinas. Well, they're wrong. Girls can do prancing, little ballerina stuff, to breaking it down on the hip hop floor. Whether it's dancing like ballerinas or playing football, girls, are tough. What? You don't think girls are strong enough, fast enough, and cry if they fall on the grass? Well guess what, I've got experience to prove it. Last year, when I was in 4th grade, my BFF and I arm wrestled each other all the time. We couldn't win against each other no matter how hard we tried. After the school wide jog-a-thon, I knew I could beat a boy in arm wrestling. Of course, I did. After that, every boy who challenged us, lost. If you don't believe me, try. Us girls, we're determined to win. One day, I was playing kickball with my friends and boys. Somebody kicked the ball straight into my stomach, and I got the wind knocked out of me. I didn't care. I kept on playing. Later, a boy tripped and fell. He didn't even get bruised. He started crying, and all the other boys crowded around him. Of course, he was exaggerating. Girls, on the other hand, just get up, and shake it off. Girls are tough. (If you aren't persuaded YET, keep reading, but if you are already persuaded, keep reading anyway.)

Last, but definitely not least, girls have the smarts. We know how to act as a team whether we're surrounded by boys, or girls. We have fast reflexes and minds. We can catch a ball in midair if we are talking to our friend at the same time. We are fast. Whether we are deciding to shoot or pass, to

dribble or catch, or just winning, we have fast reflexes. We practice, practice, and practice. But to tie it all together, we have fun while we are playing.

Of course, now you can see that girls can do anything athletically that a boy can do. We are athletes, we are tough, and we have the smarts. We have the right!

Lacrosse is the Best Sport in the World

By Kyle S

Lacrosse is the best sport in the world. It keeps you healthy because you have to run around all the time. You also get to learn to be a team. You get to have cool gear. You get to have lacrosse sticks and pads. Why sit inside when you could go outside and play lacrosse. Lacrosse keeps you healthy all the time and it is harder than other sports. Finally it makes you tough because it is a tough game. It makes you work as a team because if you can't work as a team you can't win. You also get to be with your friends. There is no "I" in team.

Another good part of lacrosse is that you get to have cool gear. The first thing that you have to have is a lacrosse stick. It is cool because you can make it look how you want with different shafts and heads. You can have cool lacrosse gloves that can be green, blue, black, red and all the other colors. Finally, the thing that makes you look the coolest is your rad helmet. You can cover it with awesome stickers and make it any color you want.

Now you know why I like lacrosse. So go out and try it!



LEGO GAMES: OLD VS. NEW

By Lukas

(Whistling)! Oh NO!

It's that ginormous ant-man again!
ARRRRGGGGHHHHHH! Oh!
It's only you. Whew! I was playing this new and really fun game called LEGO Indiana Jones 2: The Adventure Continues until you came along and messed it all up!!! Now I have to do this level all over again! Well anyways, now that you're here, why don't I just tell you why this game is a lot more fun than the old games. Well, here I go! This is why. Here I go. This is why. Here I...



Well first of all, there are more possibilities... sorry, I mean possibilities. In the very first game there were only a few not so cool abilities like grappling, jumping, high-jumping, the force, and character tagging. Now, there's a whole bunch of awesome abilities like picking up, carrying, switching between holdable items, targeting, jumping, double jumping, high-jumping, fixing, digging, whip-tying, whip-dragging, character carrying, character throwing, sword and spear throwing, banana throwing, monkey feeding, object catching, vehicle entering, character tagging, and more outstanding thing that you can do. There are also more editors. In the first game, there were no editors at all. Now, there is a great level editor, outstanding character editor, crazy good episode editor, and an editor for quick play mode.

In the new game, there are also more levels. In the old game there are only 18 levels. In the new game there are 96 levels, 186 levels if you fill out all the spaces in the level editor.

Finally, there's a much better story mode. In the old game story mode was playing one level with the original characters. Now it's entering a gigantic landscape filled with adventures, levels in two different modes, bonus levels, vehicle races, power bricks of three different colors, characters to unlock, defeat, and buy, and unlockable, buyable vehicles!

See! Told you! Now get out of my room before my mom discovers I was secretly playing the Wii!

And PS: The first game doesn't work with the Wii! You may explore the rest of my house, but please not my room. Beware of the ant-man! He's evil!

Oh, Brother!

By Maddie

A lot of people like having siblings. They are close to them and they do everything together. Me, I am the opposite. I have an older brother named Zach, and we don't always get along. My brother is always right in my mom's mind, my brother is also stronger than me, and I have had enough of people knowing my brother and not me.



My mom always believes my brother first. Like one time my brother kept saying, "Maddie, Maddie, Maddie, Maddie," then later I said, "Zach, Zach, Zach, Zach," and my mom yelled at me for doing that when my brother did it to me first. On the other hand, if my brother lies to my mom, and I tell her the truth, she thinks my brother is telling the truth and then she thinks I am the one who is lying!

My brother is not only older than me, but he is stronger than me. That is annoying because he can beat me up, he might not beat me up but he could, and would hurt me. Sometimes we like to compete in sports and he always wins because he is stronger than me, especially if it is a running sport.

I'm tired of people knowing me as "Zach's little sister." When people who know Zach, see me, they say "Hey, you're Zach's little sister!" I am annoyed because, well, I have a name! They never know my name but they know Zach, it's not me.

In conclusion, not all sisters like having siblings. I am annoyed by my older brother day and night. He gets away with everything, he is stronger than me, and my new name is apparently "Zach's little sister." I can't take it anymore!

Recess

By Maddy

Most kids only look forward to school for one reason, which would be recess. If schools didn't have recess kids wouldn't want to go to school. Just think about it. Would you like to spend whole day learning?



One reason why recess is great is because kids can have a break from learning. After working all day you get to have a nice break. Also you can hang out with people in other classes. You get to feel the fresh air after a long time of being in cooped up inside.

This is the second reason why we should have recess. Recess is a place to meet new people. Without recess you wouldn't know

anyone. There wouldn't be anyone to talk to if you were shy in class. With no friends it would be uncomfortable to go to school.

Third, if we didn't have recess the teachers wouldn't have any free time. No adult wants to deal with kids all day. They wouldn't have any time to grade papers and might have to do it in their free time. If they had to do it in their free time they couldn't do anything with family or friends. They wouldn't have anyone to hire because no one wants to grade papers.

These are all the reasons why we should have recess. It's good for the teachers and the kids. If you ever become a principal let kids have extra long recess.

Why I Love Summer!

By: Madi

What is so much fun about summer? Well, I know. Summer is great because you can get active unlike winter. One thing you can do is play a sport. Sports help you get exercise while you are having fun. I hope that after you read this you will like summer more.

One of my favorite things to do in summer is diving for toys in a pool, I also love to go to the beach. My favorite thing to do at the beach is make sand castles or jump over waves.

One other thing I do in summer is go on a hike. I love to smell the wild flowers and follow the butterflies. I also like to climb the big trees and try to touch the top!

Another thing that interests me in summer is that you don't have to go to school. It's nice when you can have sleepovers every other



day and stay up till four watching your favorite movie. You also get to sleep in instead of waking up at seven every morning. Also in the summer you have more time to spend with your family.

Things in summer inspire me so much because it feels like everything is alive, unlike winter that kills all the beautiful plants. Summer makes you feel happy because you can always go outside and play. You also know in summer that you can wake up to your favorite breakfast, but when it's a school day you have to grab something and go. Hope you have fun in summer!

Why a lot of Pets is so Great

BY: Maggie

Some people think one pet is enough but I have a different opinion because I love animals and I believe in lots of pets. I've got 22 pets total and I love it. Here's why I think having a lot of pets is a great thing.

My first reason for having a lot of pets is it's a great experience. You can learn so much about different species of animals like what they eat, drink, and what they like to do. But what I think is the most fun about having pets is teaching them so many different tricks. I learn so much from all my different pets.

My second reason that having lots of pets is a great thing is it is a major responsibility I need to feed them when they need to be fed, get them exercise when they need it, and last but not least, I need to love them with all my heart to make them feel happy and loved.



My last reason why lots of pets are so great is they can be so entertaining and fun. I play with them and they play with each other. For example, the first day I got my nineteen chickens, the golden chicken ran up to me and ran circles around my legs. She nudged me to pick her up. Ever since then she's been my favorite chicken. I even named her Honey because she's so sweet.

Now you can see why having a lot of pets is a great experience, a big responsibility, and so much fun. I should know because I care for 19 chickens, one dog, and two geckos. I love them all and they all love me. So the more pets I have the happier I am.

My Dog Gem

By: Michael

A lot of people think they have the coolest dog ever but if they met my dog they would say, "I wish I had your dog Gem." My dog is the best dog ever because she is cute and cuddly. She sleeps on your lap and always sleeps with my sister, Alex.



First Gem is awesome to play with when she has an evil streak because she chases a laser pointer. You can also chase her around the house. Sometimes she can get away from us by getting under the bed. She is so smart! She is vicious with other dogs. She tries to attack them no matter how big they are. I think she thinks she is a Rottweiler.

Second she has clothes and her clothes are cute. She has a pink coat, a blue hoodie with white snowflakes, boots for the snow, but no bathing suit just yet. I want to get her a

pair of skis so she can fly down our hill with us. Lastly Gem travels places with us in the car. We always take her to Steamboat. Gem went on a boat at Lake Powell and fell off but my cousin saved her.

Now you know why Gem is the best dog ever. But if you don't believe me come and meet her.

Don't Text and Drive!

By: Riley

Teenagers are not very attentive when they text and drive. Meaning they don't pay attention to things happening around them.



Some teenagers happen to text and drive more often so they know what the 411 is. **IT IS NOT SAFE TO TEXT AND DRIVE!**

First, texting and driving is not safe. When teenagers text and drive they are putting themselves and their friends in danger. You could kill your friends or even yourself. You might even hit someone walking on the sidewalk. Texting and driving is a very addicting thing for teenagers. **It isn't safe.**

Second, teenagers are not responsible when they text and drive. Like this one kid was texting and driving. His little sister was playing at the park and then he ran right over his sister. His sister never came home that day. That story makes me have a question. Why couldn't he just wait until he was out of the car? If you text and drive you are breaking the law and anything could happen to you.

Third, when teenagers are texting and driving they are not attentive. They are distracted. They are driving but, not paying attention to the things happening around them.

Instead they are paying attention to the little keys on their phone. It's like teenagers need to know the 411 all the time.

So no matter what, **DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE!!!!!!** It is not safe for the driver, the people in the car, or people around you.

Every Kid Should Play a Sport

By Rylee

What do you do during your free time? Some kids might sit around and watch TV or play video games. Some kids might play a sport in their free time. Some might do both. I think every kid should get up and play at least one sport in their free time. I think it can help you in many ways. One way is you can meet new friends and learn team work. Also, playing a sport every day keeps you active and healthy.

If you play one sport, you can meet new friends. If you meet someone new when you're on the bench in a game, you could cheer for your new friend or maybe they might be on the bench at the same time as you. You and your new friend might become such good friends that you might play after practice or schedule a different time to play. You and your new friend could work together to make each other better. That's why playing a sport can get you a new friend.

Another reason is it's good to play at least one sport is to work on team work. Playing a sport can teach you team work by learning to trust people and work with others. When you're a team, you know each other's strengths and weakness. In fact you and your team play



better as a team than 15 separate players.

One time when I was playing in a softball game and I was pitching and someone on the other team hit a fly ball. Maddy Love, one of my team mates, knew that I wasn't great at fly balls. She had me try and even though I missed the fly ball, she was there backing me up. She grabbed the ball off the ground and threw it and she got the person out. After that it was our last out. So we were going in to bat, I thought that they would be mad at me for not catching the fly ball but they weren't. Instead they said "It's Ok Rylee you'll get it next time."

Doing at least one sport can help you stay active and healthy. Most sports that you can do will give you a workout and can keep you up and going every day so you can be healthy and active. If you do a sport every day, you can work on it days you don't have the sport. You can have fun and get healthy by just doing a sport and staying active when you're not doing a sport.

That's why I think every kid should play at least one sport. It has many advantages, it's only maybe one or two days a week, and only one hour per day. If you take maybe two or three hours a week to do a sport, you can get healthy and more active.

Why Parents can be Annoying

By: Samantha

Ugg! She's giving me a speech again! Just because I 'back talked' or something. It's so stupid! Samantha this! Samantha that! Give me a break! Let me tell you how annoying it is when my parents pull out baby pic-



tures, talk about your crush, and ALWAYS disagree!

Let me tell you, it is so embarrassing when you're at your big end of the year pool party and your parents pull out your baby pictures. Like once, we were at my pool party and Dad is talking to the whole class about how cute it is when I spit up and showing them my favorite dress and stuff like that. I was so embarrassed!

Have you ever told your parents who your crush is? Don't! Because once I made that mistake. I invited my dad to lunch at our school and the whole time he was yelling, "Is that him? Matthew? Your boyfriend?" Matthew kept on looking at me like I was weird. Ugg! That was so embarrassing!

My parents think black. I think white. They think yes. I think no. They think great. I think ugg! They think I did it. I think they did it. Also, they think I argue a lot. But I don't! I defend myself and *they* start the argument. And what do you know? I get in trouble for arguing! It's so annoying!

But on the other hand, they did give me an awesome dog. And they did listen to me every single time I had something to say. And they have always been there for me. Now that I think about it, my parents aren't that bad. They're actually pretty good.

Super Bowl V.S. World Series

By: Sean

Many people like the Super Bowl I agree with them. Here are three reasons why I think the Super Bowl is better than the World



Series: the Super Bowl is more exciting, it has better commercials, and Football is a better sport. Keep reading and I will tell you why I chose those reasons.

I think the Super Bowl is more exciting than the World Series. My first reason is touchdowns are more exciting than getting to home plate. Another reason is it is more exciting when it is tied. My final reason is half-time is more exciting than 7th inning stretch. That is just one reason why I think the Super Bowl is better than the World Series.

My next point is the Super Bowl has better commercials. My first reason is the commercials are all about Football. When you are watching the Super Bowl and your team is losing the commercials will cheer you up. My final reason is the commercials go throughout the game, in the World Series they only come on once or twice. That is why I think the Super Bowl has better commercials than the World Series.

My final point is Football is a better sport than Baseball. My first reason is you can tackle people in Football. My second reason is you can throw the ball farther. My final reason is you can kick field goals and you can't kick the ball in Baseball. That is why I think the Super bowl is better than the World Series.

As you can see I stated many reasons why I think the Super Bowl is better than the World Series.

Homework

By: Travis

As long as you are doing homework you are usually bored. But as long as you are



not doing homework you are usually quite happy. If you feel that we shouldn't have homework and/or you don't want homework then keep on reading.

First of all, homework waists **A LOT** of paper. I don't know how much but it must be a lot. Homework costs money and hurts Mother Earth quite horribly. Also you are probably saying "Why don't we use electronic homework and give everyone a computer." Well, I have reasons why that won't work. First off, not everyone has a computer. Also if you do have one then you might not have email. Plus giving everyone a computer is a great idea! If you want everyone in the school to donate money till we, the school has \$550,000.

Now you're probably saying, "The paper company will cut down the trees any way." Well you're wrong. The paper company will cut down trees and turn them into paper based on how much paper is bought.

Another reason is that homework wastes family time. With too much homework you are quite bored and you are locked in your room with two text books and 5 sheets of homework. Also if you have too much homework your family can't do stuff with you. Personally I have experienced this. My brother is in 8th grade and he has so much homework we can't do stuff as a family or just us all the time. Now waking up a 6:30 or 7:00 or something like that is early enough. But if you don't finish your homework you have to wake up earlier then usual to finish it. Like my brother, wakes up at 7:00. I get up at 6:30. Sometimes I wake up and my brother is showered, dressed, and doing his homework. So to waste family time, be locked in your room, and to wake up much earlier then usual then help do all the homework you want but otherwise help me stop homework.

My last reason and my most important

reason is we already have $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours of school. After $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours of school I want to be done! I am awake for $12\frac{1}{2}$ hours from wake up to bed-time and $6\frac{1}{2}$ of those are school. So I only have 7 hours out of school. WOW! In middle school it is $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours of school so only $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours minus the bus so 7 hours out of school. So 7 hours out of school minus all homework so $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours of free time. In middle school you will have only $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours of free time. When you think about it most of your childhood is dedicated to school.

So if you want the school to pay lots of money, hurt mother earth, waste family time, wake up super early, and have barely any time away from school then you probably like homework. If you don't like any of those reasons then help stop homework and make it disappear. Make homework be gone forever.