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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

At the very outset, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents and families who have placed their trust in us to guide and educate their children. Your faith is both our greatest honour and our deepest responsibility—one that we cherish and uphold each day with sincerity, passion, and purpose.

In today's ever-evolving world, education is not confined to the pages of textbooks—it is a journey of discovery, creativity, and growth. At our school, we aspire to nurture young minds who are not only knowledgeable but also kind, confident, and curious. Our mission is to empower learners to think independently, dream boldly, and act compassionately.

We take pride in offering a learning environment that balances academic excellence with a vibrant range of co-scholastic activities, ensuring the holistic development of every child. Together—with parents as our valued partners—we continue to inspire a generation ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

Let's keep growing, learning, and shining—together!

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What is Archaeology?

Archaeology is the scientific study of human history and prehistory through the excavation, analysis, and interpretation of material remains—such as artifacts, structures, bio-facts, and cultural landscapes. It helps us understand how ancient people lived, what they believed in, how they built civilizations, and how societies evolved over thousands of years.

A Brief History of Archaeology

Archaeology has grown from treasure hunting into a structured scientific discipline. Here's a quick look at its development:

1. Antiquarian Era (Pre-1800s)

- Wealthy collectors and adventurers explored ruins and tombs, more interested in exotic treasures than historical value.
- Early “archaeologists” like Giovanni Battista Belzoni excavated Egyptian sites with little documentation.

3. The 20th Century

- Archaeology became interdisciplinary, combining history, anthropology, geology, and chemistry.
- Introduction of radiocarbon dating (1940s) allowed accurate dating of organic materials.
- Development of underwater archaeology, aerial photography, and stratigraphy (*studying layers of soil*).

2. Emergence as a Science (19th Century)

- William Flinders Petrie introduced systematic methods of excavation and detailed record-keeping.
- Discoveries at Pompeii and Mesopotamia showed the value of preserving context, not just collecting artifacts.

4. Modern Archaeology (21st Century)

- Use of remote sensing, LIDAR, GIS mapping, and DNA analysis.
- Increased focus on ethics, cultural heritage, and collaborating with indigenous communities.
- Public archaeology, where communities are involved in excavation and preservation, is growing.

How Archaeology Works?

The archaeological process involves several steps:

1. Research & Survey

- Archaeologists start with background research, studying old texts, maps, and previous findings.
- They conduct field surveys to identify promising locations—walking over land, using drones, or geophysical instruments.

3. Documentation & Analysis

- Artifacts are cleaned, cataloged, and analysed in labs.
- Materials are dated using methods like carbon dating, dendrochronology, or thermoluminescence.
- Archaeologists try to reconstruct the culture and life of the people who left the remains.

2. Excavation

- Carefully digging in layers to reveal structures, tools, bones, or pottery.
- Every find is recorded with its exact location and depth, preserving context.
- Tools used: trowels, brushes, sieves, total stations (*for mapping*), GPS, drones.

4. Preservation & Publication

- Sites may be conserved or re-buried to protect them.
- Findings are shared through academic publications, museums, documentaries, or public exhibits.



The Pencil That Writes Forgotten Stories

Ganesha's Wisdom

Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati had two sons—Kartikeya, the elder, and Ganesha, the younger.

One day, Shiva and Parvati decided to test who was wiser. They said, “The one who completes three circles around the universe and returns first will be considered the wiser.”

Kartikeya quickly mounted his peacock and flew over mountains, forests, rivers, and seas. After completing two rounds, he saw that Ganesha was still sitting with their parents. Kartikeya thought proudly, “I will surely win!” Suddenly, Ganesha mounted his little mouse and went around his parents three times. He then bowed and said softly, “You are my whole universe, dear Mother and Father.”

By the time Kartikeya returned from his long journey, Ganesha had already finished. Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati smiled and declared, “Ganesha is indeed the wiser of the two.”

Moral: True wisdom lies in understanding what really matters. That is why people seek Ganesha’s blessings before starting any new work.

Ojas Rath
Grade 3





The Pencil That Writes Forgotten Stories

The Banyan Tree and the Fireflies

Long ago, in a small village, there stood a big old banyan tree. People believed it was magical, and children were told not to go near it at night.

One summer evening, a curious boy named Viraj followed a faint golden glow near the tree. Suddenly, hundreds of fireflies lit up the branches, sparkling like stars in the night sky. Their lights came together and formed the shape of a kind old man with a silver beard.

The old man said gently, "Child, you are brave to come here. These fireflies are not ordinary—they are keepers of forgotten wishes. When someone prays with a pure heart, their wish becomes a firefly."

Viraj asked, "Can I make a wish too?" The old man smiled and said, "Only if it's for someone you love."

Viraj wished for his sick grandmother to get well. The glowing firefly flew from his hand into the sky and disappeared. The next morning, his grandmother woke up healthy and happy.

Moral: Magic lives where love lives

Ojasvi Lokhande
Grade 4





The Pencil That Writes Forgotten Stories

The Rose Plant

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful rose plant. She was proud of her lovely flowers but unhappy because she grew beside an ugly cactus. Every day, the rose plant teased the cactus for his looks. The cactus remained silent.

One summer, there was no rain, and the well in the garden dried up. The rose began to wither without water. Then, she saw a hummingbird drinking water from the cactus's stem. Ashamed of her behavior, the rose asked the cactus if she could have some water. The kind cactus agreed at once and shared his stored water. They both survived the dry summer and became good friends.

Moral: Never judge anyone by appearances.

Nikshit Jadhav
Grade 1B



Forgotten Genius: Not all is lost...

Tech from ancient days that was rediscovered.

Greek Fire

Wow! Isn't it amazing that the Byzantines had a mysterious weapon that could actually burn on water? How cool is that?

Yes! it's amazing how it inspired modern flamethrowers! What's even more fascinating is that scientists are still figuring out how it was made!

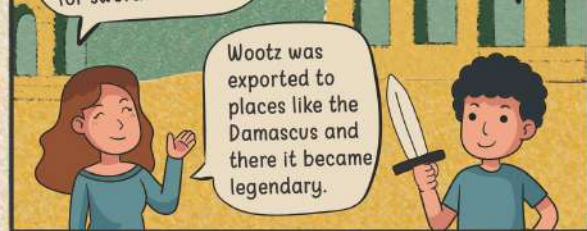


Wootz Steel

Have you heard about Wootz steel from ancient India? It was high quality and used for swords and armor.

Wow! I have also heard that these days, metallurgists are using new technology and have tried to recreate it!

Wootz was exported to places like the Damascus and there it became legendary.



Hydraulic Cement

Have you heard about the ancient concrete the Egyptians and Romans used?

No, what's special about it?

It hardens under water and was rediscovered during the Industrial Revolution for canals. And we still use it for underwater tunnels and dams.

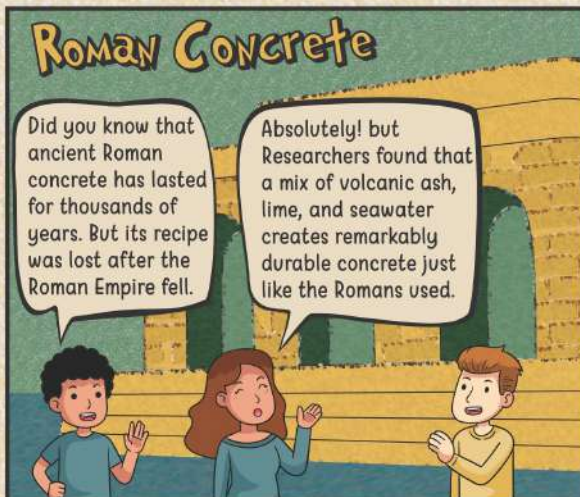
Whoa! that's mindblowing



Roman Concrete

Did you know that ancient Roman concrete has lasted for thousands of years. But its recipe was lost after the Roman Empire fell.

Absolutely! but Researchers found that a mix of volcanic ash, lime, and seawater creates remarkably durable concrete just like the Romans used.

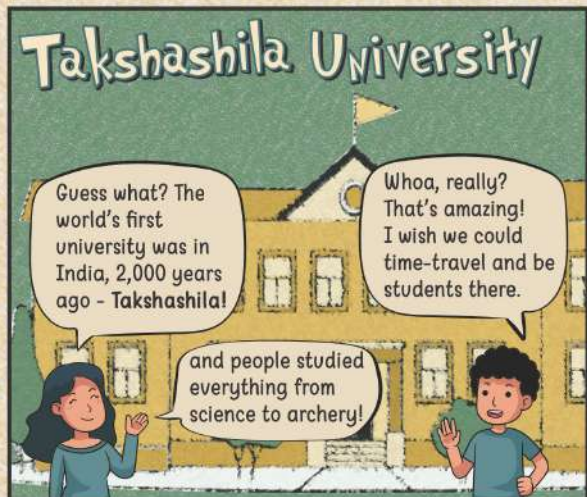


Takshashila University

Guess what? The world's first university was in India, 2,000 years ago - Takshashila!

Whoa, really? That's amazing! I wish we could time-travel and be students there.

and people studied everything from science to archery!



Rediscovered Recipes

Here are some delightful rediscovered recipes that you might enjoy trying out!



Icy Cream

Lady Fanshawe's 17th-Century Ice Cream from England

Ingredients

- > Fresh Cream
- > Orange flower water or Ambergis
- > Sugar
- > Silver or tin boxes
- > Tub of chopped ice
- > Seasoned cream.

Instructions

- > Boil three pints of cream with a blade of Mace or perfume it with Orange flower water or Ambergis.
- > Sweeten the cream with sugar and let it cool.
- > Pour it into silver or tin boxes, then place the boxes in a tub of chopped ice, covering them completely for two hours.
- > Finally, turn them out onto a plate with some seasoned cream.

Goyna Bori



The Jewellery Fritters from West Bengal

Equipment

- > Piping bag with thin tip.

Ingredients

- > 2 cups split black gram/urad/biuli dal
- > 2 tsp salt
- > 1/2 cup poppy seeds
- > canola or vegetable oil for deep frying

Instructions

- > Soak the lentils in water for at least 12 hours.
- > Make a fine paste using little or no water.
- > Beat the lentil paste and salt in a large bowl until the mixture is light and fluffy.
- > Fill a piping bag with the paste.
- > Sprinkle poppy seeds on a greased cookie sheet.



San Nicolas Cookies from Philippines

SANIKULAS COOKIES

Ingredients

- > ½ pound butter
- > 1 cup sugar
- > 1 egg yolk
- > 1¾ cup all-purpose flour
- > ½ teaspoon salt
- > 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

- > Cream butter and sugar. Mix in the other ingredients.
- > Shape about ¾ teaspoon of batter into balls and place them 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
- > Beat egg whites slightly, then dip the bottom of a glass into it and flatten each ball.
- > Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar or coloured sugar.
- > Bake at 325°F for 10 to 12 minutes. Enjoy!



Pan de San Nicolas

The Things We Leave Behind

Poems that linger like memories.

Once I had something precious and true,
A treasure of life — a bond with you.

Meeza, a good friend, so kind and near,
I thought our closeness would never disappear.

But time has a way of slipping fast,
And now you belong to my gentle past.
Your laughter echoes, your voice still stays,
But only in memories of brighter days.

I lost not just a friend, but part of me —
The one who knew my heart's melody.
Now silence speaks where your words once
shone,
And I feel the ache of being alone.

Yet even though you're far, not near,
Your spirit whispers, so soft and clear.
For love once shared can never depart,
It lingers forever inside my heart.

So in the past, though I lost that light,
Meeza still guides me through the night.
A chapter closed, but not erased,
In memory's book, you're safely placed.

Yogita Patil
Grade 7



The Things We Leave Behind

Poems that linger like memories.

If I Lost Something in the Past...

I had something I held close to my heart —
A cat in my society, I named her Spark.

She was so cute, gentle, and sweet,
And even danced to my every beat.

But something happened suddenly,
That made me lose all my peace completely.
The kitty was gone without a trace,
And I thought, what will I do in this empty space?

I screamed and shouted, but nothing helped,
Until one day, I saw her little whelp.
The kitten was cute and soft and fluffy,
I held it close — warm and cuddly.

When I saw her, it was too late,
She looked like Spark — my heart did ache.
I searched for Spark, high and low,
But I couldn't find her anywhere I'd go.

Then I realized my mistake, my wrong —
If I find her again, I'll keep her lifelong.

Rishita Singh
Grade 7



Lost and Found in the Wild!

Did you know some animals go POOF! like magic - they vanish for years... sometimes even 100! But guess what?

They surprise us by showing up again! Here are 8 awesome animals that were thought to be gone forever, but scientists found them again.

The Snakehead Fish

Real Name: Chel Snakehead Fish

Last Seen: 1933 in India

Found Again: 2024 in the Chel River

Cool Fact: This elusive fish can breathe air and survive on land for short periods.



Spiky the Mystery Mammal

Real Name: Attenborough's Long-Beaked Echidna

Last Seen: 62 years ago in Indonesia

Found Again: In 2023 — caught on camera in the jungle!

Cool Fact: It lays eggs and looks like a spiky anteater!



Phantom Tortoise

Real Name: Fernandina Giant Tortoise

Last Seen: Over 100 years ago in the Galápagos

Found Again: In 2019 — a lady tortoise was strolling around an island!

Cool Fact: It can live over 100 years and moves slower than a snail!



The Peek-a-boo Gecko

Real Name: Blyde River Flat Gecko

Last Seen: 34 years ago in South Africa

Found Again: In a hidden canyon in 2025!

Cool Fact: These geckos have super flat bodies that help them hide in tiny cracks!



The Rainbow Toad

Real Name: Mindo Harlequin Toad

Last Seen: 1989 in Ecuador

Found Again: 2019 in a cloud forest reserve

Cool Fact: This colorful toad has green and red skin with white speckles, resembling snowflakes.



Trapdoor Trickster

Real Name: Fagilde's Trapdoor Spider

Last Seen: 1931 in Portugal

Found Again: 2023 near its original habitat

Cool Fact: This spider creates a hidden door in the ground to ambush unsuspecting prey.



Wallace's Giant Bee

Real Name: Megachile pluto

Last Seen: 1981 in Indonesia

Found Again: 2019 in North Moluccas, Indonesia

Cool Fact: The world's largest bee, with a wingspan of about 6 cm, was rediscovered after decades, sparking excitement among entomologists.



Hill's Horseshoe Bat

Real Name: Rhinolophus hilli

Last Seen: 1981 in Rwanda

Found Again: 2019 in Nyungwe Forest, Rwanda

Cool Fact: After 40 years, this critically endangered bat was rediscovered during a dedicated expedition, emphasizing the importance of persistent conservation efforts.



Gone in a Scribble: Doodle Story of the Disappeared



The Lost City of Dwarka - Unravelling the Ancient Mystery

Dwarka, located off India's western coast, is believed to be the ancient kingdom of Lord Krishna, as described in the Mahabharata and Puranas. According to these texts, Krishna built Dwarka after leaving Mathura, and the city eventually submerged into the Arabian Sea after his departure.

Historical and Mythological Significance - The Mahabharata describes Dwarka as a prosperous, well-planned city. Its dramatic submergence due to a natural disaster continues to intrigue historians and archaeologists.

Archaeological Discoveries - In 1983, marine archaeologist Dr. S.R. Rao discovered submerged structures off Gujarat's coast—walls, platforms, and artifacts consistent with ancient city planning. Some estimates date these remains to around 7500 years ago, possibly aligning with the Dvapara Yuga linked to Krishna. However, dating methods remain debated.

Myth vs. Reality - Debate continues over whether the structures are man-made or natural. While skeptics see the Mahabharata as mythological, supporters highlight the alignment between the texts and discoveries as possible historical evidence.

The Submersion Theory - Mythology describes Dwarka's submergence by massive waves and shifting land. Scientists suggest this could be due to seismic activity and rising sea levels. Geological studies support the idea of significant environmental changes over time.

Ongoing Research - Ongoing underwater exploration uses advanced technology to map the site. Experts across disciplines are studying sediments and geological shifts to understand the city's fate.

Conclusion - Dwarka stands at the crossroads of mythology, history, and science. While its true origins remain uncertain, archaeological findings have deepened interest and belief. For many, the quest for Dwarka is both a historical investigation and a spiritual journey—an enduring mystery still being uncovered from beneath the sea.



Stranded Stories

If I was marooned on an Island...

It was supposed to be the best school trip ever — a cruise across the blue sea! We laughed, took pictures, and watched dolphins dance in the waves. But then, dark clouds rolled in, the wind howled, and the sea turned wild. Suddenly — CRASH! A giant wave hit our ship! Everything went spinning, and when I opened my eyes... I was lying on the sand of a strange island! I looked around — no people, no houses, only trees, birds, and endless water. I was marooned! My heart thumped like a drum. But I remembered what my teacher always said: "Don't panic — think smart!" I built a small shelter using palm leaves, found coconuts to drink, and even made fire by rubbing stones together. Each day felt like an adventure — I climbed trees, caught fish, and learned to survive on my own. The island was scary at first, but slowly it became my friend. One morning, I saw smoke on the horizon — a ship! I waved a big green leaf and shouted as loud as I could. The sailors spotted me and came closer. As I sailed away, I looked back at the island that had taught me the greatest lesson of all — "Courage is not the absence of fear; it's facing it with hope."

Mrunal Thorkar
Grade 6



TALES FROM A SAND

A LOST BUCKET SPEAKS

This is Mia. She loves building sandcastles, but today... her bucket is missing!



I hope Mia finds me soon. I miss helping her make castles!



Hello! Are you looking for something?

Maybe it's over there!



I can see her! Almost there!

Yes! Adventure is fun, but being with you is the best!

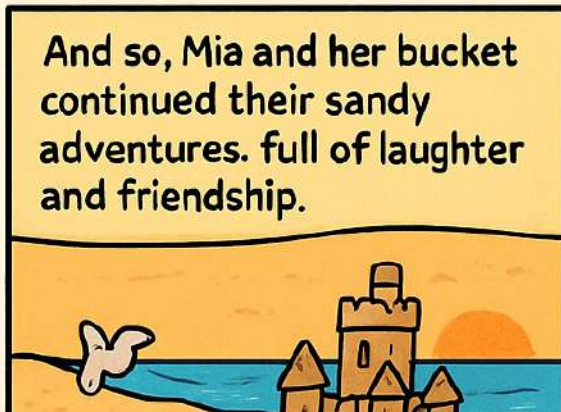


I think I found it!

Yay! Mia, I'm here!



And so, Mia and her bucket continued their sandy adventures. full of laughter and friendship.



Satvik Singh
Grade 6

How to Become a Field Archaeologist?

Becoming an on-field archaeologist requires a mix of education, training, and practical experience.

1. Educational Path

High School: Focus on history, geography, biology, and social sciences.

Bachelor's Degree: A degree in Archaeology, Anthropology, History, or Classics.

Master's/PhD (*optional but helpful for advanced positions or research roles*): Specialize in a sub-field (e.g., Egyptology, Prehistoric Archaeology).



2. Skills & Knowledge Needed

Analytical thinking, attention to detail, patience.

Knowledge of ancient history, mapping, dating techniques, and conservation.

Physical fitness (*fieldwork is often outdoors and physically demanding*).

3. Field Training

Join Field Schools: Hands-on training programs often run by universities or institutions.

Participate in internships, volunteer digs, or museum work to gain experience.

Learn technical skills: GIS software, drawing site maps, pottery analysis, etc.



4. Career Options

Field Archaeologist (*excavation*)

Lab Analyst

Museum Curator

Heritage Consultant

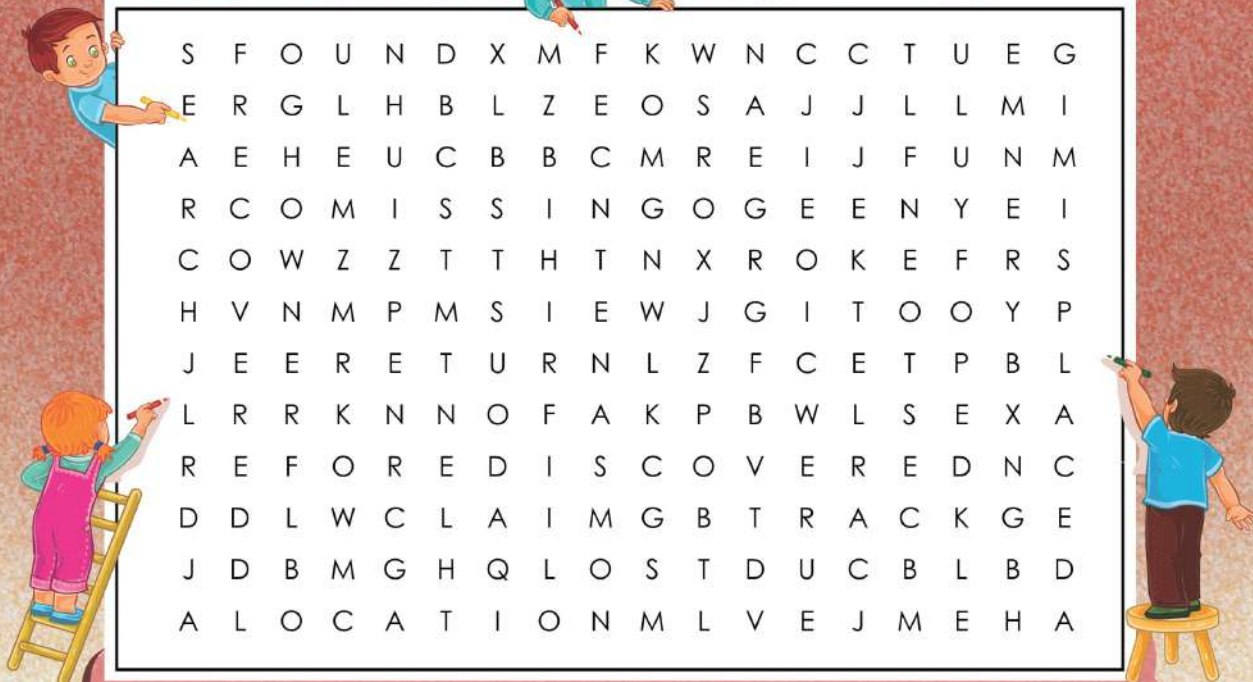
Cultural Resource Manager

Work with government, universities, private firms, or UNESCO/NGOs.



BRAIN PLAY

WORD SEARCH



Rediscovered

Recovered

Found

Memories

Missing

Seek

Help

Clue

Lost

Return

Misplaced

Forgotten

Search

Owner

Track

Location

Claim

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Help the little Sheep find her way to her friends.



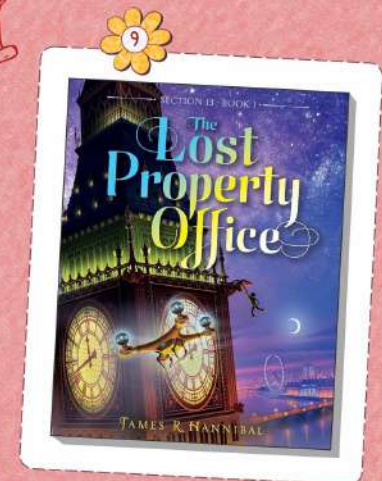
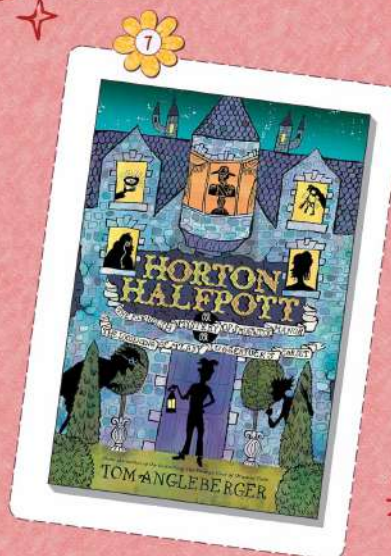
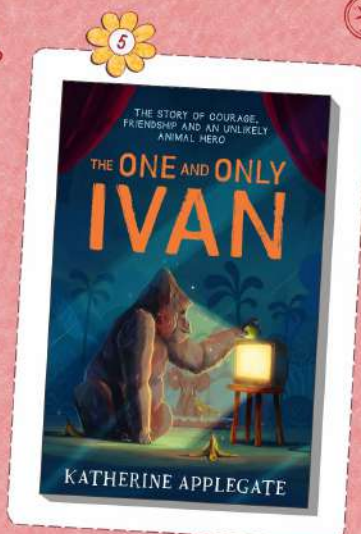
A man has lost a quarter on a soft carpeted floor. What is the first thing he does when he finds it?

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Book Recommendations



Movie Recommendations



Review

Movies & Books

Title of the Movie/Book:

Damsel

Movie/Book Summary:

Damsel is an inspiring fantasy adventure about a brave princess who saves herself instead of waiting to be rescued. The movie breaks the stereotype that princesses need saving and highlights courage, intelligence, and self-confidence. With its exciting visuals and powerful message, Damsel teaches us to believe in ourselves and never give up.

Movie/Book Reviewed By: Nirmohi Jade

Grade 8

How many hearts will you give this movie?

4

(1 heart means the movie was really bad. 5 hearts means it was great!)

Title of the Movie/Book:

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

By J.K. Rowling

Movie/Book Summary:

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is a thrilling story of magic, mystery, and courage. When Harry is unexpectedly chosen for the deadly Triwizard Tournament, he faces dragons, danger, and the return of Lord Voldemort. The book is a roller-coaster of bravery and friendship, showing that true courage means facing fear even when the odds are against you.

Movie/Book Reviewed By: Shreya Shinde

Grade 8

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