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博鳴集

二零一四



校長的話

「春秋代序，陰陽慘舒，物色之動，心亦搖焉。」這句話出自劉勰《文心雕龍·物色篇》，意思是四時的變化和萬物的動態會觸動人的心靈。中國有很多著名的文學作品，都是因為文人一時觸景生情而寫下。著名的例子如歐陽修的《秋聲賦》和蘇軾的《赤壁賦》，因為四季萬物觸動了文人的思想，令他們聯想到自己或喜或悲的遭遇，有感而發，寫成千古傳誦的文學作品。

相信同學日常面對周遭的人和事，必定會有所感觸。無論是李白的「天生我材必有用」、「浮雲遊子意，落日故人情」也好；或是杜甫的「安得廣廈千萬間，大庇天下寒士俱歡顏」也好；又或是柳永的「衣帶漸寬終不悔，為伊消得人憔悴」；更可能是孟郊的「誰言寸草心，報得三春暉」，人生在世，七情六慾，自愛自重、友情、親情、愛情、社會時弊，凡此種種，皆能動心，這就是感悟了。不要把這些感覺埋藏心底，同學不妨揮動筆桿，把感悟記下，作為人生歷程的一個印記。

各位同學，現在的你或許還沒有信心動筆，但謹記不要妄自菲薄，這個寫作園地是屬於你們的。在這裏，你們可以交流思想、表達意見，切磋砥礪。假以時日，或許會成為一代文豪。當代著名小說家白先勇先生就是因為初中時代老師替他投了一次稿去《野風雜誌》，及作言語上的鼓勵，而影響他成為作家。各位同學，今天的嘗試與邁步，對畢生的助益，可能是始料不及的。

校長
孫莉華
博士

《博鳴》

- 「博」 意為博學、博聞的意思，
巧附本校校訓「博學篤志」之意。
寄寓同學所聞所寫內容淵博，文件涵蓋，達至多元化。
- 「鳴」 代表同學所思、所言。
如果只能博聞而不能言，豈不是可惜至極？
- 「博鳴」 是為勸勉同學能多閱讀，廣博知識；
多寫作，敢於言盡所聞所思。

范健儀 (第十七屆畢業生)

編者的話

時光荏苒，這片園地已開墾了六年。猶記得最初，種花人不多，花的種類亦寥寥可數。當時，我期望有更多賞花人可以變成種花人，參與其中。時至今日，我慶幸每年都有新的種花人加入，中一級同學也好，即將畢業的師兄師姐也好，透過這片園地，互相交流種花的經驗。種花人發揮無限的想像力，花的種類也越來越多，園地從此變得花團錦簇，花兒爭相吐艷。但願日後，同學都能培養種花的興趣，愛賞花、愛種花，更能惜花。

中文科副科主任 韓思麗老師

轉眼一年，新一期文集已經蓄勢待發！在課堂上，實在喜見同學揮筆躍然紙上的樣子，《博鳴集》正是把同學的心血付梓結集的成果。眾位小作家，用自己的文筆寫下了自我的胸臆懷想，用文采灌滿了文集。《博鳴集》內每一篇文章皆見證同學在創作路上不斷的成長。願同學繼續努力，在生活中用心觀察，感悟身邊的人與事，將來於寫作路上定必能結出更豐盛的果子。

中文科副科主任 蔡詠珊老師

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「愛你一生一世」(2013-14)的《博鳴集》，同學絕對不能錯過。

今期《博鳴集》，集各級同學的心血結晶，可謂內容豐富、筆觸敏銳、情文並茂。同學如想閱有所得，須有稍異平常的閱讀方式。如今拋磚引玉提出兩點，與各位分享。

《增廣賢文》：「學須靜，才須學。非學無以廣才，非靜無以成學。」此四句是說：「讀書必須專心致志，才能需要學習鍛煉。不學習無法擴展才能，不專心難以成就學業。」(註一)當中的「靜」字，才是全文的主詞。閱覽文章與讀書，兩者意義相差不遠。建議同學閱覽《博鳴集》前，先找一個寧靜清幽、天籟諧和及適宜閱讀的斗室空間，專心致志(另一「靜」)地賞析文集內的作品，保證讀者必能由此擷取各篇文章的微妙及作者行文的動機，自家獨特的閱讀心得，便油然而生，有別於尋常的閱讀和評析。

陶淵明《五柳先生傳》：「閑靜少言，不慕榮利。好讀書，不求甚解；每有會意，便欣然忘食。」此段是說：「五柳先生(即陶淵明)安閑沉靜，不好言談，也不羨慕榮華利祿。喜歡讀書，但不執着於對一字一句的瑣細解釋；每當讀書有所領悟的時候，就會高興得忘了吃飯。」(註二)

閱讀今年《博鳴集》，亦須有「不求甚解」的態度。文集內容並非很難或無從理解，只是過於執着的閱讀態度，文章中細微且不具重要性的段落文字，也要字字珠璣地解釋研究，那便會費時失事，閱速減慢之餘，對同學嘔心瀝血作品的領會體味也無從說起。緊記擅用「不求甚解」啊！

最後，《博鳴集》為本校同學提供了寫作的平台，讓同學一嘗化身「作家」的滋味。本年度，筆者告知其中一位同學的文章被選作文集作品，猜不到他竟說：「終於選中我了！」想必能躋身文集作者之一，是同學的多年夢想！今天，又多一位同學踏上作家之路，豈不教人充滿期待？

中文科主任 梁鳳儀老師

註一：見《新編增廣賢文·千字文》頁212。馬自毅注譯、李清筠校閱，三民書局印行。

註二：見《圖說古文觀止100名言》頁47。王春永主編，王壽延著，廣西人民出版社。

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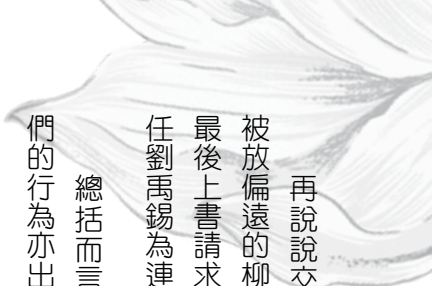
禮乃義之和

湯凱晴 中四

俗語說：「禮多人不怪」，又說「禮多必詐」，不知道我剛才深深的鞠躬，讓大家感受到的是誠意，還是有點虛偽呢？

《禮記》有云：「禮乃義之和」，指出禮是使人的感情適當地體現在明文規範中；義則是指依循理和道來做合宜的事，故此禮是所適宜做的總和。實際上，行禮的道理可以在不少人際關係中實踐出來。

先說說治家與鄰里的關係吧。相傳清朝安徽桐城宰相張英與鄰家同時起房造屋，為爭地而發生爭執。張老夫人修書叫張宰相出面干預，宰相卻作詩勸導：「千里捎書只為牆，再讓三尺又何妨？萬里長城今猶在，不見當年秦始皇。」張老夫人見書明理，就把牆退了三尺。鄰家見此情景，深感慚愧，亦把牆後讓三尺。於是，兩家之間，就形成了有名的六尺巷。由此可見，爭強賭氣，不如鄰里和睦，循理行禮始終是治家及與人相交的不二法門。



再說說交友吧。《資治通鑑》記載了唐憲宗時，柳宗元及劉禹錫因與朝廷政見不和而被外放。前者被放偏遠的柳州，後者則被放更荒涼的播州。柳宗元雖處境窘迫，但仍為需照顧年老母親的劉禹錫而擔憂，最後上書請求與之交換，讓劉禹錫攜母前往柳州。憲宗被柳宗元的禮讓感動，於是仍任其為柳州刺史，改任劉禹錫為連州刺史。由此可見，友情的真諦是禮讓，合宜之禮用在朋友之上，多多益善。

總括而言，人與人之間講求適當地流露感情，恰如其分地行禮。現代的社會環境不斷變遷，導致我們的行為亦出現偏差。然而，禮在外、宜在內，只要我們因時制宜，循理行禮，社會就會更美好更和諧了！



徵文
比賽

續寫故事——虛驚一場

黃明意 中二



冠軍

今天早上，我本來跟父母和弟弟去海灘游泳，不過我卻因貪睡而不願起床，結果他們便丟下我到海灘去了。起床後，我一邊抱怨家人沒有人情味，一邊開始感到無聊，於是便到弟弟的房間玩遊戲機打發時間。弟弟的房間如常地一片凌亂，我在他的櫃裏找到遊戲機時，發現他的日記簿混雜在一堆舊書裏。雖然我心裏明白不應偷看他的私隱，但是又敵不過好奇心的誘惑。成功說服了自己後，我便翻開他的日記，一看，大吃一驚……

原來和我一起生活近十五年的弟弟，竟然身患癌症！他在日記內寫着：「魔鬼好像快要奪去我的生命。我不希望家人知道我患上這病，永遠過着愁眉苦臉的日子……。」

「海灘上真是很多人呢！我們不叫哥哥去，有點不好意思啊！」那是弟弟的聲音，從門外傳到我的耳邊。

弟弟一進門，我便像樹熊一樣把他抱得緊緊的，眼淚也如黃河泛濫似的湧出眼眶：「弟，你不要離開我！為何你不與我們坦白呢？患癌絕不是小事啊！」弟弟笑着回答：「你不是相信那本『日記』中所寫的東西吧？那是我們學校戲劇學會的道具而已！日記裏所寫的東西都是假的，明白了沒有？我聰明的哥哥。」

此時此刻，我雖然放下心頭大石，但也像洩了氣的氣球。

那天上午，校長突然宣佈全校立即停課，因天文台預計兩小時內將改發八號烈風信號。我收拾好東西後，馬上到學校對面的小學門口，接我的妹妹一心。

正當我們準備走往車站，一心突然「啊」的一聲，原來她把作業放在教室裏，忘了帶走，於是我陪她冒着風雨匆匆返回學校。

好不容易才向工友叔叔借用課室鑰匙，當我們一打開門，嚇了一驚，我看見妹妹的班主任黎老師正對抗着強風的吹打，冒着豆大的雨，整個身軀伏在窗邊，用雙手把學生所種的小紅花一盆盆地搬回教室裏。

我心想，風這麼大，老師竟然會為了幾盆小紅花而冒着危險回校？難道那幾盆小紅花真的如此重要？當我還未回過神來的時候，妹妹已經把作業放在書包裏，拉着我準備離開教室。

此時，黎老師把我們叫停，跟着說：「替我照顧這幾盆小紅花，可以嗎？」語音未落就暈倒在地了。妹妹曾經提過，黎老師有血糖的毛病，曾經試過在課堂上暈倒。那時我趕快把她扶起來，然後在書包裏拿出媽媽準備給妹妹小息時享用的糖果給老師吞下。幸好老師沒甚麼大礙，休息一會便能站起來。聽她說因為擔心這幾盆花朵的「安危」，所以即使飢腸轆轆也未有理會。

黎老師真是一位好老師！即使是幾盆花兒的小小生命，她也如此珍重，冒着強風暴雨也要守護，實在值得敬佩！想不到風雨之中，我上了寶貴的一課。

看圖寫作——保護環境

鍾昊彤 中一

從前，在一片翠綠的草地上，有一隻白色的小鳥在一棵枯萎的樹幹一邊唱歌，一邊享受着清新的空氣。

此時，有一位獵人經過，看到那隻肥美的白色小鳥，便把槍瞄準牠，準備開槍。獵人按下板機，發射出的子彈正衝向獵物。在千鈞一髮之間，小鳥避開了，並向着工廠的方向飛去，躲避獵人的射殺。獵人一邊追捕小鳥，一邊填補獵槍的子彈。當他追到工廠之時，已經筋疲力盡，遠遠只看到工廠煙囪排出的黑煙，獵物已不知所終，他只好無奈地放棄離去。不久，獵人看見了一隻黑漆漆的小鳥從那團黑煙中掉下來。他非常錯愕，但回過神來後，便吹着口哨，帶着這隻「唾手可得」的獵物回家去。

「唾手可得」並不是獵人幸運，而是人類自私自利的惡果。工廠排出的廢氣足以令小動物死亡，他朝人類會否遇上相同的命運？所以我們要保護環境，好好愛護大自然！



懷想 天空



春夏秋冬

程嶠樺 中一

春天，是個小不點兒的男嬰
四處長出紅粉緋緋的紅櫻
頭頂長出寥寥可數的頭髮
這時，就是無憂無慮的時候

夏天，是個熱情奔放的少年
滿池都是眼花繚亂的紅蓮
全神貫注追尋自己的夢
這時，就是多姿多彩的時候

秋天，是個成熟穩重的成人
雖是，但秋風秋雨愁煞人
妻子已經懷胎十月
這時，就是心亂如麻的時候

冬天，是個年紀老邁的長者
遍山花兒陸陸續續凋謝
正是高堂明鏡悲白髮
這時，就是默默離去的時候



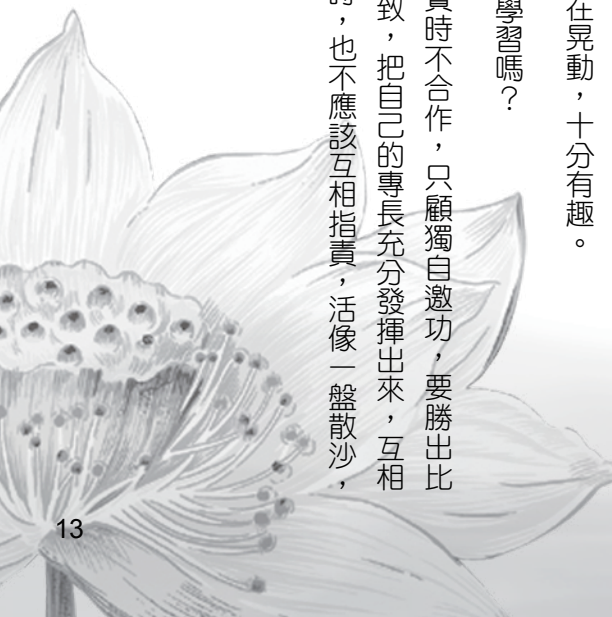
在一片白皚皚的南極土地上，有一團黑漆漆的東西，不時發出嘹亮的叫聲。究竟這是甚麼呢？啊！原來是一群企鵝。

企鵝擁有黑黝黝而挺拔的背部，腹部卻是鵝黃色的羽毛，看上去十分柔軟，毛茸茸似的，十分可愛。

那麼，為什麼牠們會圍在一起？原來南極正颯着暴風雪，十分寒冷。牠們為了取暖，便圍在一起抗寒。牠們亦會互相調換位置，輪流抵受寒風。在外圍飽經風霜的，會走進群中取暖，免得冷死；相反，身子和暖的又會走出群外，保護同伴。所以，遠處望去，就像一顆顆黑點在晃動，十分有趣。

企鵝與同伴互相幫助，共渡難關的團結精神，不正是值得我們學習嗎？

在一場籃球比賽中，各隊隊員都各有所長。但如果他們在比賽時不合作，只顧獨自邀功，要勝出比賽一定難若登天。就算真的勝出了，也只是一時僥倖。只有團結一致，把自己的專長充分發揮出來，互相幫助、配合，才能克敵制勝。同樣，當我們與同伴合作，遇到困難時，也不應該互相指責，活像一盤散沙，而是要團結一致，解決困難，共渡難關。



快要熄滅的燈

曹佩珣 中二

那真是一個令人難以忘懷的晚上。

我拖着沉重的身軀回到家中，家裏漆黑一片，伸手不見五指。我懶洋洋地去開燈……

「咔」的一聲，光亮的燈劃破了漆黑，但燈泡閃了一下、一下又一下……就像快要熄滅。我心裏沉了沉！

剛從醫院回來，因爸爸的病又惡化了，可能捱不了多久。看着那不停閃動的燈泡，不禁想起爸爸。那燈泡快要油盡燈枯了，但不到最後一刻，仍竭力掙扎。難道爸爸，你也一樣在掙扎？你正在和病魔搏鬥？我知道你很堅強，你不會輕易放棄的！

還記得小時候，外婆在醫院彌留之際，家人都在她床前痛哭流涕，只有爸爸沒有哭。回家後，我問爸爸，為甚麼好像不傷心的樣子。他指向那快熄滅的燈泡：「看，燈總會有油盡燈枯的時候，何況是脆弱的生命？但只要那燈泡已經盡力去發光，那麼它的熄滅就有價值了。因為燈曾經為我們盡力去發亮，就算熄滅，我們也會記得它的功勞，明白嗎？」我點了點頭，假裝明白的樣子。

此刻，我想起爸爸那番話，我真的懂了……

「咔」的一聲，燈熄滅了，四周漆黑一片。電話響起：「你快到醫院，你爸爸已經……」

懵懂無知的我，帶着期盼又激動的心情迎接我的初中生涯。我傻氣的為自己成為中學生而興奮，卻不曾想過以後充滿荊棘的路途。

猶記得中一、二時，我們總是優哉游哉，在校園裏「四處流浪」，漫無目的地漂流。我們在課室大肆搗亂，惹得老師火冒三丈。老師總是一忍再忍，我們就是絲毫沒有一點悔改之意，更加大膽妄為。

在課室裏，紙條漫天飛舞，同學不只竊竊私語，更會放聲暢談，似是家常便飯。但是，在我們的「首領」面前，總會懂得收斂一點，坐得端端正正，抬頭挺胸，沒有絲毫小動作。因為大家都生怕被活捉，成為「祭品」，「惡行」傳到家長耳中，苦日子便會來臨。

不經不覺，時間在我們身後悄悄地流走……

兩年初中生活帶給我們無盡的回憶，就像音樂盒的音樂，不但美妙動人，更讓人留戀又陶醉。

轉眼間，升上中三，真正的「校園生活」才開始。

老師不再對我們「放任自流」，而是嚴加管教。我們也開始意識危機的來臨，個個也變得乖巧聽話。老師生怕我們會重蹈覆轍，總是不停對我們「洗腦」，一而再，再而三對我們進行思想教育，一講便是二節課的時間，卻還是滿腹經綸。

面對着一疊疊堆積如山的習作、課本、成長的問題……，漸漸地，我變成了一頭熊貓。突如其來的測考就像計時炸彈一樣，隨時隨地的，把我炸得粉碎。避開了「炸彈」，隨之而來的，是母親大人的評核，辛苦至極！

整個初中生涯就這樣完結了。接下來，便要面對更加艱險的高中生涯，究竟它又是個怎樣的旅程呢？



從山頂往下望

蔡浩宇 中四

有人說，登山者對於登上山頂的期盼，比學生對上大學之渴望來得更強烈。從杜甫《望岳》詩中末兩句「會當凌絕頂，一覽眾山小」，可見詩人對山頂的嚮往。也正是這兩句詩不斷鞭策我，我下定決心，咬緊牙關，登上最後數十級台階。

山頂的風景果然不會令一個有心人失望。涼風襲來，吹乾了被汗水浸得濕透的衣衫，並在耳邊低聲恭賀我。從山頂往下望，阡陌相連。不遠處的河滔滔流淌，努力之餘還不忘壯大自己，流出幾道分支。

山腰間，還有不少行人在奮力地前進。他們有的結隊而行，有的孤軍奮戰。雖然「人多力量大」，成群結隊的人總是走得快些，但遠不及一個人來得自在。不過，自在之餘須付上更多努力。

不經不覺，行人漸漸屈指可數了。也難怪，要走如此陡峭的山路，堅持到底又談何容易呢？我在一旁發現幾「點」行人在山的「綠腰帶」間穿梭，即使是很難分辨，可我仍是相信，他們正披荊斬棘，冒着危險向頂峰衝刺。看着幾顆「黑點」不停向上移動，我也替他們捏把汗。

人總想攀登高峰，卻膽怯不敢邁出第一步，所以失敗了；人總是不肯付出努力，所以又失敗了；人總是太早計較得失，所以不能取得成功。

想到這，我又憶起四年前的一個片段。當時我剛在事業上略有小成，又開始了一個更大的挑戰。可是，好景不常，動工之際卻因贊助商突然悔約而險些腰斬。接着，壞事接踵而來。祖父因病住院，需要一筆巨

額醫藥費。我只得去叩一間間公司的大門，不厭其煩地致電行家求救。一個月仍毫無進展，欠債更是越滾越多。

也許是信念支撐着我走下去，在無數次被拒後，我也終於抓住了救命的稻草，挺了過來。自此，我更有渡過困難的決心和動力，一步步排除萬難，也算是登上了人生的頂峰。

其實人生和登山大同小異。只要你不要計較付出多少，撐到最後，你便能看到最美麗的風景了。

不知不覺，行人越爬越勇，山頂上也多了成功者，他們滿足欣喜俯瞰山下，欣喜若狂……

從山頂往下望，一路走來，每個人都歷盡艱苦……



放鬆（仿作閩一多《也許》）

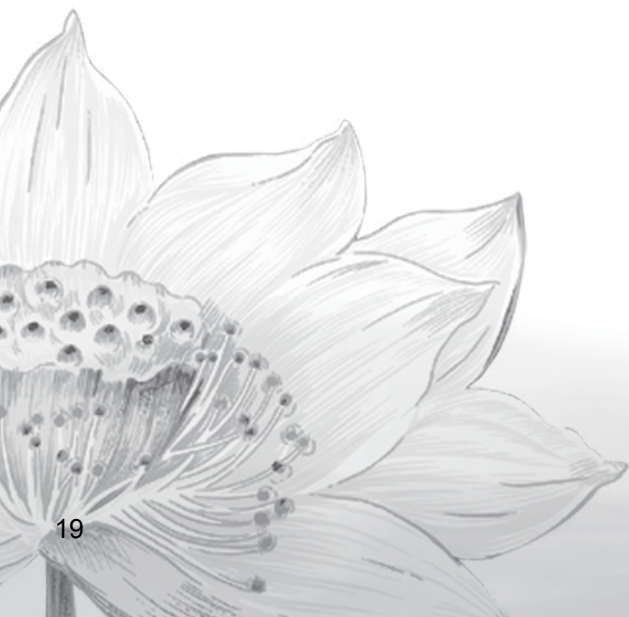
姚錦楓 中五

也許你真的繃得太緊
也許，也許你要歇一歇
那麼叫時間不要運行
人不要忙，電話不要響

那麼你先把雜念清除
我就讓你停，我讓你停
我把娛樂慢慢帶給你
我叫壓力兒快快的走

不許熒幕望你的眼睛
不許文件握着你的手
無論誰都不能騷擾你
帶一些快樂陪着你玩

也許你聽這歡悅笑聲
聽這音樂的古典韻味
也許你聽着這般音樂
比那工作的人聲更美



我想飛得更高

陳惠璿 中六

傳聞於九天之上，乃眾神所居之處。聽說那兒鳥語花香，四季如春，乃世人口中的雲漢仙境。我想飛得更高，飛至九天之上，飛往雲漢仙境。

「娘！你看，是鳳凰！」我聞言，不禁昂首，自然流露出高傲，如同君臨天下的王者，斜睨着枝頭下的凡人。如此匆匆的一眼，經已是驚鴻一瞥。但見枝頭下立着一對母子，一老一少，一喜一愁。孩童正值牙牙學語之齡，一張小臉粉妝玉琢，面上卻為塵土所玷污，只露出一雙水汪汪的大眼睛。明亮的眼眸映着明顯不過的欣喜，小手興奮的拽了拽少婦的衣擺，雀躍的道：「娘，是鳳凰啊！」少婦聞言僅是抬眸一瞥，回道：「人言『蛟龍入大海，鳳凰棲梧桐』，此鳥卻居蒹葭之旁，老松之上，生羽黯淡，雙眸無神，豈有鳳之儀、鳳之姿？」少婦話峰一轉，聲音冷硬如鐵，連嘴角亦凝起一抹淡淡的譏諷：「若當真有神鳥，何解至今陌上荒涼，貪官橫行？」言罷，深深地瞟了我一眼，拉着孩童轉身而去。我默然而立，立於陌上而觀，但見母子身影單薄、衣衫襤褸，豈有半點盛世子民的清華？有的，不過是「國破山河在」的哀愁、孤寂罷了！

我展起雙羽，縱身飛入天際，俯視着這萬里河山，卻是一步一驚心！只見某處一縷金光忽現，竟是一座金碧輝煌的宮殿！殿內一人負手而立，萬人卑躬屈膝跪於殿前。殿內三里浮華，殿外卻是十里落紅！殿外百姓個個身形消瘦、單薄得……彷彿下秒便要隨風而逝。

東方未明，顛倒衣裳，顛之倒之，自公召之！所指的，亦是如此的光景吧！百姓鋤禾當午，以血汗栽種稻穗，米卻全入權貴之腹！

忽來戰鼓聲，我轉首望去，卻被眼前之慘狀所懾！邊關狼煙騰起，滿天黃沙，烽火處處。但見沙場上刀光劍影，血流成河，屍橫遍野！

驟然，銀光一現，胸口處一陣痛楚，如同斷弦的古琴，我發出一聲刺耳的哀鳴，直墮至沙場的烽火處。火舌無情的爬上雙羽，將我渾身上下的毛羽燃盡。火光之中，我艱難的睜開眼眸，眼前山河壯麗，萬里長江川流不息，卻為鮮紅所暈染。宮城富麗堂皇，卻為白骨所埋。英雄今勢磅礴，卻為朔風所逝。美人風華絕色，卻被冠禍水之名，碧落黃泉，玉殞香消！

天空忽風雲變色，於腥風血雨之中，一道白虹貫穿日月。鳳凰涅槃，浴火重生。我自烽火中抬起頭來，展翅拍翼而去。我越過這萬里河山，飛過烽火大地，直向九天處。我翱翔於天地之間，帶着百姓的寄望，懷着一腔熱血，朝遠方的雲漢飛去。

鳳眸忽閃，化作五點星火；鳳尾輕揚，成一支紅旗。領着百姓，領着華夏，飛向白虹處。紅旗輕揚，映破三世浮華。我，想飛得更高，飛往雲漢，擺脫灰暗。我想飛得更高、更遠，棲於梧桐之上，靜候着盛世降臨。

我浴火重生，將載着百姓的厚望，飛越九天，飛至雲漢。於我如此，於國亦然！

敘事寫人



我最敬愛的同學

沈巧婷 中一

我最敬愛的同學是與我同班的。她不僅是我在學業上的好榜樣，更是我待人處事的學習對象。

她有一雙水汪汪的大眼睛，也有一把悅耳動聽的嗓子。她是我在學業上的好榜樣，因為她各科成績都是獨佔鰲頭。最令我欣賞的，是她並沒因此感到驕傲，反而經常耐心地教導其他成績稍遜的同學，我便是她其中一位學生呢！

另外，我還欣賞她待人處事的態度。她與別人相處非常融洽，每當看見同學做錯事，都會細心地作出提醒，並向他們提出改善的方法，所以她在班上深受同學愛戴。她還經常參加一些慈善活動，幫助一些有需要的社群，她這顆善心亦感染了我，使我更主動關心別人，參與更多義務工作。

她是我從小一起長大的好朋友，我們的感情十分深厚，我亦為自己認識這位朋友而感到自豪，我希望與她能成為一輩子的好朋友。



今天上學，我突然發現平日上學的路竟然是如此的美好，大概是因為平日歸心似箭，總是急匆匆地趕回學校，很少留意四周的環境。

走出家門，便是一條充滿綠意的小徑。穿越小徑時，如果幸運的話，還可以看見一兩隻野貓在那兒蹣跚、嬉戲。走過小徑到達烏溪沙馬鐵站，聞外遊人如鯽，許多上班族和學生都趕着入閘，乘搭馬鐵趕回學校或公司，每一個人彷彿都在為他們的生活而奮鬥！

出閘後，就是馬鞍山商場。中午的時候，這裏比早上可要熱鬧得多了。走過了馬鞍山天橋就到了恆安邨公園，我在這裏抬頭一望，大南瓜已經慢慢升了起來。那南瓜散發出明亮的金黃，一些雲朵企圖遮蓋它，反而被它染成了溫暖的橘黃。低頭俯望小路，則可以看見三五成群的小麻雀在地上蹦來跳去，有的在啄食地上的麵包碎，有的從這草地跳到那草地，有的在野花旁愉快地唱着屬於牠們的歌謠，頓時令到原本靜悄悄的公園充滿了生氣。

再往前走，便到達我的學校了。這一個早上，這一趟旅途，原是如此美好，大概平日的我真是太粗心、太匆忙，一一都錯過了。原來走路，甚至生活，也能如此賞心樂事呢！

災難過後

伍嘉琪 中三

二零零八年五月十二日，一陣地裂山崩的咆哮，四川省汶川頓時變成一片廢墟，昔日美麗的小鎮成了人間地獄。

這次地震雖然奪去了無數的生命，卻奪不走災民堅毅的精神，他們努力地生活，為失去家園和家人而重新振作。

新聞報導不停地播放有關信息、片段：一個小學生被救後，躺在床上，撐起身子，向救護人員敬禮，他學會感恩；有人為了活下去，不顧一切吃掉泥地上的草根，他學會堅強；一位中學生冒着生命危險，與老師一起救出五十多名學生，他學會勇敢；在一間學校裏，同學互相幫忙，彼此手拉手逃離現場，他們學會團結；一名偉大的母親，為了保護孩子，被倒塌的瓦礫活埋，她顯出無私。我看到這一切，也學會了很多很多……

地震過後，人們不但沒有氣餒，反而用自己的雙手建造一個更美麗的城市。那些失去父母的孩子，雖然成為孤兒，但他們仍然自強不息，堅強地活下去。相信那傷痛的日子很快便會過去，人們可重投新生活。在這場大地震中，讓我明白幸福不是必然的。我們每天不停地抱怨作業太多，生活太苦，但卻沒有慶幸自己還能坐在明亮的教室裏上課。所以我們要好好珍惜現在，學會感恩，學會知足。

記一次印象深刻的考試

梁家偉 中四

天色灰暗，我呆在窗前，盯着雨珠在玻璃上懶散地滑過，似在嘲笑我這次考試的成績。我想起考試前一個月的事，真想坐時光機把那時候的我掐死……

我的成績一直名列前茅。不是我自誇，考試對我而言，簡直輕而易舉！我甚至試過在一次考試中，沒有任何複習，也能摘下全級第一名。翻開時間表，原來還有一個月就年終大考了。基於以往輝煌的戰績，現在就要開始複習？開玩笑吧！我帶着沾沾自喜的笑容，繼續洋洋自得地暢遊於遊戲世界中。

我完全沉醉於遊戲的虛擬世界，真有種飄飄欲仙的感覺。偶爾想起那些架着方正眼鏡，整天手上只捧着厚厚書本的書呆子，想必他們現在複習得兩眼發昏，快暈倒了吧？「哈哈哈哈哈……」我不停竊笑着。

愛因斯坦果然沒有騙我，在相對論的作用下，時光飛逝，眨眼間離考試只有一個星期。「怎麼不複習，不想考進大學了嗎？」「你以為知識都藏在遊戲中嗎？玩就能複習？」此刻，各種不滿的聲音四面襲來，有來自老師的、父母的，甚至連同學都有。竟然達到他們也看不下眼的地步？我破天荒的有一點不安，我真的很過份嗎？與此同時，心魔無聲無色地掩至，提出了一有力證據：你忘記了自己不費吹灰之力便奪得全級第一的經歷嗎？經它的提醒，我輕笑一聲，順手拿起一盒遊戲光碟……

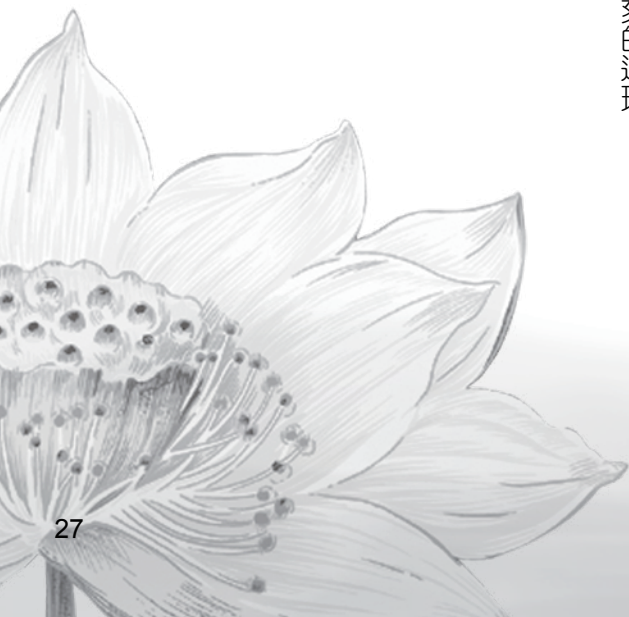
考試最終到來，在收到試卷的時候，我怔怔的盯着試題，出乎意料，一題也不懂。晴天霹靂，我呆若木雞，看來「大勢已去」了！我就這樣坐着、坐着……無論看了多少遍，試題仿如怪獸般，陌生而兇猛；身邊的同學飛快的在作答，周遭傳來有規律的「擦擦」聲，是筆與紙張的磨擦聲。而我，只可百無聊賴地

等着鐘聲的來臨。

步出試場，我如鬥敗的公雞，垂頭喪氣！回到家後，我時而惶恐不安，時而抱着僥倖的心態，想着可能在選擇題中亂選也會答對不少題呢！

發卷了，我提心吊膽地接過試卷，看到孤伶伶的個位分數，我已無法再自欺欺人。望着老師面無表情的看着我，真有點無地自容。同學之間在竊竊私語，想必在訕笑我的咎由自取。回到家中，我將慘況結結巴巴地向母親報告，她先是驚愕，繼而抽泣，最終還是拿起鞭子狂暴地抽在我身上……

傷痕累累地回到房中，看着條條綻出的疤痕，我悟出了一個深刻的道理！



快樂的鑰匙

李國兆 中四

母親被小孩氣壞了，她將快樂的鑰匙交了給小孩；下屬被上司罵得鬱鬱寡歡，他把快樂的鑰匙交了給上司。你相信，每個人心底裏都有一條快樂的鑰匙嗎？不管你相信與否，今天，我將會與你們分享一個故事。

很久很久以前，有一個古老的國家。國家雖然富庶，但是人民卻一直愁眉苦臉。久而久之，連天氣都變得如人民的心情一樣。

嗖……嗖……，今日的天氣和往常一樣，烏雲密布。窗外狂風大雨，人民下不了田，心情變差了，國王看着人民的意志日漸消沉，心情也變差了。

國王想要幫助他的人民變得快樂，卻又想不出好辦法，非常鬱悶。直到有一天，一位智者來拜見國王，說可以令他的子民變得快樂，國王歡天喜地立即出去迎接智者。

「智者啊智者，我要怎樣才能使我的子民變得快樂呢？」國王真誠地問。

「世界有一個地方，放置了很多很多寶箱，而寶箱內放滿了快樂。」智者道。

「我要去哪裏才能找到？」

「別急！你要先找到鑰匙，才能將寶箱打開。我想你派一名騎士跟隨我去尋找鑰匙。」

國王果真派了一名強壯的騎士去幫助智者。智者和騎士一邊走、一邊走，終於到達了一個港口小村。他們想要渡過大湖，於是便找來個年輕的漁夫。

「不，我不能載你們過湖，最近湖面經常翻起巨浪，我連捕魚都不能了，還說渡湖？」漁夫憤憤不平地說。

智者向漁夫說明是為了尋找快樂的鑰匙而要渡湖的，良久後才說服了漁夫。

在盪漾的湖面上，他們起起跌跌的前進着。突然，一個巨浪襲來，把他們全都捲進湖底……

再次醒來時，他們已經渡過了大湖，躺在彼岸的沙地上。騎士和漁夫都感到不可思議，紛紛問智者，智者說：

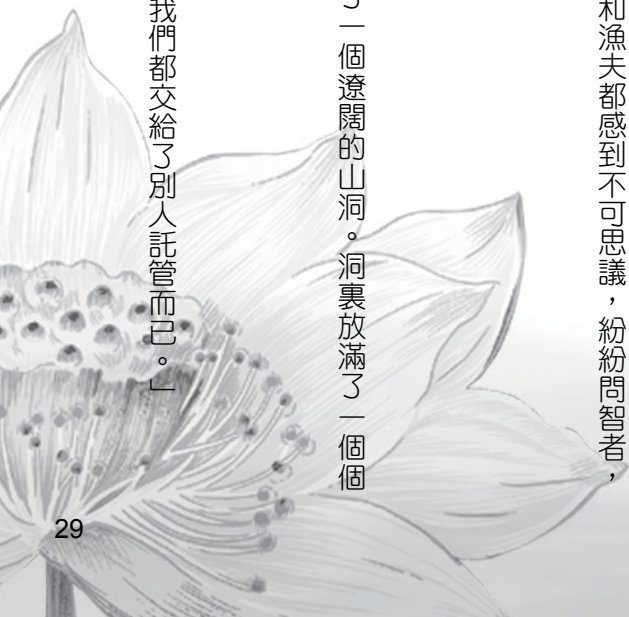
「是湖裏與森林的妖精救了我們。」

騎士與漁夫面面相覷，有點半信半疑。

他們再次出發，不再停下腳步，在智者的帶領下，很快就到了一個遼闊的山洞。洞裏放滿了一個個寶箱，這就是存放「快樂」的地方。騎士向智者問：

「我們不是還未找到快樂的鑰匙嗎？」

「不，我們已經找到了，快樂的鑰匙一直都在我們心裏，只是我們都交給了別人託管而已。」





此時，一隻美麗的妖精飛來，雙手拿着一條發光的鑰匙道：「我是來歸還重要的東西的。」

妖精飛到漁夫身旁，把鑰匙放在他的手上，然後便消失得無影無蹤。漁夫終於明白了，這個國家的人民一直都感到不快樂，並不是什麼原因，而是人們心甘情願把快樂的鑰匙交給別人保管啊！漁夫走到其中一個寶箱的前面，以鑰匙打開，發出耀眼白光。他得到了快樂，這是他一直不曾注意的。

在智者的幫助下，騎士從國王手中拿回鑰匙，人民從國王的手中拿回鑰匙，人民從大自然或是其他地方拿回自己的鑰匙。

多年以後，無數人來到山洞，但放眼四周，早已空無一物……

國王因人民而擔憂，交出了快樂；騎士因國王而失落，留下了快樂；漁夫因天災而憤怒，丟失了快樂。何以人們總會因別人而悲傷、失落、憤怒？其實世界上根本就沒有人能夠真正掌握你的快樂，若是你發現自己已經不小心將快樂的鑰匙給了別人託管，不要緊，不用走去問他取回，只消在心裏默念：「快樂一直都不曾離開。」再看看附近，快樂的鑰匙就回來了！

艾匹克蒂塔說：「智者只為擁有而歡欣，不為匱乏而傷心。」

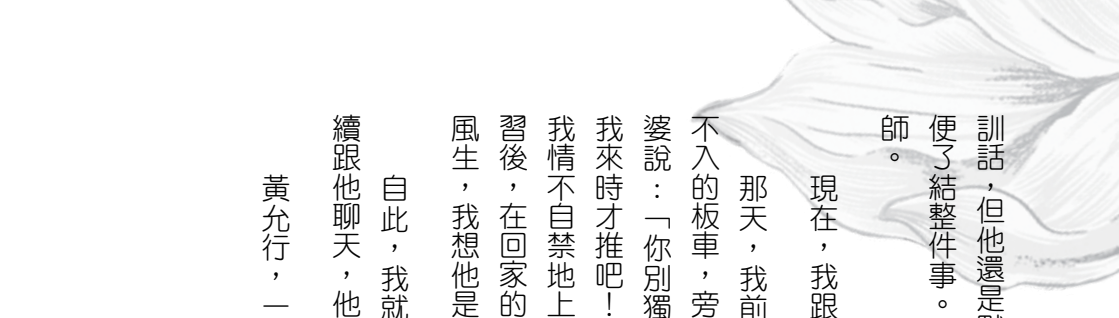
從中一開始，所謂同班同學，其實也只是由同級的同学互相調配，同級的學生大多已是十分熟絡。不論在言語上、行為上、態度上都互相影響着。直至去年，一位插班生的到來，使我的想法起了點變化……

去年，黃允行同學由內地轉校到我班上。起初，同級的同学都對他產生莫大的好奇，不論在小息、午息，甚至放學後都紛紛衝到我們的教室外，想「先睹為快」，令教室外的走廊車水馬龍，一副大明星出巡的氣派。我班的同學當然佔了先機，無不興高采烈地跟他挑起話題，甚麼出身、家境、興趣、強項，也可東拉西扯的提出疑問。然而，時間久了，他仍然只靜靜地瞪着我們，一副不屑和高傲的樣子，使我們像極傻瓜了。自此，我們就不再理會他，他也一直於班上擺出置身事外的姿態。

有一次，我們需要分組進行設計比賽，倒楣的我抽到跟他同一組，心暗叫糟糕！幸好我只負責預備材料，但不知怎了，走遍全區的文具店及畫具店，竟也買不到所需的材料。逼於無奈之下，我硬着頭皮向住在另一區的黃允行「求救」。出乎意料之外，他竟義無反顧地答允了！當他漫不經心的把材料遞給我時，我忍不住好奇查問購買地點，得知他走遍全港才搜羅到有關材料時，我呆若木雞地看着他。我原以為他找不到，便會把任務推回給我，就像大部分同學一貫的做法。我完全沒想過他會堅守諾言，踏遍港九新界，務求完成這件本不屬於他的「艱辛」任務。此刻，我知道他很重視誠信，而且也很值得信賴呢！

自此，我開始留意他，認真的留意他……

原來他不但一諾千金，還十分尊師重道。有一次，我看見他被老師誤會了，該老師滔滔不絕地向他



訓話，但他還是默默地等待老師責訓完畢，才開始解釋事件的始末。老師頓時尷尬起來，匆匆地向他道歉，便了結整件事。我還真佩服他這種態度，換了是我，定必打斷老師的訓話為自己解釋，甚至不滿地望着老師。

現在，我跟他成了好朋友，源於這一件事。

那天，我前往補習社途中，遠遠看到黃允行穿着校服、背着書包，卻在斜坡上使勁地推着跟他格格不入的板車，旁邊站着一位瘦骨嶙峋的老婆婆。我很好奇，他究竟在做甚麼？我馬上趨前，聽到允行跟婆婆說：「你別獨個兒推這車了，這麼沉重，如不幸扭傷筋骨，如何是好？我平日會經常路過這兒，你待我來時才推吧！」婆婆沒說甚麼，只展露笑容，並用她那滿佈皺紋的手輕輕拍着允行的肩膀。看到這裏，我情不自禁地上前幫忙。當到達目的地時，允行再次叮囑婆婆要小心，就跟我們道別，匆忙地跑走了。補習後，在回家的路上，我又看到他。這次他兩手各提著大袋小袋的，他的媽媽則輕鬆地挽着他，跟他談笑風生，我想他是剛與媽媽到超級市場購物吧！原來，他不但熱心助人，還十分孝順呢！

自此，我就常常跟他挑起話題，原來他的反應略為緩慢，是因為他害羞。不過只要有一點耐性，繼續跟他聊天，他的話就會變多。不知是否受了他的影響，媽媽最近總是稱讚我變得懂事了！

黃允行，一個插班生，一個好友，一個讓我想法改變的知己……

「咚，咚，咚」，空曠的迴廊中不斷響着我那重若千斤的腳步，我的心頭也像被萬里烏雲覆蓋的天空一樣，充滿令人窒息的壓抑。剛才老師給我出了一道令我陷入兩難的難題——我可選擇挺身而出指證我的好友，或是保持緘默。

「滴答，滴答……」窗外正淋漓盡致地釋放著醞釀了多時的雨水。我看着窗外的傾盆大雨，心中陷入了無盡的掙扎。現在我就像站立在楚河漢界中，左右兩端盡是渠徑分明的陣營。一邊，是漆黑；一邊，是熾白。如我甘願墮入漆黑，心中的良知和不安便會如同萬蟻噬骨般不斷煎熬着我；如我選擇光明，得來不易的友誼便會毀於一旦，沒有任何同學會再和我交心，每個人都會說我是叛徒、出賣朋友、老師的爪牙。

心中陷入了天人交戰，從小養成的習慣驅使我坐到鋼琴前。我粗暴地掀起平日悉心呵護的琴蓋，十指在琴鍵間跳躍舞動，彈出一陣又一陣震耳欲聾的噪音，琴聲在最激烈時倏然而止。

忽然，一格高高翹起的白鍵吸引了我的目光，它堅挺不屈的身影傲然屹立在眾生之中。我試着把它按下去，「叮」，我詫異地發現它的琴音仍一如往昔般清脆俐落，沒有因它損壞的彈弓而改變其本色。「叮叮叮叮……」，我不斷地按下這與眾不同的白鍵，心中茅塞頓開。

一個人，不論在任何時候，都應該忠於其本心，忠於其良知。師長和父母花了十八年的時間教導我「是其是，非莫非」，對自己認為對的事要堅守立場，不要因外在的力量而有所動搖。即使我因堅持正義而被群體孤立排斥，我也做到了不違正義。魯迅先生說：「橫眉冷對千夫指」，我雖自問不能如同先聖一樣以

身殉道，但如果我忠於自己，那遭受千夫所指又何妨？

人，最重要的是追求真理，不違正義。我相信我的好友也不會因此事而怪責我，因為朋友間是以誠信互相深交，他會明白我是為他才告訴老師。

我輕輕蓋上琴蓋，看着窗外雲雨漸過的天空，心中放下了千斤重負。



議 論 縱 橫



全胜，决不收兵

【新华社北京四日电】陈毅副总理在北京举行的记者招待会，在全世界引起了极大的反响。尤其是在一部分人中产生了对中国决心反对美国帝国主义“过分强硬的发言”。您如何看加这样的反应？

答：我也看到了这种反应。我能够理解这种反应是怎样产生的，但是我不认为这是“过分强硬”的发言。我认为，从历史上看，中国从来就是爱好和平的。在近代，中国近下取

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印度史，在精神界，平均每年出一部史书，增长百分之五，比十年前增长百分之五，比十年前增长百分之五，比十年前增长百分之五。

答：确实，最近亚非形势发生了很大的动荡。这是因为反帝革命斗争深入发展的表现。尽管在亚非个别地区出现了一些逆流，亚非地区对总的形势是很好的。我要强调指出美国很不利于美帝国主义及其他帝国主义。美国帝国主义在侵略越南的战争中节节失败，已投无路，它遭到了全世界号召越南人民在抗美救国斗争中取得最后胜利。越南人民在抗美救国斗争中取得最后胜利。越南人民在抗美救国斗争中取得最后胜利。

「錢途」未必等於「前途」

關念祖 中一

記得小時候，爸媽總是告訴我好好學習，長大才會有出息、有前途。現今社會，不少家長為了讓孩子贏在起跑線上，都會送年紀小小的子女學琴、學功夫、學體操、學畫畫、學奧數。他們認為只有這樣做，孩子長大後就能輕輕鬆鬆地工作。於是，不知不覺把孩子一步步帶上「錢途」。可是，假如人生只是為了奢華的生活，一直追尋所謂的「前途」，而捨棄個人興趣，那人生不就變得很可悲嗎？

我認為為人生在世，最重要的是家庭。因為家庭是我們的庇蔭，也是一個能帶給我們支持和鼓勵的地方。當你遇到挫折的時候，有了家人的支持和鼓勵，總能重新站起來，再去挑戰。但有的人卻為了事業而拋下了家庭，眼睛就只看到「掙錢」二字。若他們失敗了，又失去家人的支持，便沒那麼容易再重新振作。因此，家庭對我們是非常重要的。

其實，與其選擇所謂「有前途」的工作，倒不如隨着自己的心志選擇自己最有興趣的。因為我們未來的工作應由自己的興趣和想法為出發點，只有喜歡自己工作的人，才會用心投入，讓自己成為一個能為社會多作貢獻的人。我們不要理會世俗眼光，只選自己有興趣的，不要迷失自己，不要因為「錢途」而斷送了「前途」。

如何提升香港青少年的閱讀風氣？

嚴大揚 中一

早前香港青年協會於街頭進行了有關青少年閱讀習慣的調查，發現只有百份之十六的青少年有每天閱讀一小時的習慣，香港的閱讀風氣亦比其他國家低。中國政府曾草擬一份條例，內容包括對閱讀內容、公共閱讀場所和活動等作出規範及保證，希望就此能提高閱讀風氣。要提高香港青少年的閱讀風氣，莫非也要立法保證？

現今的科技先進，不少青少年也幾乎成為「低頭族」，願意拿起書本閱讀的人少之有少。而且，有些青少年只要看到長篇的文字，已經不耐煩，沒興趣再讀下去。這都是中國人閱讀率偏低的原因。其他國家為了提高閱讀風氣，推行了許多措施，例如在墨西哥的地鐵站，工作人員會向乘客派發圖書，下車時還書即可。但香港似乎並沒有任何類似措施去鼓勵青少年閱讀，圖書館的借書率亦比其他國家偏低。「書中自有黃金屋」、「開卷有益」是老生常談的話，但現時的都市人為了生活、工作已疲於奔命，還怎能擠出時間來閱讀呢？

我認為，要改善青少年的閱讀風氣與習慣，立法是治標不治本的。我認為可透過教育，從家庭、學校及社會等層面入手，以提升香港青年人的閱讀興趣。父母在家中可以與子女一起親子閱讀，培養孩子的閱讀興趣；學校可推行閱讀獎勵計劃，提高學生的閱讀動機；政府可增設流動圖書館，讓市民更方便借閱圖書，這才是最有效的改善方法。

還在低頭的香港青年人啊！是時候拿起書本，重拾閱讀的樂趣了！

青少年「機不離手」

吳國憲 中三

現今科技發達，手機已成為我們生活中的必需品，大部分青年更是「機不離手」。現時手機應用程式五花八門，的確非常吸引。青少年普遍使用的應用程式，例如：「微信」、「面書」、「拍拍機大戰」、各式各樣的遊戲等，確實帶來不少娛樂和方便。可是，過度沉迷使用手機，會造成很多不良的影響。

首先，青少年會因為終日沉迷玩手機，以致不願溫習、做功課，結果令成績一落千丈。當夜幕低垂，夜闌人靜之時，更是青年人玩手機的黃金時間。躺在床上，機不離手，令他們睡眠不足，翌日上課時精神散渙。再者，時下青年喜歡以手機短訊與朋友溝通，發訊息時往往又不是用完整句子，而是用表情符號、英文簡寫等，長此下去，會影響溝通及表達能力。

要改變青少年這個陋習實在刻不容緩。家長要防止子女沉迷玩手機，可以提醒他們過度使用電子產品的不良後果，並且鼓勵他們多參加不同種類的課外活動，藉此與同輩交際溝通。晚上、用膳時，家長不要讓子女使用手機，多與子女溝通，從而了解他們的內心世界。作為社工或老師，也可以舉辦防止沉迷手機的講座。各方面攜手合作，方可有效幫助青少年改善陋習。

愛心送飯令露宿者問題日趨嚴重？

朱耀民 中四

深水埗露宿者餐風露宿，問題嚴重。近年除志願團體外，更有區內飯店東主明哥熱心派飯送暖支援。可是，社署及民政事務處的官員在區議會上，卻直指因團體及明哥的熱心支持，減少了露宿者脫離露宿的意欲，更吸引更多人在區內露宿。對於這種說法，我是極不認同的！

政府要趕盡露宿者也實不為奇。首先，露宿者的行為的確會影響市容，如果被遊客看見的話，更會有損香港國際大都會的形象。其次，他們沒有工作，對稅收甚至社會並無貢獻，也是說對香港沒有任何好處，簡直就是寄生蟲。所以政府想盡方法減少露宿者的人數也是無可厚非的。

可是從露宿者的角度來看，即使有熱心團體和店主明哥的熱心支援，他們也不能脫貧，因為露宿者根本是一貧如洗和一無所有的。露宿者沒有工作，即使有工作也不能負擔昂貴的住屋租金。政府沒有幫助他們，反而對他們趕盡殺絕，政府官員根本沒有資格指責熱心團體及明哥。

熱心人士派飯送物資給露宿者乃人之常情。政府官員說區內增加了三百多名露宿者，是因為熱心人士和團體經常派飯，將露宿者的問題誘過於熱心團體及明哥，這樣是不公平的。熱心人士為幫助露宿者，被政府官員指責；相反，政府官員袖手旁觀，甚至在天橋底加設鐵網等，可謂極之無情。

最後，我認為熱心團體及社會熱心人士派飯予露宿者，並非好心做壞事，只是想他們能得溫飽，是出於人之常情。如果政府想減少露宿者，應採取治本的措施，如設法減低樓價和租金，並幫助露宿者找工作，提供支援。政府又可提供臨時宿舍來解決露宿者問題。此外，政府不應該將問題誘過於志願團體及熱心人士，因為我深信沒有人會因免費飯去當露宿者。

未到中秋月餅已發霉

劉佩文 中五

早前有報導指半島酒店售賣已發霉的月餅，報章上的附圖實在嚇人！一間享負盛名的酒店竟然有此失誤，實在令人失望，同時再一次令市民擔憂本港的食物安全。為免上述情況不斷惡化，我就幾方面作出一些建議。

首先，政府的政策針對性不足。現時《食物安全條例》用於保障食物安全，可是它一直以抽樣形式來進行檢查，很多時候市民健康受到威脅後，才揭發出有問題食品，有關供應商於事後才被檢控，成效極低。加上有關的罰則過輕，以致條例的阻嚇性不大。再者，內地的黑心食物十分嚴重，而內地是本港最大的糧食供應產地，我認為兩地有關部門應該緊密合作，才能夠有效打擊及防止劣質食物流入香港。

其次，食品生產商以謀取暴利為大前提，罔顧市民健康，有違企業責任。作為有良心的企業必須確保食物質素，特別於製作過程中，食物最容易感染細菌或混入雜質，因此必須嚴厲監管製作工場的衛生情況，確保生產環境符合標準。同時，生產商還需要於產品上清晰列明食品的製造成份、日期，以及最佳進食日期，以保障消費者健康。

最後，就是消費者和傳媒應積極監察食品製造商。消費者當然要懂得選擇信譽良好的商店，還先要了解產品成份才購買。可是，今次出現問題的正是口碑良佳的品牌，因此，傳媒需廣泛報導，並不時向大眾公佈最新發展，以圖用輿論壓力迫使企業憑良心營商，以及使政府有關部門加強監察。

總括而言，政府先要協調及管理相關部門的運作，必要時應加強或改善某些措施和條例；而市民亦應小心選擇安全、高品質的食品。不過，最好的方法還是大家恪守本份，勿以惡小而為之，做個有責任和有良心的人。

人口老化問題嚴重

張汶芝 中五


人口政策諮詢文件顯示本港人口老化問題嚴重，文件建議多項措施以紓緩此問題，再次掀起各界關注。其實，最有效紓緩人口老化問題莫過於從根本入手，鼓勵年輕人生育。當生育率上升時，全港市民的年齡中位數將會降低，變相一個長者將由更多年輕人攤分供養，減輕整體的負擔。

不過，鼓勵年輕人生育的建議實在是知易行難。根據調查顯示，二零零一年的生育率已跌至零點九個百分點新低，反映一直以來年輕人也不太願意生育，所以要使年輕人願意生兒育女，政府推出的措施必須具針對性。

香港是一個繁忙的都市，市民每天為了工作疲於奔命，面對着排山倒海的工作，加時工作實在是司空見慣。已婚人士大部分正值壯年，是工作崗位的中流砥柱，因此工作量大、工時長，連父母也未必能悉心照顧，又怎會考慮生兒育女，加重個人負擔？此外，在職父母需要同時兼顧工作及照顧孩子，可是政府提供的託管服務不足，聘請外傭或保姆又會增加家庭負擔，所以年輕人不願生育確是有其原因的。

除此之外，現時香港通脹嚴重，嬰兒出生後的奶粉、衣物，以至上幼稚園的學費及書簿費都不便宜，如果希望兒女有更好的生活質素，私家病院、私立學校、有營養的食物、舒適的居住環境……所花的費用更多，所以年輕父母對生兒育女卻步是人之常情。

參考其他國家及地區的成功經驗，瑞典及英國的生育率分別由一點六升至一點九四及由一點七二升至一點九六，她們的成功因素主要是強調兒童權利、改善性別平等，加上配合津貼措施，讓家長彈性選擇



託兒服務，減低了在職父母的壓力。

由於香港與其他國家的情況不同，因此只能參考部分措施。我認為香港政府應該對育有子女的家庭增加現金津貼及稅務優惠，讓夫婦在生育後能即時獲得現金津貼，資產越少的家庭，獲得的津貼則越高，以補貼他們因產子後突如其來的支出。長遠而言，讓育有子女的家庭享有稅務優惠，這不但鼓勵婦女在生育後重投社會工作，更能減輕教養子女所需的費用。

除此之外，針對年輕夫婦因工時長，工作量多而不願生育，我建議政府改善託兒服務，使託兒服務的模式更多元化，如託兒的時間、照顧要求等，讓家長能選擇更合適的服務，從而能安心地外出工作。

期望政府盡快落實具針對性的措施，鼓勵年輕人生育，否則香港的整體發展將受到嚴重的影響。

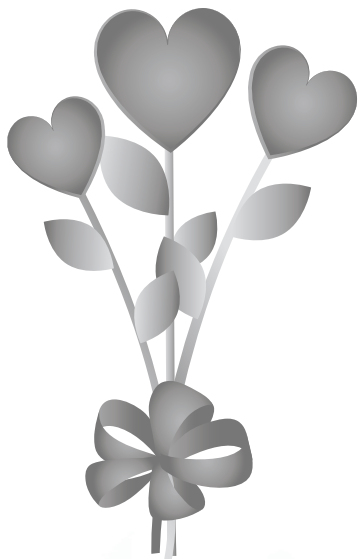
一個人如果老是想著不勞而獲，自己不用付出就取得成就，那實在是是不切實際的。凡事都沒有捷徑，成功必要經過磨練，雖然過程可能很艱辛，沿途披荊斬棘，偶然會想放棄，但最後在終點回首，你會看見壯闊綺麗的山河，你會感受到衝過終點的興奮，荊棘、汗水都變得微不足道，所謂：「不經一番寒徹骨，哪得梅花撲鼻香。」只要你願意付出、忍耐，最終你定能有所收穫。

終有所成，除了先天的個人條件外，還取決於你處事的態度。有人含着金鑰匙出生，成長中不費吹灰之力便得到權力與名利，長大後又理所當然的繼承父業；但大多人都是靠自己的雙手，在一個又一個的考驗中付出、忍耐，一點一滴地累積成果。春秋時，吳、越兩國世代為仇，後來越軍大敗，越王勾踐求和，吳國提出苛刻條件，要他侍候吳王。勾踐忍耐了三年，終被釋放回國。他為雪此大恥，便刻苦自勵，鍛鍊鬥志，睡柴草、嘗苦膽，最終滅了吳國，成為春秋末的霸主。越王勾踐面對難關時調整了自己的心態，為了國家而忍辱負重，而他「卧薪嘗膽」的故事成為了激勵後人的榜樣。每人都會經歷挫折，最重要的是你沒有因此而消沉，反而沉着忍耐，發憤圖強。「吃得苦中苦，方為人上人」，只要你願意吃苦，就能提升自我能力，最終達成目標。

人因為挫折便放棄，不願捱苦就只有做個平庸的人。波斯·薩迪說：「事業常成於堅忍，毀於急躁。」人若遇到挫折就意志消沉，選擇放棄，成績便會止步不前，永遠達不到自己所定的目標。若能忍別人忍不了的痛，吃別人吃不了的苦，那就能得到別人得不到的收穫。狄更斯年幼時生活艱苦，然而，困境沒有使

他放棄自己，做童工時被僱主欺凌、在學時被校長打罵等悲慘經歷他都能忍耐，這些都成為他日後創作的素材，最後獲賞識而成名。

人生的價值不在於長短，而在於是否過得有意義。悲慘的經歷、刻苦的磨練未必沒有意義，這些事會築成一道階梯引領你邁向成功。請記住「忍別人不能忍的痛，吃別人不能吃的苦，是為了獲得別人不能得到的收穫。」



Form 4 Story Writing Competition

Ling Pan Yan F.4 (2nd Runner-up)

There is a pair of twins who live in Australia. Judy is the elder sister and the younger one is called Mandy. They love ballet very much. Sometimes, they dance together in the garden.

Judy's and Mandy's friends often make mistakes when trying to distinguish them because they look very much the same and they are always together.



Once they were in a ballet competition at school. They felt so excited and decided to buy new clothes and shoes for the occasion. However, a few days before the contest, they still could not manage with the steps.

"Judy! Judy! What can we do? We have bought clothes and shoes already. Should we give up as time is running short?" said Mandy.

"It's OK! Don't worry, Mandy!" said Judy. They knew that they needed to practise hard if they wanted to win.

Today was the ballet competition. All the students were nervous backstage. Judy's and Mandy's parents came to school to watch their performance.

"Number 26, class 3B, Judy Foster and Mandy Foster please!" said the master of ceremony.

"Oh, Mandy! Try our best!" cried Judy.

The twins waited anxiously for the result. They couldn't breathe and burst into tears when hearing "Sunny High School, the 16th Ballet Competition, the champions are ... number 26 Judy and Mandy! Congratulations!"

"Wow! We got it!" shouted Mandy happily.

After receiving the award, the twins' parents asked the two lovely girls to stand in the garden and had a beautiful smile for a wonderful photo!

1. This photo was taken two years ago. My parents and I went on a three-day trip to Taiwan during the summer holiday. We were getting ready to set off so I was very excited.
2. We were on the plane which was going to take off. I could see the runway through the window.
3. Our uncle came to pick us up at the Taipei Airport. He drove us to Huolien where we were planning to stay. It took us three hours to get there.
4. It was a sunny day. The temperature was high. We felt very hot, so we ate ice-creams.
5. After that, I played with bubbles with some children. We played happily until it began to get dark and we set off for our dinner.
6. The next day, we went to the Coastal Mountain Range in a coach. It was the highest in Taiwan. It was a long journey, taking us a few hours to get to the peak.
On the way, we stopped and took some photos because the view was marvelous. However, we felt extremely hot and exhausted!
7. I began to feel sick. I had a headache and I wanted to vomit. Perhaps I was not used to the great air pressure in the high mountain area. Nevertheless, I got well very soon and our family enjoyed a precious moment.

Form 4 Story Writing Competition

Lo Chun Yin F.4 (1st Runner-up)



Form 4 Story Writing Competition

Lui Wan Yuk F.4 (Champion)



I have two cute lovebirds.

When I was six years old, I told my mum that I would like a pair of lovebirds. My mum was astonished.

“Are you sure you really like lovebirds? Lovebirds bite! Also, you need to spend a lot of time taking care of them!” said Mum.

“I know that they will bite but I like lovebirds very much. I don’t want to give up!”

“Ok, but you must take good care of them,” said Mum with some reservation.

“No problem! I will do my best!”

The next day, my mum and I went to buy two lovebirds. I felt so glad. When I took them in my hands, I was very careful since those two lovebirds were still babies. I did not want to hurt them.

Every day, I took very good care of them and this made me happy. They became part of my life. Now my pet birds are ten years old and they have two small baby birds. So, there are four birds in my home now. They are with me all the time, no matter whether I am happy or sad. They have become my best family members in my heart.



A Night Out

Xu Tsz Ki F.5

I went out last night. That was my first time I had been out alone. Mum always says, "It's not safe. You should go with your dad or friends." But I am already 13 years old. I am old enough to go out alone. Anyway, I am not a baby.

After wandering for an hour, I felt hungry. So I went to a convenience store to buy some bread and milk. I sat in a park and had my dinner. After dinner, I looked at my wrist watch. It was only eight o'clock. So I went to a shopping mall and got into an electronic store to watch TV. I stayed there for an hour. Then the shop assistant looked at me. He should have thought why I stayed there for so long. I didn't want to be monitored, so I left the shop and went back to the park. I should have brought some books out. It was boring, and soon I felt asleep on the bench.

Suddenly, a noise woke me up. "Why are you sleeping here?" asked a woman. "I've lost my way and I don't have enough money to take a taxi," I lied. "Maybe you can stay in my home and wait for your mum. It's not safe for a girl wandering at night," the woman said softly.

I got in her car. The driver was a man. He was very strong. On the way, they never asked me anything.

"Where's your home?" I asked.

They said nothing.

I felt uneasy and worried that something terrible might happen, so I shouted, "Stop the car and let me go!"

I was afraid. I missed my home. I missed my dad and mum, who always called me 'baby'. It was a lovely name. I wanted to go home.

I looked at the man again. He looked ill. No, he had taken drugs. The car was uncontrolled. It was going to hit a wall. The woman tried to stop it. But it was too late. The car hit the wall and I passed out.

When I woke up, I was in hospital. My leg was broken. Fortunately, it was not badly hurt. I was happy that I could go home soon.

A Possible Rewrite

Yeung Chun Kit, Vincent F.4

Imagine there were no public libraries
It's easy if you try
With no books to borrow or places to study
Imagine the feelings of those poor readers
Living a life lacking of happiness

Imagine there were no bookstores
It's easy if you try
With nothing to read and no books to buy
No easy way of gaining new knowledge
Imagine the feelings of those poor readers
Living a life of boredom

Imagine if there were no teachers
It's easy if you try
So difficult to learn new interesting things
With nothing to revise
No need for exam preparation
No need for studying
Imagine the feelings of those poor students
Viewing the world with uneducated eyes





School Of The Future

Lau Hon Chau F.6

Dear Pat,

How are you? Have you read the article about the 'School of the Future' in the local newspaper? I wouldn't like to be a student at the 'School of the Future'. Let me tell you the reasons.

In the future schools, there will be a computer terminal for each student at which they'll be expected to do all their schoolwork. I do not think this is a good idea. The reason is that computer terminals cannot deliver different knowledge and they only offer fixed answers with brief explanation. Therefore, if students do not understand, the computer terminals cannot do anything.

Furthermore, an excellent education should have interaction between students and teachers, for example, while learning through games. A computer terminal cannot afford to have such an interaction so students will feel bored. It would certainly be difficult to strengthen the absorption of knowledge for learners.

Apart from education, students using computer terminals would be at risk of developing sight problems. When students continuously look at a screen for a long time, they may suffer from eye problems, for instance, short-sightedness and astigmatism. Hence, in my opinion, a traditional education is better for students' health and well-being.

I can't accept the suggestion of a future school which replaces the traditional education with computers. What do you think about that? Please reply and tell me your view.

Take care,
Chris Wong

Students can probably find their special potentials and realize what their interests are. In other countries, like Canada, they really care about PE lessons. They will continue with the lessons even it is snowing because they know sports is important for a student's school life. We should refuse to remove PE lessons as they allow students to enjoy multiple activities and their lives will be brighter and more fruitful.

It is not just for relaxing and interest, but also learning. In some European countries, such as Germany and France, their students start learning team spirit when they are in kindergarten. As we know, Hong Kong children are not good at team work. They are self-centered and usually think of themselves. PE lessons can help students to learn what co-operation is. They can learn about team spirit and work as a group in games and they will become more mature. Also, there are many contests which students can take part in and get unique experiences.

Some may argue that students can do exercise after school or during holidays, so PE lessons are not a must. I disagree. What is the difference between them? The biggest difference is that in PE lessons there is always a professional tutor to teach the students and surely all wear appropriate outfits. Thus, it will be much safer. Not only can students acquire the skills, but also play safety is guaranteed.

Although removing PE lessons may help students to focus more on their academic subjects, PE lessons still have many advantages for students. I believe keeping them is better than removing them. Schools should have a thorough consideration of the issue before removing the PE lessons.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

Removing PE From The School Curriculum

Ko Oi Mei F.6

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to express my views on the proposal of certain schools removing PE lessons from their curriculum. Recently, many schools have cancelled their PE lessons because of their students' deteriorating academic results. However, I am not supporting the idea of removing PE lessons.

Hong Kong is full of competitions. Students have to strive hard to get a place in the university. They have tonnes of homework and feel extremely stressful. It may be true that removing PE lessons can help students concentrate on their academic subjects, but what if they cannot cope with the pressure? PE lessons can help students relieve their stress. They can also chill out through exercising which is good for their health. This is absolutely great for students' psychological and physical health.

Sports can also help students to find their own interests. Students can play sports they would normally not play in their daily lives, for instance, ice-skating, baseball, bowling, etc. PE lessons include many different sports.



A Letter Of Advice To A Boy Going To Tibet

Wong Ka Man F.5

Dear Hayley,

I am sorry to hear your problem, but I don't think it is a good idea to ignore your parents. After all, they are your family members. They just worry about your safety.

If I were you, I would tell my parents how important the trip to Tibet means to me. Also, you can get more information about the trip to reassure them that you will be safe. Try to make them have more confidence in you.

It might be a good idea to ask one of the organizers to talk to your parents as well. It's always good for your parents to talk to the organizers, so that they could get to know more about the trip. Most importantly, it shows that you are taking their concerns seriously and that you are responsible.

After that, try to talk to your friends and convince them that your parents are right to be concerned about your safety. After all, Tibet is a backward place and people there are poor. Crimes may occur.

Lastly, even if your parents agree to let you go to Tibet, they might still be very concerned about you. To ease their worries, you could promise your parents that you would call them every night, so that your parents will know you're safe.

I hope my advice would be helpful. If you still have any problems, feel free to send me another letter. Good luck!

Best wishes,
Chris Wong



A Letter Of Advice About Eating Safely in China

Leung Yuen Ying F.4

Hello Joyce,

How are you? I know that you have booked a four-week trip to Hainan, China. However, you have a weak digestive system and would easily become ill. You say you are worried about the food in China so now let me give you some advice about eating safely in China.

Firstly, you must not eat at the shops in the back lanes or the backstreets. Also, I don't think you should buy food from the street hawkers because some street hawkers could prepare food using ingredients that are not clean. You should eat at big hotels or restaurants because they are sure to be safe.

Next, if I were you, I would buy food and drinks from the big supermarkets. If you have to go out to eat, make sure the foods are fully cooked before indulging in any local delicacies.

Finally, you should write a food diary so that you can trace where and what you have eaten. This is the most important thing to do because if you feel ill, the doctor can trace your eating habits.

Hope you have a wonderful trip in China.

Take care,
Samantha

Secondly, people can save time eating fast food. Working people will eat fast as they do not want to be late and lose their jobs, even though it is bad for them. It is easy to get sick because it is difficult to digest. They don't realize it may make them vomit or they have to go to hospital so they should slow down their eating for better digestion.

Finally, fast food is not just dangerous to our health. Fast food is also damaging the environment because fast food is packed in paper bags that may waste a lot of paper. For example, McDonald's will always use paper bags and paper boxes to pack their fast food.

To conclude, it is confirmed fast food is bad for our health. The majority of fast food comes with greasy fries with high fat and most meat is not real, such as modified chickens and beef. Also, we should not eat too fast; we should slow down our eating as it is better for our digestion. Moreover, fast food will waste a lot of paper which is not environmental-friendly.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong



Fast Food – A Danger To Traditional Food Cultures

Kwok Chung Yan F.4

Dear Editor,

Fast food culture changes people's attitude towards food and eating and damages our traditional food culture. I believe it makes us lose our taste for real food and if we keep up this fast food culture, it will take over our traditional food values, not to mention fast food is also bad for our health and damages our environment.

Firstly, fast food is bad for our health. Most fast food restaurants do not use real chickens. They use modified chicken 'bits' that are re-made into chicken shapes. They would rather earn more money than care for the public health. Now, children are obese because they always eat fast food as it is 'delicious'. However fast food has high fat and high-calorie content. Burgers are fried so they have lots of oil. If we keep eating fast food, it will make us all obese. For example, many people doubt how KFC could supply so many chickens. Some people say they use modified chickens, but it's unbelievable they still have lots of customers!

Senior Forms



In conclusion, internet tools can have some positive effects on young people for friend-making. However, people especially youngsters need to be very careful and be alert. Whenever they want to make new friends on the internet, they should not disclose their personal information to any strangers. So I do think that internet tools can bring about a positive impact on our teenagers.





Making Friends Online

Chan Shing Hoi F.6

In this day and age, no one can live a life without the use of the internet. Young people may spend lots of time indulging themselves in the visual world. In particular, they love making friends on the internet. This trend worries lots of parents and teachers. They fear that this kind of virtual friendship may cause harm to their vulnerable kids. To explore on this, let's discuss both the benefits and drawbacks of teenagers making friends through different internet tools.

Firstly, there are millions of internet users around the world. They use various internet tools, like Facebook, to meet new friends. Meeting new friends via the internet is not confined to time and space. Teenagers can discuss different issues and share their opinions with others freely. This enriches their knowledge and improves their thinking and social skills. Also, they can share their daily life experiences by posting pictures and updates. In this way, they can always get some first-hand information from their close friends.

Apart from this, young people can meet friends with similar interests and hobbies online, forging new friendship and widening their social circle. It provides them with a chance to learn more about other cultures and countries because internet allows teenagers to meet people of different nationalities.

However, it cannot be denied that internet tools have their drawbacks. Firstly, teenagers can meet different people on the internet but it is difficult to develop deep and meaningful friendship. Also, teenagers lack face-to-face communication with their so-called friends, thus weakening their understanding of each other. Hence, it is risky to make friends on the internet.

To make things worse, teenagers may lack the judgment to distinguish right from wrong. Teenagers are impressionable, and online friendship may undoubtedly influence their thoughts. There are some ill-intentioned people in the virtual world, such as gangsters and criminals. They may use the innocent youth to do criminal acts, entice them to join criminal groups or force them to do something illegal such as drug trafficking. Furthermore, criminals may use the personal information from the young people to commit fraud or identity crimes.

Will Our Future World Be Green?

Wong Sze Wai F.5

Do you think the future will be green? I certainly say 'yes'. Although there is serious pollution in the world which leads to global warming, our citizens, government and environmental organizations have been striving hard to get solutions for all these problems in air pollution, land pollution and water pollution. Let me elaborate on these in the following paragraphs.

In terms of air pollution, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change formulated Kyoto Protocol in 1997. This limited industrial countries' emissions of greenhouse gases. It is true that this Protocol might not have been effective, but it can still remind people to reduce exhaust fumes and the information can help people to formulate other new protocols. Our Hong Kong government has prepared solutions to tackle air pollution. It subsidizes vehicle owners \$4,000 each to encourage them to use liquefied petroleum gas vehicles instead of diesel ones. More and more people are using liquefied petroleum vehicles now. Hence, the future will be green.

Regarding land pollution, the government is doing more than before. For example, in the past, there were only three types of recycling bins in Hong Kong. Now there are other bins such as battery, CDs and inkjet cartridge recycling bins. Citizens can recycle many things. Many other countries are executing classification of rubbish as well, such as Taiwan and Japan. These places can control the amount of rubbish very well. Our Hong Kong government wants to introduce waste charges and citizens are willing to join the plan. Not only does it make citizens reduce wastage, it also raises money to help the recycling industries. Our future will be more environmental friendly.

As to water pollution, development of technology can help solve this problem. People in Hong Kong consume a tremendous amount of water, especially in bathing. There are many new types of showers on the market which can conserve water. When people use these devices, they can help to save water for the Earth.

Also, the Chinese Three Gorges Dam uses water to generate electricity. It creates hydroelectricity which is a renewable resource. There are many different renewable resources in the world, such as wind power and solar energy. If we can develop more of these facilities, we can reduce pollution and generate energy in an environmental friendly way.

I think we will have a green future. If we make more effort to recycle, reduce wastage and exhaust fumes, pollution will be kept to a minimum. We will have a green future and our quality of life will be made better.



A Miracle

Lok Chun Yiu F.5

I had the most dramatic and scary day in my life. I am sure that no one would believe me and so I have to write it down.

Early in the morning, I went outside to have fun. I saw a rabbit. I wanted to catch it and so I followed it. Didn't know how, I fell into a hole and was in a place of wonderland.

When I tried to get up, I found that my body was floating in the air. My body started to drift. I flew across a mirror and saw myself look like a piece of paper. My body was so light. When I reached the ground, I fell into a layer of drenched soil. I stood up with water dripping everywhere from my body. I looked around. It was dark and gloomy. I had never seen a place like this before. I was extremely nervous.

Then I found the rabbit again and decided to follow it. I saw a tiny door. The rabbit ran through the door. Of course the rabbit was small enough to fit into the door, but for me, I had to try hard to squeeze through it.

'Boom!' I was in a place of miracle. A stunning view appeared in front of me. The sky was so clear and blue that I could compare it with the light blue T-shirt that I was wearing. Birds, trees and waterfall were all in front of my eyes. Most importantly, there were animals that could speak but the sound was not loud enough. But I was quite sure that they were speaking in English.

I followed the rabbit's footsteps and I saw huge mushrooms all around in different colours. I stopped in front of a mushroom. A fluffy cat with huge green eyes was staring at me. Its mouth was as wide as the Pacific Ocean with teeth popping out of its mouth.

Suddenly, a tornado was coming straight towards me. I ran immediately but I was not fast enough to run away from it. In a second, the tornado pulled me into the sky. I thought I was going to die.

I opened my eyes. Strange! I was back to the real world. I was in my house without being hurt. I couldn't believe what I had seen today. Anyway, I would try to go back to the hole again. I'm pretty sure that I love that place.

A Christmas Fund Raising Activity

Leung Ho Tim F.5

Christmas is coming. Many children and teenagers like this festival because Santa Claus will bring us not only gifts and laughter, but also joy and happiness.

However, in some remote villages in mainland China, there are some children who cannot enjoy the holiday. They do not have any gifts. They always feel hungry because they do not have enough food to eat. They have no one to talk to. They need our concern. We would like to help them by giving them a happy Christmas and let them know that lots of people care for them. So we are planning to hold a Christmas fund raising activity to help them.


First, we will invite our teachers and schoolmates to make a lot of cookies. Some of the cookies will be sold in a charity sale while some will be brought to the children in the mainland. Cookies are very expensive in China. The poor children have never tried cookies before. We hope they can share our happiness.

Besides, we will buy some gifts for them. We will make use of the money we get from the charity sale to buy some toys, clothes and sweets for them. I believe that they have never received any Christmas gifts before. They will feel surprised when they receive the gifts.

Also, we would like to invite all our schoolmates to write Christmas cards to them. We can share our happiness and send them our best wishes on the Christmas cards. When they receive the cards, they will understand that many people love them.

Last but not least, we will visit the poor children during our Christmas holiday. We will bring the cookies, gifts and Christmas cards to them. During our visit, we can talk with them and understand more about their lives. Since they do not have any chances to talk with other people, they will be happy that we care about them.

In Hong Kong, Christmas is a happy and joyful holiday. However, we must also know that many children in the remote villages in the mainland cannot enjoy the holiday. Christmas is not just about fun. Many children need our concern. We should show our love and care to them. Please support our charity sale.



Annual Sports Day - A Day Of Surprises

Ma Hok Yin F.4

This year's sports day was amazing.

On the 20th of October, the annual Sports Day took place at the Ma On Shan Stadium. More than one thousand spectators came to the stadium to watch the track and field events.

Two school records were broken. Danny Yuen participated in the long jump, 110-metre hurdles, pole vault, relay race and shot put. He won 5 gold medals! Kelvin Cheung made a new record in the 100-metre race (11.02 seconds) and won the gold medal.

In the teacher-student relay 4x100 metres, Mr. Leung won with 3 students (F.2B) and received the gold medal. Mr. Wu and 3 students (F.2D) won the silver medal, and Miss Wong and 3 students won the bronze medal.

In the parent-student relay, Lisa Wu (F.4D) and her father created an amazing record (12.10 seconds) and won gold, with Ken Chan and his mother winning the silver medal. In the cheerleading competition, Red House received 490 marks; Yellow House received 470 marks; Blue House received 400 marks and Green House received 370 marks. Congratulations to this year's cheering competition winner, Red House.

This year's Sports Day was wonderful. Let's do our best to make next year's even more spectacular!

My Caring School Hero

Lai Wai Ching F.4

My school hero is Tom. He's a Secondary Four student and he's the most popular boy in our school. He always helps people who are in need. I have also received help from him many times and we are good friends.

Last Saturday, I went to Hong Kong Disneyland with my friends, Tom and Mary. We went to the haunted house but when I went in, I was very nervous and scared. However, Tom was not scared and he sang silly songs loudly in the haunted house to make me laugh. He said 'Hello' to the people who acted as the ghosts and he protected me and held my hand.

He is my school hero because he is intelligent, caring and handsome. He is about 170 cm tall and has short dark hair, big eyes and wears glasses. He is hard-working and always gets very high marks in tests and exams. Wow! I think he can be the Superman.

I will never forget Tom and how he has helped me. He will always be my hero.



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Winners

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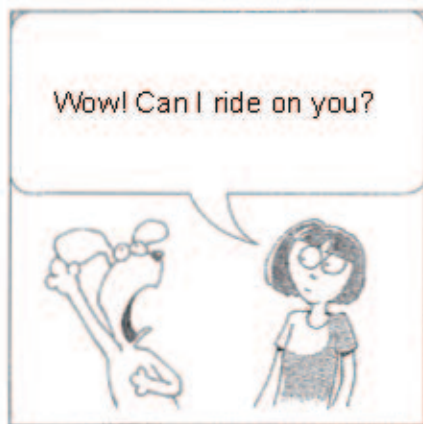
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Siu Ho Tsung F.2 (1st Runner-up)

Junior Forms



F.2 Comic Dialogue Competition 2013 - 14 Winners

Chan Winnie Ivy F.2 (Champion)





My Mother

Woo Ka Lam F.2

May 11th is my Mom's birthday
On that day, I celebrate
Together with my family members
Happily we eat and chat
Especially for my Mom
Remarkably grateful for what she has done for all of us

The Eco Boy

Woo Ka Lam F.2

Are you a superhero? Can you imagine if one of your classmates is a superhero? In this story, Danny is a school boy but at the same time, he is Eco Boy, the superhero.

It was an ordinary school day. The students were having their English lesson. Suddenly they heard a roaring sound. It was a call for help. At once Danny rushed out of the classroom. He turned into Eco Boy. He dressed in green with a red cap. There was an 'Earth' logo on his back. He looked brilliant.

Eco boy flew into a jungle. Some hunters were going to kill a tiger which was screaming for help.

"Oh, no! Here comes Eco Boy!" screamed the hunters.

Eco Boy used his magic power to fight against the hunters. Finally, he saved the tiger.

Since the hunters promised not to hunt endangered animals anymore, Eco Boy set them free. After completing his mission, Eco Boy turned back into Danny and returned to school.

Application For the Post Of An Animal Shelter Volunteer

Yip Yun Kiu, Eric F.3

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Heng Sing House
Heng On Estate
Ma On Shan, Shatin
New Territories

21st April 2013

Manager
Animal Care
33 Long Ping Road
Yuen Long
New Territories

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Application for the Position of an Animal Care Volunteer

I am writing to apply for the position of an Animal Care Volunteer, which was advertised in the Daily Express on 20th April 2013.

I am a Secondary 3 student who has worked in pet shops before. I know how to feed animals, clean cages and kennels and walk the dogs.

I personally believe that I am the most suitable candidate because of my past experience. Just a couple of months ago, I adopted a dog. Although I don't have the skills to communicate with animals, I understand them in ways you cannot imagine. Whenever they are sick, hungry, scared, happy or bored, I can always feel it. I am good with animals. I am also self-motivated and enjoy working outdoors.

If you are interested in my application, I would be happy to attend an interview at any time that is convenient for you.

Yours faithfully,
Eric Yip



Application For the Post Of A Fun Day Helper

Li Hong Kiu F.3

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Block 10, Sunshine City
Ma On Shan, Shatin
New Territories

4th December, 2013

The Director
Hope for Children
142 Nathan Road
Tsim Sha Tsui
Kowloon

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Application for the Position of A Fun Day Helper

I am writing to apply for the position of a Fun Day Helper as advertised in the Hong Kong Times on 2nd December 2013.

I am a Secondary 3 student at HKCWC Fung Yiu King Memorial Secondary School. As a class monitor, one of my responsibilities is to maintain class discipline. In addition, I am also a member of the Girl Guides and Social Services Club.

I think I am the perfect candidate for this position because I enjoy working with children. Last summer, I visited a hospital and played with the children and taught them English. I gained a lot of experiences and learnt how to work well in a team. I am fluent in Cantonese, English and Putonghua and I am very active. In my spare time I enjoy hiking and camping.

If you are interested in my application, I would be happy to attend an interview at any time that is convenient for you.

Yours faithfully,
Megan Li

A Letter To A Friend About The English Week

Li Hong Kiu F.3

Dear Peter,

How are you? I'm glad to receive your letter. Let me tell you more about the English Week at my school which was held last week. There were many activities and it was exciting.

First of all, we played many games in the English Corner, for example, scrabble, bingo, puzzles and card games. We also had a film show in the hall. The film was called 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. It was about the adventure of Harry Potter and his friends. Moreover, we had a singing contest and students could sing any songs they like, for instance, The Sound of Music, Today and My Way.

There was also a book sale in the hall with many books to buy. We also had a storytelling competition and many students came to watch it. In the end, my friend Mary won the competition and we were all happy for her. Finally, we had a drama show about a little boy and his friends.

That is all about the English Week at my school. What about your news? Please write me back.

With best wishes,
Chris



A Reply To An Email From A New Comer

Ko Chun Wa F.3

Hi Kathy,

How are you? Hope you're well.

I've received your letter and I'm excited that you will be my schoolmate very soon. I'll tell you more about my school, TST College. I study a total of eleven subjects in Form 3. My favourite subject is Maths because I love to calculate. At school, my favourite teacher is my Maths teacher, Miss Chan. She is nice and friendly. Our school offers Putonghua classes so you have a chance to learn another language in Hong Kong. It's true that schools in Hong Kong usually have lots of tests and exams. Therefore, many students suffer from considerable stress. Do you believe that I have to spend about four hours on my studies every day?

My school has a volleyball team. Members take part in many inter-school competitions and last year they got a gold medal. Since you like singing, you can join the school choir but there are other clubs as well. Maybe you can also join the Art Club and enjoy painting with me!

I'm really looking forward to seeing you in Hong Kong soon.

Love,
Elly



A Letter Of Advice To A Problem Teenager

Wong Ming Yi F.3

Dear Connie,

Thank you for your letter. I'm sorry to hear about your problems and I hope the following advice will help you.

In your letter, you said that you're a little overweight. I really think you should eat more fruits and vegetables. If I were you, I would eat fruits instead of snacks. You can also eat energy bars which are better than junk food. Perhaps you could also eat dairy products, such as yoghurt, cheese or milk which are good for your body.

You also mentioned that you're not good at team sports. First of all, you should not feel upset about this as not everybody is good at team sports. However, I do think you should exercise regularly. If I were you, I would take up a sport like jogging or cycling. I am sure you'll soon discover the fun of exercise once you start.

I hope you find my advice helpful. Please write to me again if you need any more help.

Best wishes,
Chris Wong





An Email To A New Pen-pal

Li Hoi Sz, Selena F.3

Hi Andy,

Thanks for your email. I'm very happy to have you as my new pen-pal.

Here's some information about me. I am sixteen years old and I live in Hong Kong, which is a small city of China. Have you heard of it before? It's a busy city and is always very crowded. But we have a lot of fun here. You can go shopping at the malls and enjoy eating many types of food from different countries.

I live with my parents. My father's name is Austin. He is a good chef. He can cook very delicious dishes. My mother is a housewife. The only thing she needs to do is to take care of my baby sister. I have a younger brother who is eight years old. His name is Greyson and he's now studying in a primary school.

We have a cat called Miley and in my spare time I like to play with her. Moreover, I like to go shopping with my friends in Shatin New Town Plaza. It's a big shopping centre.

In Hong Kong, it's really hot in summer. In spring, it's very humid but in autumn, it's cool and beautiful because you can see many colourful leaves keep falling onto the ground from the trees. In winter, it's really cold but it doesn't snow.

How about you? What's the weather like in your town?

All the best,
Chris Lam

An Email Suggesting Art Activities

Lee Ngo Yin F.2

Dear Jo,

How are you? It is great that you are going to have an interview at the HK Museum of Art. I am excited that you are coming to Hong Kong. I will introduce some art activities to you.

The first activity is 'Art Jamming'. It is organized by Picasso Art Studio. It opens from 1 to 9 p.m. every day. You can go into the studio and grab a paint brush to create your masterpiece. It is very creative and interesting because you can draw your favourite pictures there. I hope you'll love it.

The second activity is 'City Images'. It is organized by Sam Wong, a world famous photographer. It is open in mid August. We can take a fresh look at the people and places in Hong Kong through the lens of local photographers. Surely, you'll enjoy it.

The third activity is 'Creative Music'. It is organized by Mozart Music Studio. It opens from 1 to 8 p.m. It is relaxing while listening to different kinds of music. Obviously, you don't want to miss it.

See you in Hong Kong.

Best wishes
Chris





A Letter From The Principal

Chan Winnie Ivy F.2

Dear students,

It is our pleasure to have invited the great scientist, Mr Stephen Bo, to come to our school. He will give a talk about Big Bang Theory to all senior formers on 22nd May at 10 a.m. It really is a good news as you can learn more about the universe.

On that day, a few prefects will be assigned to greet the guest speaker at the main entrance. They should introduce themselves politely when they meet the speaker. Students should comply with all the school rules. You should dress neatly and tidily. You should sit properly and listen attentively to the speech. Prefects should lead the guest to the conference room for refreshment after the event. Students and parents should stop taking photos five minutes before the speaker has to leave.

Certainly you will benefit a lot from the talk. I hope this can make you more interested in science.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Principal Chan

A Letter To Santa Claus

Lai Ho Hei F.2

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you?

I feel so down and disappointed because you have never brought me a gift for Christmas. Is it that I'm not good enough, so you don't give me a present? Is the weather too cold and you don't want to give away any presents? Are the deer too tired so they don't want to drive you here? Do you forget Christmas is coming soon or you haven't applied for a visa to Hong Kong? Is that the reason why you can't come to Hong Kong and give a present to me? Please try to cheer me up!

Looking forward to seeing you!

Love,
Ricky



My Favourite Shopping Centre

Wong Sin Hang F.2

The shopping center I like most is the New Town Plaza in Sha Tin. It was opened in 1980. There is a cinema on the ground floor. There you can find Chinese and Western restaurants, shops selling for example, trendy clothes, sportswear, watches, accessories, electrical appliances and CDs.

New Town Plaza has been renovated recently. It has become modern, trendy and spacious. There is a small park on the 6th floor and the Shatin Central Park is just next to it. Children can play around in the playground.

The shopping centre is easily accessible. You can go there by bus, minibus, MTR or taxi. I sometimes go there for lunch and movies. My family likes to go shopping there too. We usually buy clothes and electrical appliances as they are reasonably priced. There are often sales at the end of each season and you can buy many goods at special discounts.

Do come and visit the New Town Plaza.



Hiking

Chow Ka Chai F.2

Today was a wonderful day. I went to the country park with my outgoing cousin, Sam.

Sam was studying in the UK. He came to Hong Kong for his Christmas vacation. Since Sam loved hiking, we went to the countryside.

Early in the morning, we started hiking along a trail in the country park. Soon, we came to a dam and a reservoir.

“It’s amazing!” Sam shouted.

Sam told me that it was the first time he saw such a well-constructed dam.

At 12 o’clock, we had sandwiches for lunch on a large piece of grassland. It was so relaxing.

After lunch, we continued our trip. On the way, we saw some lovely birds and colourful butterflies. Suddenly, a group of monkeys appeared right in front of us. They were staring at our backpacks. I thought it was because they wanted to steal our food. Therefore, we hurried away. Then we came to a waterfall. Sam was stunned seeing it. The ending of the trip showed a splendid view of the countryside.

What a marvelous trip!



My Fond Memories Of My Primary School

Shum Hau Ting F.1

If I was given a wish, I would like to study in my primary school again.

When I was in my primary school, I had a lot of good friends. We often played together. During the break time, we always had some snacks together. When I had problems with my homework, they would help me.

Also, I had a lot of happy memories in my primary school. I learnt a lot in the lessons. I met a lot of good friends and classmates in my primary school. We had known each other for a long time.

In my primary school, the teachers were very nice. They were not serious. Some of them were fun. We always had some games in the lessons. I enjoyed the lessons very much.

I am glad that I could study in my primary school. I like my primary school very much.



Hong Kong Island Tour

Kwan Nim Cho F.1

We are going to have a one-day tour to Hong Kong Island tomorrow. We will visit the Golden Bauhinia Square, the Peak Tower and Stanley Main Street.

In the morning, we will meet at the school gate at seven o'clock. Then we will take a coach to the Golden Bauhinia Square. We should arrive at the square before eight o'clock because we will watch the flag raising ceremony. After the ceremony, we will go to Stanley Main Street. First, we will stroll in the street. You can shop for a while. Then we will have lunch in a restaurant in Stanley Main Street. You can have a chance to watch the sea view while having lunch.

In the afternoon, we will go to the Peak. We will take the peak tram to the top of the hill. Then we will watch the sun-set. We will then go back to school in the evening.

In this tour, you will be able to watch the beautiful views of Hong Kong Island. Don't miss this chance. Sign up now!

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An Introduction To Myself

Keung Tak Chun F.1

My name is Alex. My favourite food is Japanese food because it is very yummy. My favourite colours are red, green and black, and my favourite animals are dogs and cats.

I live in Ma On Shan. I live with my mum, dad, grandmother, brother and my dog. My best friend's name is Thomas. We met in Primary 1. My mum likes eating spicy food. My dad likes eating seafood. I always play with my dog. Its name is Jerry. We always play hide-and-seek together.

My Life At Secondary School

Li Hoi Lam F.1

My name is Helen Li. I am twelve years old and I live in Ma On Shan. My favourite colours are white and blue. I like cats and dogs since they are cute. In my free time, I like painting and cooking with my friends.

I like my new school life at HKCWC Fung Yiu King Memorial Secondary School. My new school has seven floors. The school building is tall and blue in colour. I sometimes play basketball after lunchtime and I like talking with my friends in the classroom at recess.

One of my new friends is Kitty Cheung. She's twelve years old and she lives in Ma On Shan with her parents and her younger brother. She is helpful and she always teaches me how to do the homework. She likes eating sushi and playing badminton with her friends.

I like my secondary school life because it is fun. I hope I can get more new friends at my school.

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Foreword

Have you ever thought of becoming a good writer? It's no kidding. You can do it if you have faith in yourself. Build up your confidence and set your goal. Everybody can experience life and share thoughts through writing. You won't fall short of ideas hinting you your way to literary art creation. However simple or complex your preliminary thoughts are, they provide you unique ideas to be developed and expressed in the form of a written art.

If you get stuck and have nothing in your mind, this tells you it's time to start reading. Enrich your writing ideas by reading. Read good writing of whatever topics, styles and genres. Being a good reader is the prerequisite of being a good writer. Reading gives you inspiration for writing and turns your creative desire into creation.

Writing is joyful. The pleasure of writing embeds in the success of communication and display of courage and perseverance. The process takes time but the passion of writing can keep your creative thoughts igniting. Keep writing and soon you will find a great place in Voice of Erudition.

“And by the way, everything in life is writable about if you have the outgoing guts to do it, and the imagination to improvise. The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt.” ~ Sylvia Plath

Ms Ronna Pun
Vice-principal &
English Panel Head





From the Editor

Nowadays, everything has been electronized. Whatsapping each other, posting your essays / photos in Facebook / Instagram, you will get thousands of “likes”. Voice of Erudition provides you an excellent platform to communicate and shine in school. You feel cool once your essays have been published in the Voice of Erudition.

One new element of this year’s booklet is the photo story writing competition of the Form Four students. They are asked to choose a photo and write a scene that best describes what may be happening in the photo or select a set of / multiple photos that inspire a short story series. Since they can write about their own personal experiences, the description would be much more vivid and enriching. Maybe you have similar experiences, whether bitter or sweet. Don’t hesitate to send to us.

The cover shows a cluster of world-famous western writers. Hope that everyone would be inspired to write and be one of the greatest authors in Hong Kong.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making this booklet a success.

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Acknowledgements to all English teachers

From the Principal

Possessing good writing skills which symbolizes future success is an important asset for students of different levels.

Writing is fun. It can showcase your imagination and creativity. It is the only thing that you would not be blamed for getting addicted. Start loving it when you are still young. Get yourself involved in reading and writing carnivals or competitions. Click onto websites which help to hone your English skills so that you would be proficient in English and have a brighter future.

Though for some of you, writing can be a challenge as it is not your mother tongue. Don't get scared! Definitely everyone of you is offered ample opportunities to boost language proficiency in HKCWC Fung Yiu King Memorial Secondary School since one more native-speaking English teacher will join us.

"Don't wait for the perfect time. Make the time perfect or else you will regret!" reinstated by one of our honorable guests during the sports day this year. She emphasized the importance of acting out our dreams. It implies doing what you are aiming at when you are still young and energetic. Hence, read and write more before it is too late. Strive for excellence in English!

Be determined! Surely you will cultivate your interest in English and start loving it!

Dr. Suen Lee Wa
Principal

Voice of Erudition

It implies that students should read, learn and be knowledgeable and versatile. The message is deeply embedded in our school motto "Erudition and Determination". Students are encouraged to explore their environment. What they have discovered or experienced can be shared with others. This publication serves the purpose for students to read and express what they have in their minds.



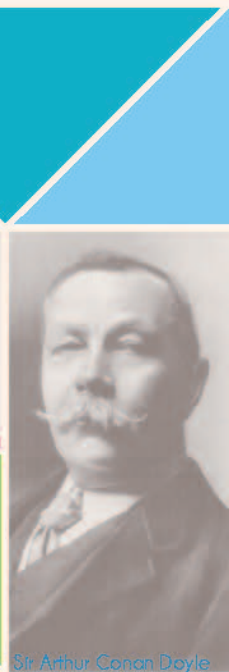
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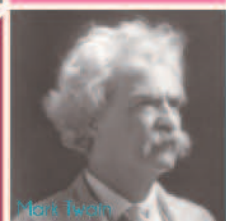
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