



DEEN-A-LOGUE

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. As Plato says, "Opinion is the medium between ignorance and knowledge." Children of Grades 7 and 8 have interesting thoughts penned down in their articles. Do read and encourage.

The New Hybrid Classes

The hybrid classes being conducted nowadays seem to be quite fun and interactive. I think they're better than online classes, since I've experienced one myself. Here, we can socialise better with our friends and classmates, along with more proper teacher-student interaction. I like how the teacher handles both online and offline students! But a negative point about this is that the school's network causes disconnection. In these classes, offline students are more attentive, whereas in online, the students sometimes don't respond to a teacher's question. I also liked that we are allowed to eat. It's good that we don't have to starve till we get home! While climbing the stairs, the students and teachers can see some amusing yet true signs on the notice boards. Some say, 'If you want to keep your friends safe, avoid hugging them!' and others, 'HEY! COOL MASK!'. Hopefully, soon, all schools will start functioning normally again.

- Abha Hardikar 7E

Take a look at yourself and Make a Change

Freedom fighter Mahatma Gandhi said, "*Be the change you want to see in the world.*" Reading this quote, the song 'Man in the Mirror' by Michael Jackson, comes to our minds.

The title of the song refers to each one of us. The singer notices hungry and homeless families on the road. He cannot pretend he hasn't see them. The songwriter takes the responsibility of changing himself to make the world a better place. This song urges us to start changing ourselves to create a better world. We all want a world where there isn't any discrimination, injustice, poverty, or hatred. To see a change in the world, we must change ourselves before asking others to change. Caring and empathy can be the first steps to create a better world. If each one of us can feel the plight of others and change ourselves, it will be a step in the right direction.

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself," said Leo Tolstoy. So, change yourself for a better tomorrow.

By- Anvi Agarwal and Anya Stephen - 8A

Better Man, Better World

The song Man in the Mirror, written by Siedah Garrett and sung by Micheal Jackson is a truly wonderful song. It's about more than a man taking a look in the mirror, and more than making a change.

The song starts off with a man deciding he was going to make a change in the world. He puts on his winter coat and goes for a walk, and as he is looking around, he can't ignore the suffering he sees on the streets. He starts thinking about his past and realizes the only pain he's experienced is heartbreak. Looking around, the man understands that there are people with much larger problems. He makes a decision to look beyond himself and his life and see the bigger problems of the world and fix them.

The song conveys that to change the world for the better, we must first change ourselves. Change starts with yourself.

The song portrays an image of the less wealthy and less privileged-malnourished children on streets, the homeless, the broke and so many more, and how we need to stop wallowing in our champagne problems and see the bigger picture.

If only everyone changed themselves for the better, the world would be a better place.

By: Amita, Harman, Srinika & Natasha - 8B

Change Occurs Within

"*Be the change you want to see in the World.*"

~Mahatma Gandhi

In the song 'Man In The Mirror' by Michael Jackson, he gives out a beautiful message, one about change of the little things in life over which very few ponder over.

Through the lyrics, he says that he sees children without enough food, people without enough money and shelter, he feels that this must change. He realizes, unfortunately not many people care about such issues, and realizes the world will not change itself. He thus changes the man in the mirror- that is, himself, to inspire a change in the World. He says he is not blind and will not ignore this unfair treatment of the vulnerable.

He symphonizes his thoughts through music and like many of his other songs, he does it with pure melody. He takes charge and that is something we all must learn from him.

By Amogh, Sobith, Ansh & Advay - 8A

Empathy: The Heart of Society

Empathy...a word we've heard about countless times. But what exactly is empathy? Empathy is the ability to understand people on an emotional level. You are emotionally attuned to a person- you understand what they're feeling and see things from their point of view.

Empathy is one of the most important virtues out there. It is everything good about humans, and without empathy around, humans will turn into selfish monsters, only thinking about themselves...well, more so than usual.

Without being able to put ourselves in another's shoes, we won't be able to understand and sympathize with what others are going through and disregard their feelings and opinions.

But while empathy is an important virtue, too much empathy can be a problem. Empathizing with someone too much can lead to a person sacrificing their self-interests for the sake of others. While it is important to be sympathetic towards others, you must take care of yourself as well.

In certain circumstances, people must remove empathy from the equation, especially decision-makers with high positions, such as judges.

In conclusion, empathy is an important virtue to possess, but we must be smart about whether to act on it or not.

By: Amita Naik-8B

Make A Change

How can we change the world?

"Look at yourself and make a change." This was very well portrayed in the song written by Michael Jackson. From the lyrics of the song we can tell that Michael was eager to make a change in the society and was determined to make everything right. He walks with pride on the streets with his elegant coat on a winter day and his eyes suddenly fall upon the children who have been starving for days. He questions himself and conveys to us, the blindness of us human towards the children on the road. Through his lyrics we can say that Michael Jackson had been a victim of selfish love himself, and he also tries to explain the fact that there are some people who are poor and homeless and they need more help than we do. The presence of selfish people in the world is causing the society to gradually degrade and be treated unequally. So, to conclude we can say that changing ourselves is one of the most important thing one has to do to make the world a better place.

By Riddhi, Navika, Pranav, Prisha – 8A

The Power And Importance of Empathy

What is empathy and why is it valued and considered important? Empathy radically is the sense of sharing and understanding one's feelings. Empathy is a valid ability that is valued in several areas such as personal life, work place and even for the betterment of the world. It's value must be understood in order for it to make a change in the world.

For one to associate and maintain good relations with people, one must wrap their head around this ability. Empathy is one such skill that is globally important as it helps make associations, which may be a key factor affecting one's future, keeps the sense of humanity perpetual, aids in developing the world, helps in one's career and personal life and also develops one's leadership qualities.

Everyone has varied views and perspectives and empathy makes it easier for everyone to stay united while retaining one's perception of individuality. It is also considered salient in relationships as it helps to understand another's view on a matter without jumping to conclusions. It gives relief to the selfish goals and needs to one while keeping in mind how it would affect others.

Empathy is a power on it's own, which would lead one to be successful and aid the world. Awareness on this matter should be of top priority.

By Shreya Debnath 8A

Space or Earth?

Neil Armstrong, on landing on the Moon, said - "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

But is that leap needed? When we are taking many steps backward after wards and getting lower than where we could be! Recent progress in technology and science made people confident about many things, but a lot of them invested in space research! Don't get me wrong I love space and how majestic and intriguing it is.

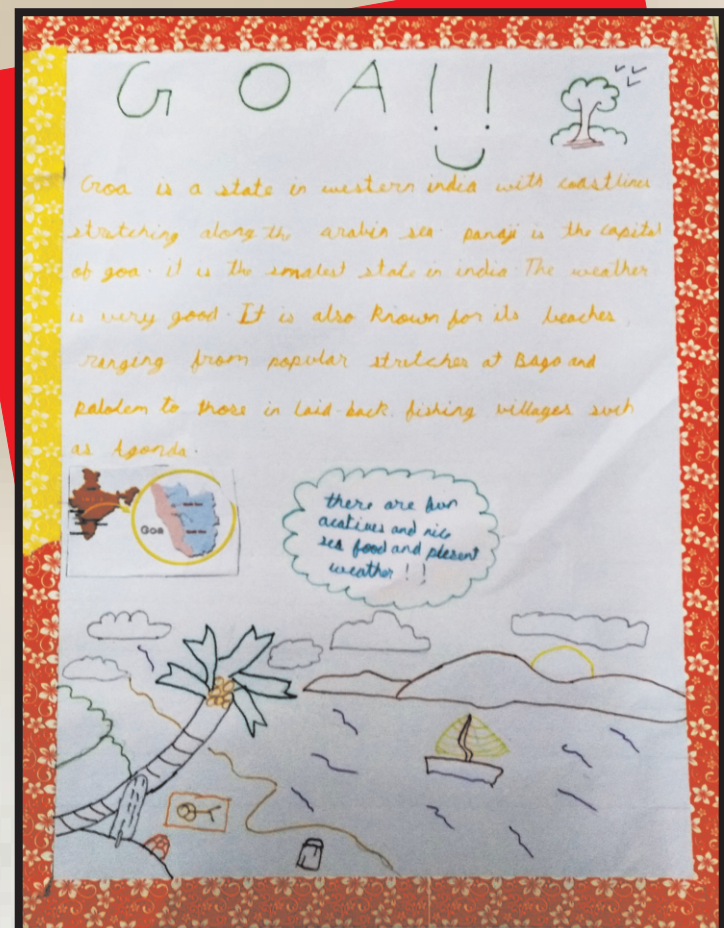
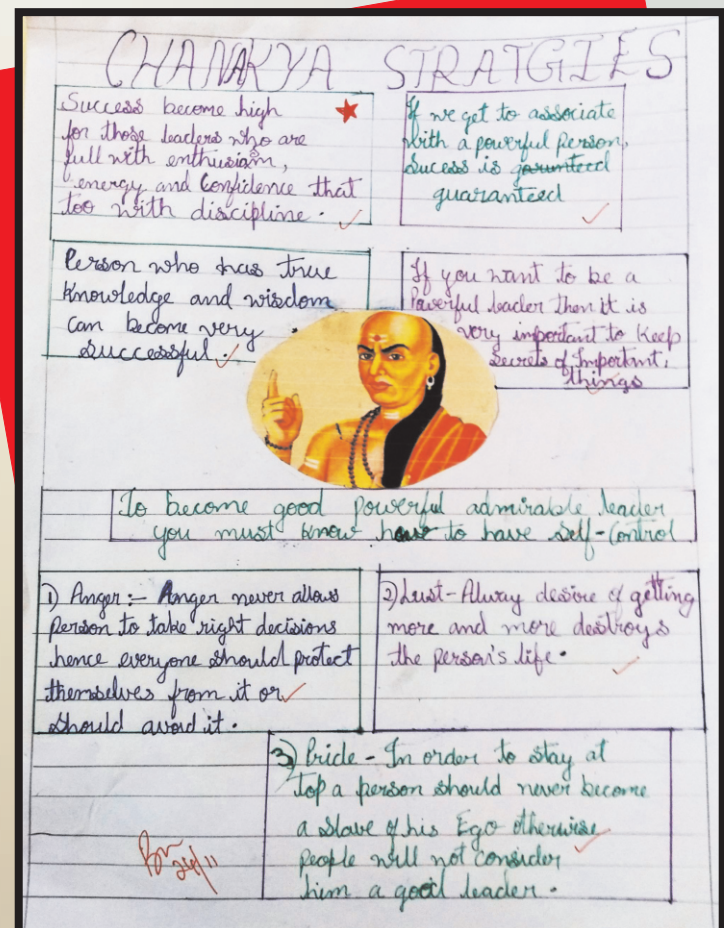
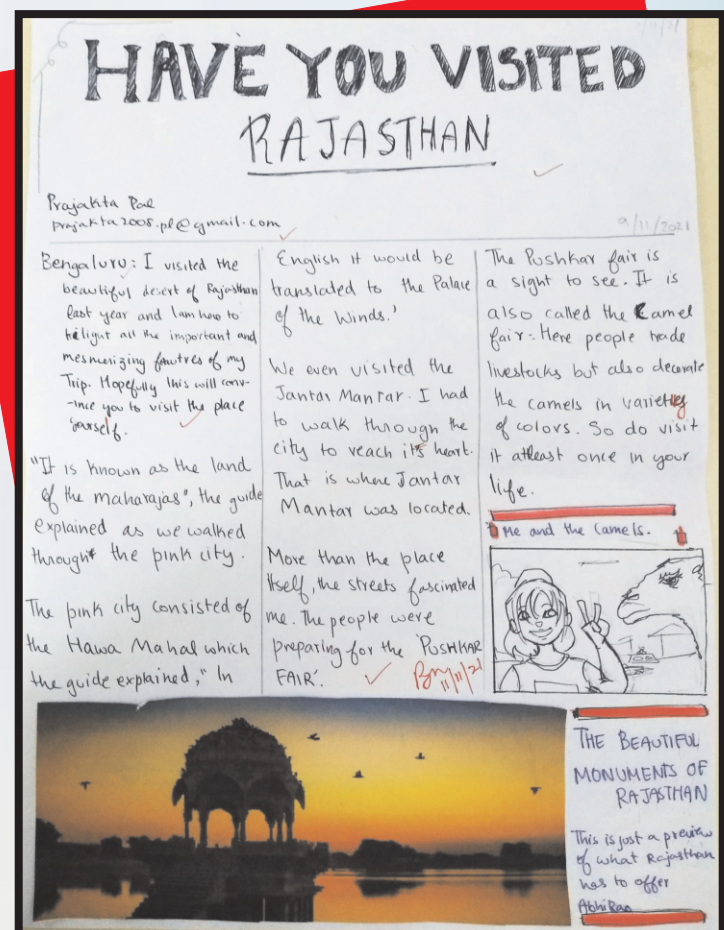
Only that the action right now is to make a fool of oneself! All the problems here on earth need identifying and mending and fixing. Instead a good amount of people ignore that and invest in space. We should see and perceive solutions for reviving a balance in the world, for we have done the lever effect. The lever effect here means that life was balanced until we came and dooms lever started bending on its side, disrupting balance and pulling everything along and if not now soon we are going to fall.

By identifying the problems and finding potential solutions we can see if space research is even needed for finding solutions. Space has many opportunities and solutions but with our technology now we cannot do a lot in space. Space is like a road with falling meteors lava and a beautiful sunrise which feels cold and apparently tastes like burnt steak! Space is so unpredictable that anything unexpected can happen and we don't have that much of the technology to fix it at that point of time before losing the mission.

In space we are hanging by a thin thread, in that situation we might find another thread or have a fixing tool, but most of the times we don't because space is more or less horrible, and right now so is our world! With dozens of endangered animal species, organizations are working hard to save every one of them but there is just not enough man power or investment to save them.

Problems like pollution, infrastructure, climate changes, global warming, diseases etc need attention here on Earth! I think we should put a temporary halt to space research and find solutions to these major problems that are staring at our faces, and then go for new explorations.

By-Yuvraj Puri 8B



MICHAEL JACKSON ~ Lives on Even Today.
~ GlobalSide ~

Michael Jackson released a number of top tracks in his time, one of which went straight up the charts, 'Man In The Mirror'.

Michael was a role model for many as you might already know. Although he is gone from this world, he still remains in everyone's hearts. His motivational song, 'Man In The Mirror' was a great hit. It topped the billboard 100 in where it remained for two weeks.

The song was composed by Glenn Ballard and Siedah Garrett. Siedah spoke about the song after it was released, saying, "The song was deeper than just a visual of a man looking himself in the mirror. It meant, to make a difference outside, you first have to start from within."

The whole song was not about a particular man, but as humanity as a whole. Such a masterpiece which conveyed such a strong message to the world. The greatness Michael has achieved, will continue to live on in any era.

Odisha ~ The All Time Favourite

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Mr. Patnaik highlighted on World Tourism Day in a tweet, where he stated, "Odisha's treasure of timeless monuments, heritage, cultivating landscapes, diverse flora & fauna are a traveller's delight."

Odisha is a personal favourite holiday spot for not only leisurely activities, but for adventurous stroll as well. Odisha's idyllic natural beauty will for sure appeal the eye.

Odisha, with its vast forest expanse and undulating plains, makes it an ideal destination for holiday trekking.

The infinite list of beaches, biosphere reserves, temples, museums, brings Odisha as one of the top contenders for taking the title of the best holiday destination. This coastal state offers marvellous architectural wonders and temples. It offers the natural beauty of serene lakes.

WHO IS THE MAN IN THE MIRROR

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Bengaluru: In the year of 1988, the world was in the enthralling season of Michael Jackson and his astounding Album Thriller. There was the song that caught the eye of thousands. "Man in the mirror".

This song recorded by singer-songwriter Michael Jackson, with lyrics and music by Glen Ballard and Siedah Garrett. Man In the mirror topped the Billboard Hot 100 for two weeks.

The New York Times noted that this song had a "gospel life". Even when Ed Hogan reviewed the song he called it "gentle".

MICHAEL JACKSON: The legend himself. He was dubbed the "King of Pop", he is indeed iconic.



"Man in the mirror is one of Jackson's most powerful vocals and accessible social statements, not to mention the best-ever use of gospel choir in a pop song." Josh Tyrangiel from Time mentioned in 2009.

This is a beautiful song representing Jackson's desire to change the world. In order to change society, you must change yourself first. Be the change.



O. HENRY

William Sydney Porter (September 11, 1862 – June 5, 1910), better known by his pen name O. Henry, was an American short story writer. Porter was born in Greensboro, North Carolina. He moved to Texas in 1882, where he met his wife, Athol Estes, with whom he had two children. In 1902, after the death of his wife, Porter moved to New York, where he soon remarried. It was while he was in New York that Porter's most intensive writing period occurred, with Porter writing 381 short stories. Porter's works include "The Gift of the Magi", "The Duplicity of Hargraves", and "The Ransom of Red Chief". His stories are known for their surprise endings and witty narration. Porter also wrote poetry and non-fiction. Porter's legacy includes the O. Henry Award, an annual prize awarded to outstanding short stories.

Born- September 11, 1862

Greensboro, North Carolina, U.S.

Died- June 5, 1910 (aged 47)

New York City, U.S.

Resting place- Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, NC

Pen name- O. Henry, Olivier Henry, Oliver Henry[1]

Occupation- Writer

Language- English

Nationality- American,

EARLY LIFE OF O. HENRY

William Sydney Porter was born on September 11, 1862, in Greensboro, North Carolina, during the American Civil War. He changed the spelling of his middle name to Sydney in 1898. His parents were Algenon Sidney Porter (1825–88), a physician, and Mary Jane Virginia Swaim Porter (1833–65). William's parents had married on April 20, 1858. When William was three, his mother died after giving birth to her third child, and he and his father moved into the home of his paternal grandmother. As a child, Porter was always reading everything from classics to dime novels; his favorite works were Lane's translation of One Thousand and One Nights and Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy. Porter graduated from his aunt Evelina Maria Porter's elementary school in 1876. He then enrolled at the Lindsey Street High School. His aunt continued to tutor him until he was 15. In 1879, he started working in his uncle's drugstore in Greensboro, and on August 30, 1881, at the age of 19, Porter was licensed as a pharmacist. At the drugstore, he also showed his natural artistic talents by sketching the townfolk.

BY- SANJANA 6-E

A SHORE TEMPLE

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Travel Blogger

Tamil Nadu: Recently, I toured India. One destination that caught my attention and will catch yours is the Mahabalipuram Shore Temple. A temple located in the coastal region of Tamil Nadu, built by the Pallavas during the 725 AD, around 60km from Chennai.

It was initiated by Narasimha Varman II along with other structures in the site. The entire site is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

temple complex is a dance festival is held called as Talashayam every year. During Dec-Jan (lying in water). The temple complex makes winter vacation the

perfect time to travel organized by the Dept. of Tourism of TN. It is 1 month long festival.

"Mallapuram is one of the most beautiful places in India, full of history. It is linked to commerce, spirituality and is now a popular tourism centre." said Mr. Narendra Modi.

A DIFFERENCE THROUGH MUSIC

Ms. Anna Harold
Social activist

Many people with great intentions do not have the courage to make this world a better place to live. Mahatma Gandhi once said "Be the change you want to see". Many people have conveyed this through different ways, but music, according



to me, is the best way to spread any thing. When we think of music, most of us would be thinking of the King of Pop himself (Michael Jackson). His song 'Man In The Mirror' is from the album 'BAD'.

This song was dedicated to Yoshiaki, a 5-year-old from Japan who was kidnapped & killed in 1983, proving that MSMTI wanted to spread a message on peace and against corruption.

In the song, Michael is encouraging his fans to believe in themselves, their mind could do great things. The song was deeper than just the literal meaning of the lyrics. It was of the idea of a man going within and changing himself.

This message inspired many of MSMTI's fans and other celebrities. This message is deep and meaningful and practical too.