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Recap: The 8th Grade Glider Project

By: Joe Malamed

The Glider Project.

The 8th grade glider project lasted for about 2 months, but it really came and went. The project focused on aeronautics and the science of flight. 8th grade spent weeks tirelessly working on mini projects, essays, and experiments, studying different planes and actually how they fly. Not to mention important parts in aviation's history. We even got to make our own gliders during the project, and fly them off the roof! We delved in deep into the field, with people coming in and teaching us everything we needed to know about the glider we would fly.



On the morning of March 6, half of 8th grade went to Llano, where we would arrive at the Southern California Soaring Academy (SCSA), the Glider Port that we were utilizing. All of the people that went up had a pretty good time for the most part, as we had been given practice opportunities on the Flight Simulator in the 8th Grade Science/History room. Some students, who felt more comfortable, did stunts, while others just sat back and didn't really touch the controls at all. I personally had a good time, even though I had to go a week later due to winds. Even one of the teachers guiding the project, Mr. F, was scared to go up in a glider, but he did anyway, and he loved it.

So many loved flying the gliders, but Mr. L and F always said one thing: "People always walk out of the glider saying one of two things. That was super cool, or I'm never doing that again!"



Wars, Xbox, Space, and Flying Things

By: Joe Malamed

I'm going to take a leap and say we all know about the International Space Station (ISS). I'm sure if you're reading this you'd love to go to space, but we're only kids and that's for the future. What if, however, this adventure isn't so far away? Well, this might be the case. According to Axiom Space, they will supply a habitable module to help bring people to orbit, almost like a hotel. This can also be used for company-related business. What company would do that you may ask? I don't know. It wouldn't be crazy to see a McDonalds on your local space station at this rate. Staying 12 days in the 'Aurora Station' will cost about 9.5 million dollars, which is about 23,750 robux. The general size of it will be about as big as a private plane and will have the amenities of a small apartment. "We're calling it a space condo," said the CEO of Axiom. "So, for living, that's the future vision here — to create a long-term, sustainable human 'house' in orbit."



Gaming! We all like gaming. Playstation, PC, Nintendo, and the like but most importantly Xbox for now. Most importantly Xbox live; Xbox wants to know about any problems with the security of the feature, so they will pay you up to \$20,000 to hack it. "What? That's so dumb. They will give you money to commit a crime?!" Well, it makes sense for them. They want to know what's wrong with Xbox live chat, so they will get the hackers on their side. Pretty smart, right? Imagine doing this and getting rich because of it... as long as you have the consent of the company, like Facebook, when they let you hack it for some cash.

Flavored tobacco is a bad thing. Most of you reading this probably know what they are. But there is good news about these products. A bill was passed a few days ago that permitted the banning of some types of cigarettes (methanol, e-cigarettes, and the like). The passing of the bill, however, was a very difficult decision for our government. Many said that it targeted poor communities, small towns and some say this bill sends the wrong message. Most said, however this was passed for the greater good of our country. There are over 45,000 deaths each year and that number still grows as Juul and vaping increases amongst young people. So all in all, this is good news for most, and it will help fix the massive drug problem, for now.



The 777x landed yesterday in Spokane, Washington. Just to make one plane, it cost a whopping 5 billion dollars. The main reason they put so much into the project; fuel. It's like a car, the 777x burns fuel, about a gallon per hour. Planes burn fuel too, but it's more like...a gallon per second (depending on the plane and the car). The goal is to make planes use less fuel, which is cheaper for everyone wanting to buy them. It's all just "war" between everyone, to make the most efficient plane, that can go the farthest and be the cheapest. But after all, planes with no engines are still going to be the most efficient.



Speaking of planes with no engines...The 8th grade glider project! I know not everyone reading this is in 8th grade but the project teaches more about aviation. They want you to think about this as a job! And be careful, Mr. F and L can be very persuasive, but actually flying the glider can be even more persuasive. But to get to fly the glider, there's some stuff you have to learn first. Looking at the cockpit of a glider, it might look small, cramped, and intimidating at first, but Mr. F and L are committed to making sure you understand every detail. They not only review the glider and its parts, but also how it flies, how it's affected by the weather, and even the history of aircraft.

A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Hello, and welcome to the SCVi Leader newspaper. This newspaper will be a vital and interactive part of the learning experience here at SCVi. The goal of the paper is to inform and unite learners of all grade levels, and this is not just limited to readers. Staff will also receive the same inspiration, and will also feel a sense of pride and unity about their creations in the paper. We will be covering important events that not only relate to SCVi, but to the outside world in general.

Our articles are created to inspire learners and prepare them for the future. We will cover topics such as: Entertainment, World Events, School Events, and more! All articles are written with learners in mind, and subjects such as World Events will be focused and based on how they affect the lives and futures of learners.

That said, I hope you enjoy this and every other issue of the SCVi Leader!

Hugo Turner, Editor in Chief



The War in Afghanistan! The group known as Al-Qaeda (al-KAI-Duh) has been diminished by US forces . This war has lasted 19 years and is finally taking a break. As of a few days ago, the Taliban agreed to sign a peace treaty for 7 days to stop fighting. Afghanistan is already a struggling country, so stopping the war will help. U.S. troops are going to be able to get out of there, and the Taliban can finally die down for the greater good of the rest of Afghanistan. They want the long war to end; both sides. A lot of good things would come from this war ending, and this is a big step towards peace. Most importantly, we won't have to spend so much money to keep this war going.

NEW! 8th GRADER INSIGHT!

SHOULD NASA STAY PUBLICLY FUNDED?

In 8th grade, we've been learning about what the government spends its money on. So we've been talking about whether we should use the money being put into NASA (about 22 billion!). There has been a rant for awhile on whether NASA should be publicly funded, meaning it's money trail comes from our taxes. Many people think spending money on NASA should be cut down to help the homeless and exploring our oceans. I can't take a side here but if you look at a pie chart, NASA is only about 1% of federal spending. The majority of federal spending goes towards the military and healthcare. What do you think should they stay publicly funded?

-Zane



An 8th Grader's Guide to Work

By Caedmon Boersema-Thomas

Hello! I'm a learner in 8th grade, so you can imagine I may know a thing or two. I know a lot of people struggle with work, and want more time to do their own thing at home, so I wrote down some tips and tricks to help with that. Here they are...

Prioritization:

- What to Work on First?: Your first thought, when are assignments due? By getting assignments you have less time for done first, you're getting the less stressful things out of the way.
- Can I Just Play Video Games?: DON'T play video games (or other stuff) before work. I know it's been said 1000 times but, believe it or not, it really helps. Weirdly so, I've found more video games before work... leads to more work. If you don't do your work, more work is going to pile on top of you, but if you get it done soon, you'll have more time for video games. And let's not forget Minecraft and Roblox, they're rockin' games!
- Late Assignments?: If you have late assignments, don't stress on it. Focus on getting the present work finished. First things first and asking a facilitator what's the most pressing assignment at the moment.

Time:

- Important Things to Do at Home?: If you have things you know you need to do at home, make sure you're using time at school to the best of your ability. If you really need to and if your facilitators are fine with it, use some time in advisory or elective time. That doesn't mean you should always use advisory and elective time though. In the end, it all depends on your own judgement and if you end up having late assignments, you can always make up for it later.

Efficiency:

- Working With Friends?: In my experience, I work with friends most of the time. We check each other's work (when we're allowed to) and enjoy each other's company. In order to not get distracted, we check each other to make sure we're still on topic. If that doesn't work, you could listen to some music. It's alright to make the occasional off topic comment, but just make sure you're focusing mainly on your work.
- Pro Tip: One thing I do a lot that really helps prepare for upcoming assignments is predicting future assignments. I don't mean gazing into a crystal ball or some other magical trick but looking at the work pattern from past days. It doesn't have to be too complicated though. If you're required to read a few chapters of a book, be prepared for a possible assignment attached the next day.
- Writing: When you're struggling with writing assignments, the thinking maps and circle maps your english teachers show you actually work pretty well. I usually do this by making a google doc with some bullet points (see below). After that, you can write the paper based on the map.

Intro

- Ronald Mc. (Insert Last Name)
- They didn't really do much though
- They made an impact (not really)

Paragraph 1

- They were born in Downtown Heresville
- Their mother was Name Mc. Name
- They hated cheese

And that's everything. We hope this article helped you a little bit, and good luck with your work in the future!

More than Meets the Eye: Fiction and Reality

By: Hugo Turner



Since its debut in 1984, Transformers has been an extremely popular and well-liked series, and with a new show for Netflix coming out soon, we at the Leader think a little analysis is in order! Since the original cartoon and comic book series in the 80's, many writers have tried to explain the origins of their giant transforming products, and most importantly, the origins of the characters themselves. On closer look at the origin stories of some of the characters, however, their stories bear resemblances to certain real life revolutionary figures.

Optimus Prime, the heroic Autobot leader, and Megatron, leader of the Decepticons and Prime's polar opposite, are probably some of the most recognizable characters in the Transformers franchise. But they were not always enemies. Before the main events of the Transformers story divided the Transformers into a civil war, Optimus Prime was named Orion Pax, and was data clerk at a gladiatorial arena on the Transformer's home planet, Cybertron. Orion's work at the arena meant that he got a chance to see a lot of gladiators in action, but the one he idolized above all, was Cybertron's champion, Megatronus. Megatronus notices Orion's dutifulness and intelligence, and gives him the opportunity to help with his plans for Cybertronian social upheaval, to overthrow the rule of Cybertron's oppressive Quintesson masters.



After fighting alongside Megatronus for a long time against the Quintessons, Orion started to notice his partner's more violent and self serving methods, and began not to trust him. Megatronus sees Orion's distrust as betrayal, and guns him down. Orion Pax is later rebuilt as Optimus Prime, and the rest is history!!!



Meanwhile back on Earth, a completely nonfictional child by the name of Ernesto Guevara de la Serna was born in Rosario, Argentina in 1928. The eldest of five children and born with asthma, Guevara was an excellent scholar and athlete, and later went to medical school. After medical school, he and his close friend



Alberto Granado went on a trip through Latin America on Granado's motorcycle, "The Powerful." The Powerful broke down early on in their journey and they wound up hitchhiking their way up through Chile, Peru, Columbia, and finally Venezuela, from where Guevara took a plane alone to Miami.

Guevara went from Miami to Guatemala. In Guatemala, he met Jacobo Arbenz, a revolutionary leader who had helped in the overthrow of an oppressive dictatorship in favor of a progressive and equal regime. Arbenz's social and agricultural reforms alienated conservative landowners, who were benefited unequally during the past dictatorship, and given the right to kill Guatemala native farmers if they disobeyed their orders. Unfortunately, the U.S. government, which was also financially benefited by the dictatorship, sent in the C.I.A. to overthrow Arbenz's regime. It was in Guatemala where Guevara became a dedicated Marxist, and adopted the nickname "Che."

After leaving Guatemala, Guevara went to Mexico, and it was in Mexico where he met the brothers Raul and Fidel Castro. They were political exiles who were against the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista in Cuba, and were planning to overthrow it. Guevara liked the Castro Brothers' style, and went with them as a medic for their revolutionary efforts. Guevara was one of the only survivors of the disastrous 26th of July movement, in which the Castro's led 81 men into the Cuban Province of Oriente, where they were ambushed and nearly destroyed by the Cuban army.

Wounded, Guevara, Fidel, and a few others made their way up to the Sierra Maestra mountains, where they became the nucleus of a new guerrilla army. After Fidel's brother Raul died, Fidel confided in Guevara, who became Fidel's right hand man and co-leader of the revolution. After two years of battle, Castro and Guevara launched a successful march on Havana, where they instituted a new Marxist government!

Just as prominent in peace as in war, Guevara became chief of the Industrial Department of the National Institute of Agrarian Reform, president of the National Bank of Cuba (famously demonstrating his disdain for capitalism by signing currency simply "Che").

Guevara had big plans for the new Cuba. He wanted to create a society that did not revolve solely around money, and people were given living conditions, no matter who they were. He wanted a society where people could choose and pursue an interest, while also doing mandatory work for the state, and could reach their full potential.

But Guevara and Castro were two very different people. Castro started to rely heavily on the bureaucratic Soviet Union and its totalitarian tactics, and left Che, for the most part, out of the loop! Guevara became more and more disheartened at the Soviet inclusion, and dropped out of public life to pursue freedom elsewhere. After a failed attempt to help strengthen a revolution against oppression in the Congo, Guevara noticed Castro becoming more of an oppressor than a liberator, so he renounced his Cuban citizenship and Ministerial position. Fidel Castro became an oppressive dictator and Guevara decided to go underground!

The parallel between these two stories is most apparent in their broad outlines, but it is definitely there. Both stories feature young and idealistic people who are swayed by circumstance into befriending a revolutionary figure, and then discover that their partner is hypocritical, which leads to their ultimate betrayal. Transformers uses Che and Fidel's real life relationship as a basis for the origin of their characters, and while it is an interesting and engaging story, you just can't beat real life!

THE ORIGIN OF CHEMI-BILL

One day, there was a man named Bill. He was a regular citizen. Everyday he got up, made his coffee, ate breakfast, brushed his teeth, and took the city bus to work. Bill worked at a store called StarMart, it was a typical box store that had almost anything. Bill worked in the chemistry section of StarMart, and usually the only people that went into the chemistry section were science teachers and students looking for chemicals for their science experiments. Bill was on his way to work one day, and he was expecting it to be a regular day in the chemistry section. He couldn't even imagine what was going to happen in the chemistry section that day, but it sure wasn't good.

When Bill got to StarMart, he greeted his co-workers and headed to the chemistry section. In the first hour everything was normal. Then at around 9:00, a suspicious group of people came into the

chemistry section. "Can I help you with anything?" Bill asked. Suddenly, one of the people punched Bill in the face and knocked Bill to the ground. The member that punched Bill started stealing chemicals while the rest of the group blocked the view of both the person stealing chemicals and blocked the view of the injured Bill. The robbers thought they had knocked Bill out, but Bill was still alive and awake! Bill silently got out his phone, and tried to turn it on. Bill kept on pressing the power button, but it wasn't working! Bill then realized that his phone was dead."Dang it!" Bill said under his breath. It looked like the situation was up to him! So then, Bill got up, took out his pen and faced the goons! It was at that moment when Bill realized he had no knowledge on how to fight. So, as a result, Bill ran for his life, screaming for help. Suddenly, the cops came in. Somebody must have called the cops! But when the cops searched, they couldn't find the robbers. They must have vanished! Then, one of the cops said "It was him!" and then he pointed at Bill. "He screamed, causing chaos throughout the store, and then the robbers got away! It had to be him!" Said the same cop. After that, they took Bill into their police car and he was taken to the police station for questioning.

"Where were you during the crime?" Asked a police officer. "I was in the chemistry section during the crime." Said Bill, "And then this group came into the chemistry section, I asked them if they needed anything, and then one of them punched me! After that, the same one that punched me started stealing chemicals, and then-" "And then you ran off screaming for help, and the robbers got away." The officer finished. "I'm going to assume you were in the chemistry section of StarMart because you work there." The officer paused, and then asked "May I see you're I.D?" Bill showed the officer his I.D, and then the officer said, "You are free to go, but we will investigate your apartment tomorrow." After that, Bill went to his apartment. When he got there, he saw the same evil group from before mixing up the chemicals in Bill's small chemistry lab. Bill ducked out of sight then he got out his pan and spatula, got up, and faced the group, but this time he was armed. Suddenly, he knocked out one of the goons and slashed at the chemicals, knocking them out of one of the goon's hands and spilling it all over the floor. He knocked out three others and then there were three left. Two of them ran away, leaving just Bill and the last one, who seemed to be the leader. Suddenly, Bill realized who the leader was! When Bill was once in a company that made chemicals, and there was a man named George who was supposed to make a chemical that makes people smarter, but he made it so that whoever drank it forgot they bought it and drank it, so George could keep making money but nobody would know! But one day, Bill caught him and it

got George arrested, so then Bill realized this was for revenge. The leader of the evil group was George! So then, the final battle began. George tried to punch Bill, but then Bill blocked him with the pan and sliced at George with the spatula! George realized he wasn't going to win the fight, so he drank the little amount of the mixed chemicals. George suddenly became super strong, and he started thrashing at Bill like a crazed gorilla! Suddenly, the cops came in! Bill realized they were here for an inspection, but now they were going to help take George to jail once and for all! Bill realized what he had to do. Bill took the chemicals and ran to where the battle wasn't going on. Bill started mixing the chemicals. Bam! Pow! Boom! The cops were going down like flies! Bill finally made a chemical, then poured it in George's mouth. George suddenly became weak again, and then the cops got hold of him and took him away. Then the cops thanked Bill, and then they left. After the epic battle, Bill realized he was a hero, so from that day on, Bill became Chemi-Bill, the hero who can mix chemicals at the speed of light!

The End

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