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The summer is coming close to an end, and as the summer vacation ends, we wanted to dedicate this issue, our 5th issue, to the summer, and all the activities and experiences that comes with it, and also to self-improvement.

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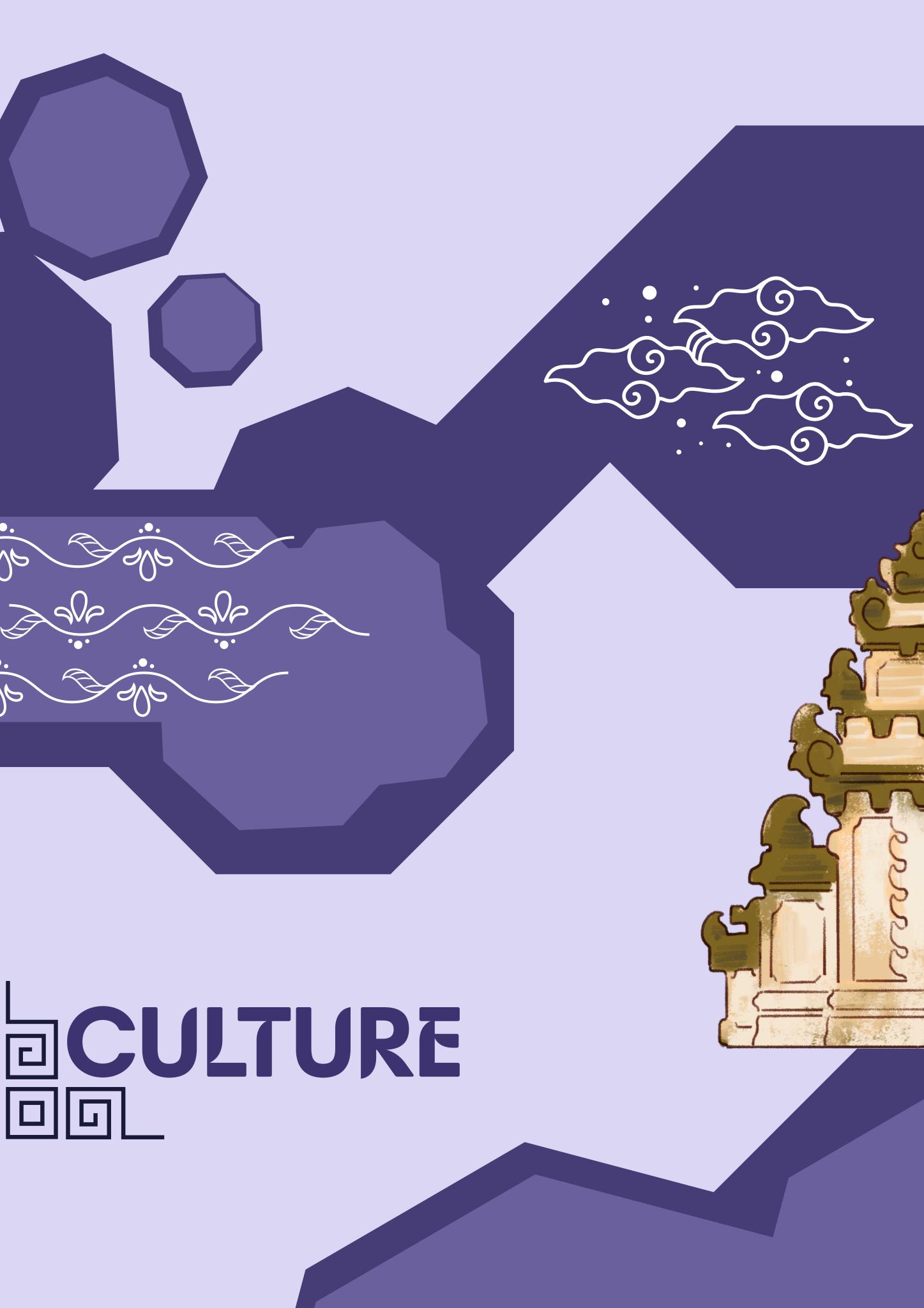
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Modern Family

Even though there are still months until the end of the year, I have decided on the best series I have watched this year. Believe it or not, Modern Family is one of the best sitcoms that you can watch on TV. Although it may seem similar to other sitcoms, when you look closely, it is an outstanding series because of the depth of the characters.

The series tells the story of a big family. In this crowded group, each character has different problems from daily life. All of them have some concerns, such as getting older, being a good parent, finding the love of their life, going to college, etc. Since these are concerns from real life, you can empathize with these characters and wonder if they will be able to cope with these problems.



modernfamily

Modern Family

Modern Family is a perfect series because of its imperfect characters. In real life, all people have some flaws, and the writers of Modern Family created the series considering this. Every member of the family has different positive and negative characteristics. This helps you find a piece of yourself in each character.

If you witness 11 years of a family, you can see how every decision they make changes their life. While watching Modern Family, it is possible to see the decisions of the characters and the changes in their lives. So that you can witness their development. For 11 seasons, you grow up with the children and get older with adults. This experience makes you a part of the family.

In each episode, the story focuses on a character, and at the end that character realizes something about their life and gets closer to self-realization. Most of the episodes conclude with the words of the character in focus. After some episodes, you find yourself looking at the screen for a long time thinking about your own life. Sometimes their observations make you question your own relationships, career and family.



To conclude, Modern Family is a series that you can watch at different times with different moods. While watching it, you can be happy with the characters, you can get frustrated like them, and you can feel proud when they achieve something. With different stories in each episode, you become a member of that big family, and this allows you to binge-watch a lot of episodes in a day.



The Korean people are known for studying very hard until their noses start bleeding.

No exaggeration here. Those textbooks witness the color red more than you could imagine. Both when they are looking over their mistakes with a red pen and feeling the liquid drop on that life-defining paper. They have a mindset where their selfworth is tied to their success.

Life is thought to be all about achievements and high grades. A considerable number of high schoolers get lost in studying for so long that they do not pick up on any hobbies. Watching series they like or hanging out with friends for a few hours is put aside until they finally sit for the university entrance exam.

The pressure does not end here, making it more difficult when their results are out. Students are fighting for the limited spots in the greatest universities in Korea, knowing well that they will be judged based on which school they get into. This so-called self-worth determining process goes on and never leaves them throughout their work life, either.

This song, Start Over by the Korean singer Gaho, is a song that a lot of people define as inspirational. It evolves around the belief one has in oneself. Starting over, no matter what, and having dreams to strive for. Thanks to its beat and lively vibe, it bombards you with the type of adrenaline that is needed to improve yourself in whatever you work for. The term self-improvement shouldn't be limited to studies and work only. It might be a hobby. Sometimes it is a coloring book, sometimes it is a messy kitchen after cooking, or it is just reading in your tiny, comfy corner. At the end of the day, if it flourishes you physically and mentally, this is an impeccable self-improvement.

You would probably expect someone who recommends songs to relate to the lyrics. Even though the lyrics can be described as inspirational, respectfully, I wouldn't recommend working until you faint from exhaustion, like the lyrics say. I am a 21-year-old who is trying to find her way, though. It is okay if you don't agree.

Long story short, let this energetic song fill you with a desire to do stuff for yourself. Just do not let this hard work get toxic, and remember that improvement is not always about jobs. It is about you as a person.







Water Lilly

Water lilies, most notably the white variety, traditionally symbolize purity, and innocence. Different colors represent different meanings:

Pink water lilies signify joy and friendship; red means passion and romance; blue represents calm and wisdom; and yellow symbolizes energy and new beginnings.

In Buddhism and Hinduism, water lilies represent resurrection and rebirth because the flowers open and close daily. Buddhists also believe water lilies symbolize enlightenment because the beautiful flowers emerge from the dark and dirty floor beneath the water's surface.



Summer is a perfect season to spend some time outside, travel and explore. Since most of us are not in Izmir, but all over Türkiye, here is a list of places to visit for each city in our country. Don't forget to put your sunscreen on while spending time outside!



- 01. Adana Taş Köprü
- 02. Adıyaman Mount Nemrut
- 03. Afyonkarahisar Karahisar Castle
- 04. Ağrı Mount Ağrı
- 05. Amasya Houses of Yalıboyu
- 06. Ankara Anıtkabir
- 07. Antalya Aspendos
- 08. Artvin Double Bridge
- 09. Aydın Aphrodisias Ancient City
- 10. Balıkesir Zağnos Paşa Mousqe
- 11. Bilecik Bilecik Clock Tower
- 12. Bingöl The Swimming Islands of Bingöl



- 25. Erzurum Twin Minaret Medrese
- 26. Eskişehir Odunpazarı Houses
- 27. Gaziantep Gaziantep Castle
- 28. Giresun Giresun Island
- 29. Gümüşhane Artabel Lakes
- 30. Hakkari Cilo Sat Mountain Range
- 31. Hatay Church of St Pierre
- 32. Isparta Eğirdir Castle
- 33. Mersin Kızkalesi
- 34. İstanbul Topkapı Palace
- 35. İzmir Ephesus Ancient City



- 13. Bitlis Tatvan Castle
- 14. Bolu Mudurnu Houses
- 15. Burdur Sagalassos Ancient City
- 16. Bursa Ulu Mousqe
- 17. Çanakkale Trojan Horse
- 18. Çankırı Salt Lake
- 19. Çorum Alacahöyük
- 20. Denizli Pamukkale
- 21. Diyarbakır Diyarbakır Castle
- 22. Edirne Selimiye Mousqe
- 23. Elazığ Harput Castle
- 24. Erzincan Mama Hatun Mausoleum







- 48. Muğla Kaunos Ancient City
- 49. Muş Malazgirt Lowland
- 50. Nevşehir Cappadocia
- 51. Niğde Niğde Castle
- 52. Ordu Yason Church
- 53. Rize Zilkale
- 54. Sakarya Sapanca Lake
- 55. Samsun Statue of Honor
- 56. Siirt Tillo Castle
- 57. Sinop Sinop Prison



- 36. Kars Ani Ruins
- 37. Kastamonu Mount Ilgaz
- 38. Kayseri Mount Erciyes
- 39. Kırklareli Vize Castle
- 40. Kırşehir Ahi Evran Mousqe
- 41. Kocaeli Hannibal Memorial
- 42. Konya Mevlana Museum
- 43. Kütahya Çinili Mousqe
- 44. Malatya Somuncu Baba Türbesi
- 45. Manisa Sardes Ancient City
- 46. Kahramanmaraş Döngel Waterfall
- 47. Mardin Mardin Castle



- 58. Sivas Gök Medrese
- 59. Tekirdağ Namık Kemal House
- 60. Tokat Taşhan
- 61. Trabzon Sumela Monastery
- 62. Tunceli Mount Munzur
- 63. Şanlıurfa Balıklıgöl
- 64. Uşak Clandıras Bridge
- 65. Van Church of Akdamar
- 66. Yozgat Clock Tower
- 67. Zonguldak Gökgöl Cave
- **68. Aksaray Leaning Minaret**
- 69. Bayburt Bayburt Castle
- 70. Karaman Hatuniye Medrese
- 71. Kırıkkale Çeşnigir Bridge
- 72. Batman Hasankeyf
- 73. Şırnak Mount Cudi
- 74. Bartın Amasra Castle
- 75. Ardahan Çıldır Lake
 - 76. Iğdır Iğdır Castle



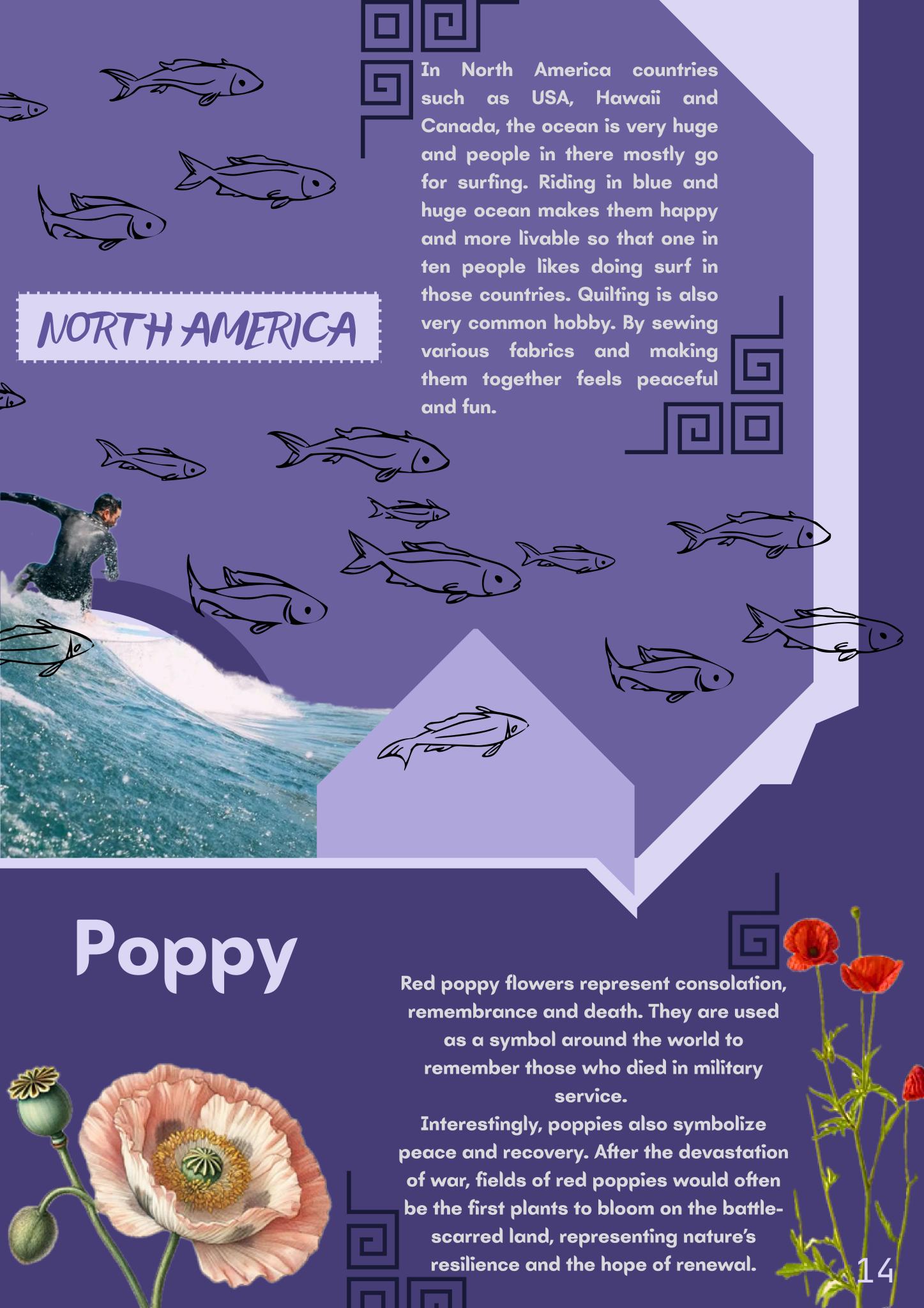




EAST ASIA

East Asia has many similiar hobbies to specify them, Japan has Ikebana which is arranging the flowers. Also origami which is folding the papers and shaping them very famous hobby. The martial arts such as taekwondo, kung fu, karate is also one of the famous hobby not only in Asia but also around the world. Finally, Tea ceremony takes an important role both cultural and as hobby. In the countries like Korea, Japan and China people believe death people's soul come visit so the tea preparation is made for welcoming them.

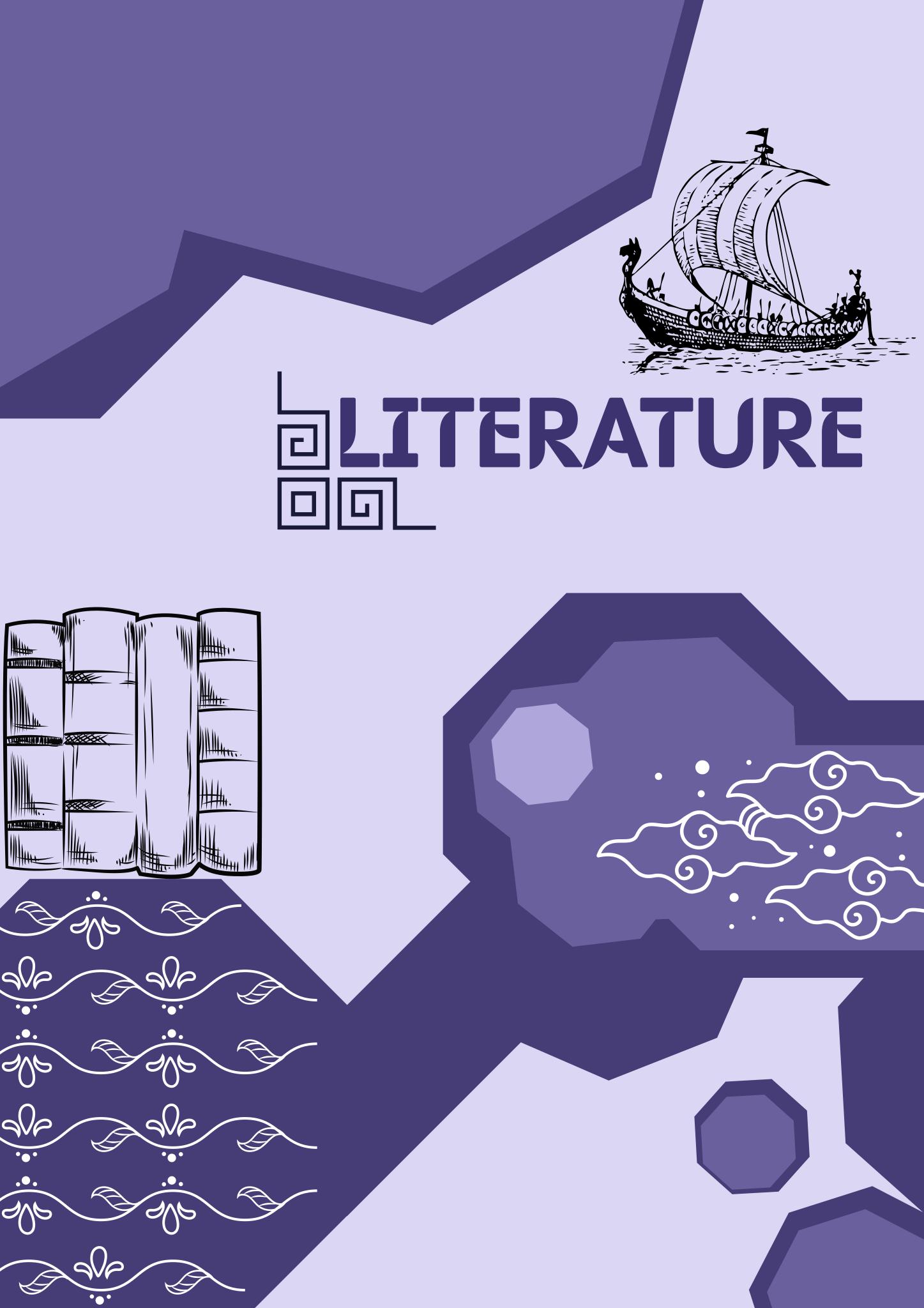




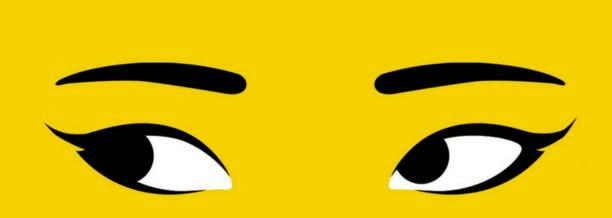








WHY DID IT BECOME SO FAMOUS?



Yellowface By R.F. Kuang

YELLOWFACE

R. F. KUANG

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

Yellowface has caused more hype than any book has in the past. It is possible to find the book in every bookshop, on every social media post, and the bestseller lists of every website. After this big hype, so many people asked the question, "Why did it become so famous?" With this question, people began to wonder if it was worth the hype. In this issue, I will try to answer this question while giving information about the book.

Firstly, I want to start with the book itself. At the beginning of the book, June and Athena are two friends, one of whom is deeply jealous of the other. Although both of them are writers, Athena is a famous one who is loved by many people. However, June is an unsuccessful author with an unknown book. The story begins with Athena's sudden death and June's stealing the book draft, which Athena has not published anywhere yet. When June decides to publish the book as her own, her life turns into chaos.

Yellowface makes you wonder about the destiny of June until the end of the book. In every dilemma, in every difficult situation, you find yourself empathizing with June. Even if you know she chooses a dark and unethical path, you want her to find a keep solution to popularity. I think reading a well-written antihero as the main character plays important role popularity of the book.

However, one of the main reasons for the popularity is the anecdotes and references about problems like racism. The author of the book, R.F. Kuang, is a Chinese - American woman. As a good observer, she analyzes the issues of the modern world, and she combines her ideas with the story. In each chapter of the book, some lines underline the unfair situations in both the sector and the world. These lines make the fiction more realistic, while making you realize a lot of things you've been missing.

On the other hand, the book shows the backstory of the process of publishing a book. Yellowface demonstrates the process with the agents, publishers, editors, etc. It shows the unethical things in this process, the attitudes of people and the issues that can occur while publishing a book. All the information about the sector makes this fiction more realistic.

Another reason for this popularity is R.F. To conclude, the book is known all over the new book about the problems she faced during her writing process, the book suddenly difficulties she experienced as a Chinese-American with the difficulties she experienced due to the publishers. So that she created a real issues.

Kuang's previous books. Her fantasy book world, and after months, people are still asking, series, The Poppy War and her famous book "Should I read it?" Although the story isn't too Babel are loved by readers. When she wrote a creative, its realistic narrative and well-written main character make this book worth reading. During the story, the author writes about many became a bestseller. She combined the problems of the modern world. The messages about these problems make the book more captivating. After so much hype, expectations are probably very high. The book well-written book with an interesting story and may not meet these expectations in some respects, but it may make you question various issues in the publishing industry, like racismand plagiarism



Mehmet TUR



A Beginner's Summer Guide

Ever wondered why stories of gods, heroes, and monsters still fascinate us today?

Myths are humanity's oldest way of storytelling. They explain how the world began, why the seasons change, why people love, fight, and dream. They also inspired some of the greatest works of art, literature, and film. If you've always wanted to explore mythology but didn't know where to start, this summer guide is for you.

So... What Is Mythology?

Let's clear something up: mythology isn't just a list of ancient names you can't pronounce. It's much more than that.

Myths are powerful, symbolic stories that helped ancient people make sense of the world around them-how the universe began, why the sun rises, what happens after death, or why storms rage across the sky. And here's the thing: you don't need to believe in myths to appreciate them. These stories weren't just entertainment-they were how people understood life, nature, and even themselves.



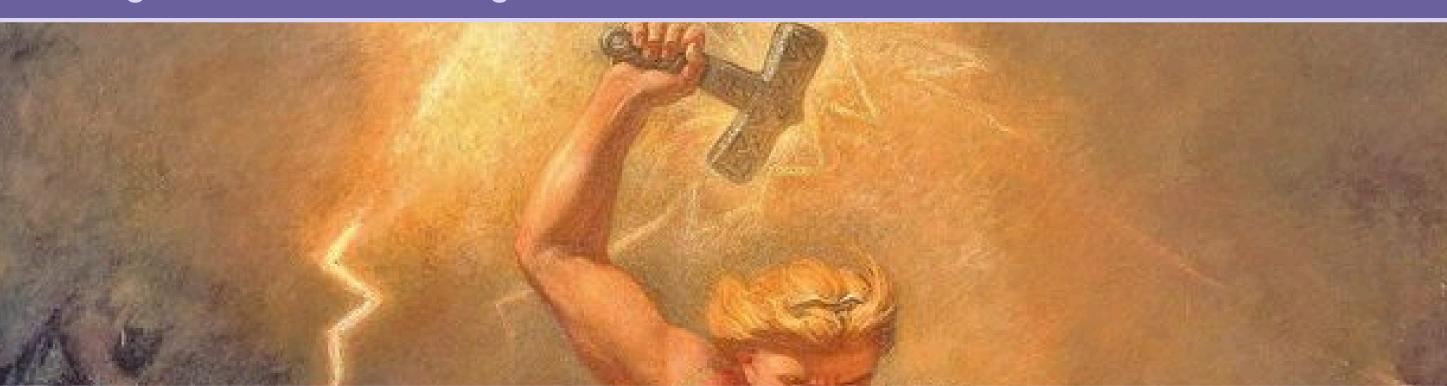
Where Should I Start?

Diving into mythology can feel like scrolling through Netflix and seeing way too many shows, you don't know which one to pick or where to begin. You don't have to learn them all right away. Just find one that catches your eye and start there.

« Greek Mythology: Ever been into drama, wild love triangles, or powerful women who play by their own rules. Greek myths are full of messy gods, tragic heroes, and unforgettable events. Start with Medusa (not just a monster or a villain) or Hercules and his impossible tasks.



« Norse Mythology: These stories come from the cold lands of the Vikings, where life was tough and the gods weren't perfect. Meet Thor (yes, that Thor from MCU) and Odin who gave up his eye to gain wisdom. What about Loki? He's the trickster-sometimes funny, sometimes causing trouble, but never boring.



<u>« Hindu Mythology:</u> These stories are full of color, music, and deep philosophy. You'll find talking animals, cosmic battles, and gods who dance the universe into existence. Look up Krishna and his flute, or Durga riding her lion into battle.



<u>« Egyptian Mythology:</u> Into mysterious symbols, ancient tombs, and the secrets of the afterlife? Egyptian myths are both haunting and mysterious. There's Bastet, the cat-headed goddess of home and protection; Anubis, who guides souls to the underworld; and Sekhmet, the fierce lionheaded goddess of war and healing.



Some Must-Know Myths to Get You

Started

1. Greek Creation Story:

In the beginning, there was nothing then Earth(Gaia) and Sky(Uranus) arrived, and the story of the gods began.

2. Pandora's Box:

Pandora couldn't resist her curiosity, and when she opens a mysterious box, all the troubles in the world escape, except hope.

3. Persephone and Hades:

Persephone is taken to the underworld and.... we talked about this in our previous issues:))

4. Ragnarök:

The Norse story of the world's end, where gods and giants fight a final battle then a new world is born.

5. Odin on the World Tree:

Odin hangs upside down on the giant tree -Yggdrasil- for nine days to gain secret knowledge and wisdom.

6. Seth, Osiris, Isis, and Horus:

A family story where Osiris is killed by his brother Seth, Isis brings him back to life, and their son Horus fights to protect the kingdom.

7. The Story of Ra and the Sun Boat:

bringing light to the world.

Ra, the sun god, sails across the sky each day in his magical boat, fighting darkness and

8.Rama and Sita:

A kidnapped queen -Sita-, a prince devoted to rescue her -Rama-, and an army of monkeys willing to take on a demon king.

All in all, we couldn't possibly mention every mythology out there. From the Aztecs to the Turks, the Celts to the Chinese, there are countless amazing stories all over the world. These myths aren't just ancient tales- they've shaped the way people live, what they believe, and how they see the world for generations. What's truly special is that myths connect us all, across time and culture, helping us understand what it really means to be human.

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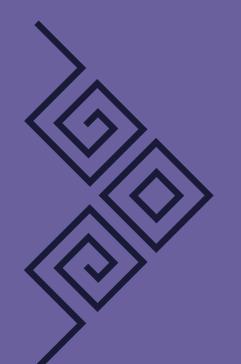
Haunting

It's him that's everywhere.

When I look at the burning sun he is touching my broken skin. Sitting on top of a streetlamp, I feel him under me, a question on his tongue tasting like cherries.

When I am inside the bathroom; white, harsh light burning my eyes, showing my crying reflection on a dirty mirror, I hear his disappointed voice.

I open the light anyway. His disappointment is better than the silence.



Walking down the dark street, I move past many shops. I pause in front of one, can't tell you what it sells.

I just stand there, the empty night trying to freeze my soul, I bath in the soft glow.

The red, yellow and pink. All around me. It smelt like the flower garden you had run to meet me, tasted like the ozone around you. A living thunder.

It feels like a hug. A stolen comfort. Something you would give away for free, but I steal it anyway.

I want it in my blood, under my skin. I want it to be your second home, first is being my heart.



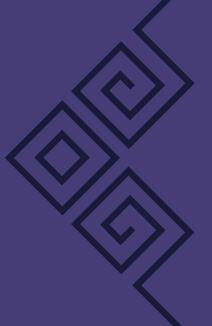


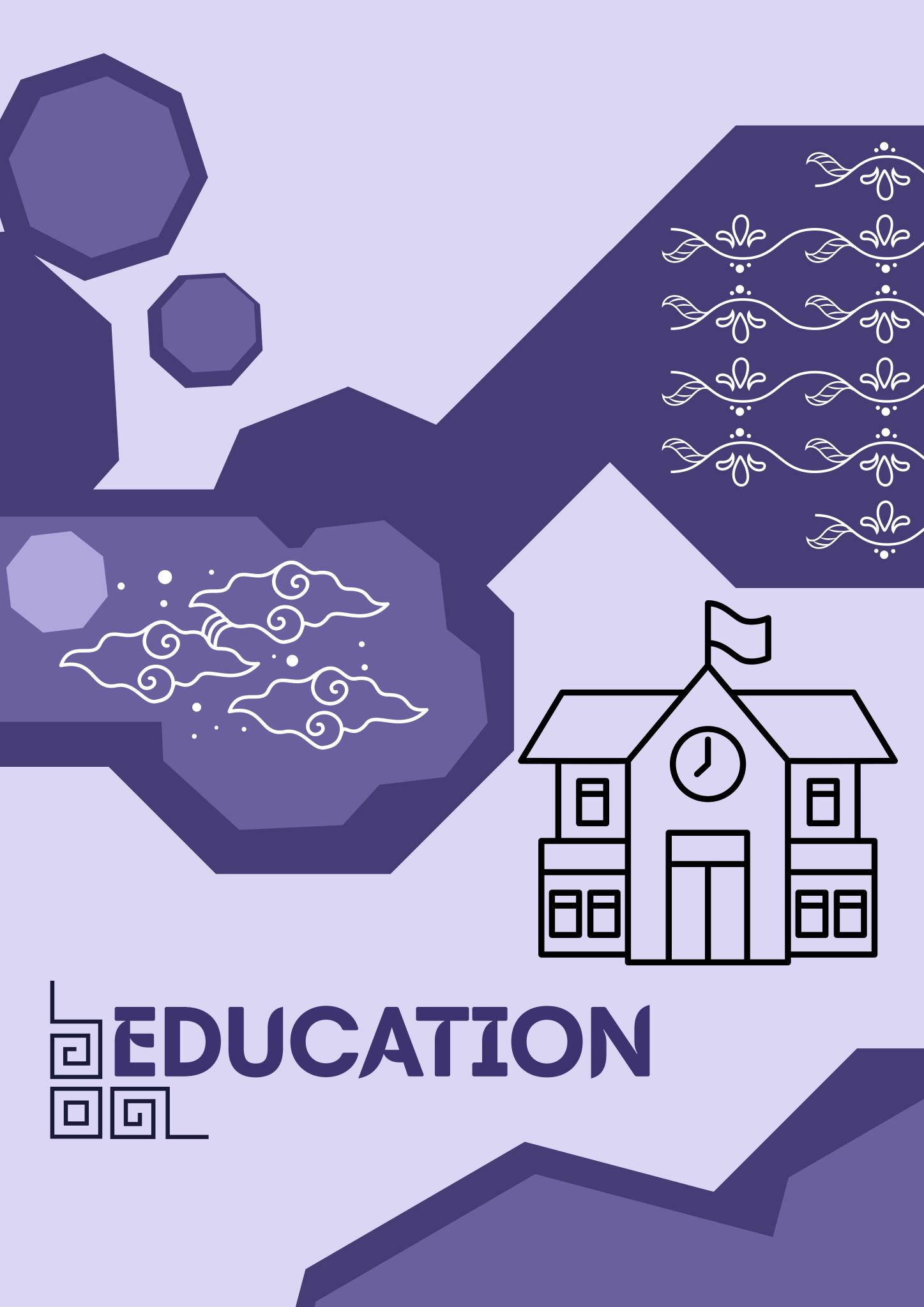
Instead of red, yellow and pink, it was the cold that followed me home. Inside the dark apartment, illuminated by the streetlight, an offer made by a smile.

He is everywhere. My empty heart bleeds his name.

I close the curtains.







The Role of Songs and Games in English
Language Learning for Young Learners

LITERATURE REVIEW

Miray KAVAKCI

Songs are highly effective in English language instruction for young learners, creating a comfortable and engaging learning environment. They enhance listening, pronunciation, vocabulary, and cultural understanding. Songs also lower the affective filter, boosting student awareness, interest, and motivation. Teachers generally have positive attitudes towards using music, finding it keeps enthusiasm alive and makes learning include enjoyable. However, challenges potential disturbances and catering to diverse musical tastes. Elvina NOVRUZOVA

English and enhance their willingness to communicate. Teachers view games as effective energizers that improve enthusiasm and WTC. Games emphasize meaning, aid in holistic development, and create a relaxed environment for language practice. They can stimulate learning desire, alleviate difficulties, and foster positive attitudes. Games also entertain and promote participation from all students, including shy ones.

Young learners consistently prefer using both games and songs in English lessons, identifying them as favorite activities that foster intrinsic motivation. The integration of these methods is perceived as highly beneficial in EFL settings. Students show positive attitudes towards English learning, with favorable activities like songs and games being key factors. Therefore, integrating more songs and games, while reducing extensive writing, is recommended.

In conclusion, the literature overwhelmingly supports the significant role of songs and games in enhancing English language learning for young learners. These engaging activities create a motivating environment, improve various language skills, and foster positive attitudes. Educators are encouraged to strategically integrate songs and games into their EFL curricula to maximize engagement, motivation, and language acquisition.

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GAME CORNER

Test Corner: Find Your Hobby!

Answer the questions below, keep track of your letters (A, B, C, D), and discover which hobby suits you best!

-) What do your friends usually say about you?
- A) "You're so creative!"
- B) "You're always full of energy!"
- C) "You're such a thinker!"
- D) "You notice the little details!"
-) Pick a weekend activity:
- A) Cooking or painting at home
- B) Playing sports or dancing
- C) Reading or writing
- D) Taking photos outdoors

-) How do you like to spend your free time?
- A) Creating something with my hands
- B) Moving and staying active
- C) Exploring new ideas and stories
- D) Capturing special moments
 -) Which place sounds most fun to you?
- A) An art studio full of colors
- B) A football field or hiking trail
- C) A cozy library or café with books
- D) A beautiful park with a camera in hand
 -) Which gift would you be happiest to receive?
 - A) A set of paints or a cooking kit
 - B) A fitness tracker or sports shoes
 - C) A box of new books or puzzles
 - D) A new camera or phone lens

GAME CORNER

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-) What motivates you the most?
- A) Expressing myself
- B) Achieving goals
- C) Learning something new
- D) Keeping memories alive
 -) How do you relax after a long day?
- A) Listening to music while drawing
- B) Going for a run or dance class
- C) Curling up with a good book
- D) Looking through photos or journaling
-)Which subject did you enjoy most in school?
- A) Art or economics
- B) Physical education
- C) Literature or history
- D) Media studies or technology

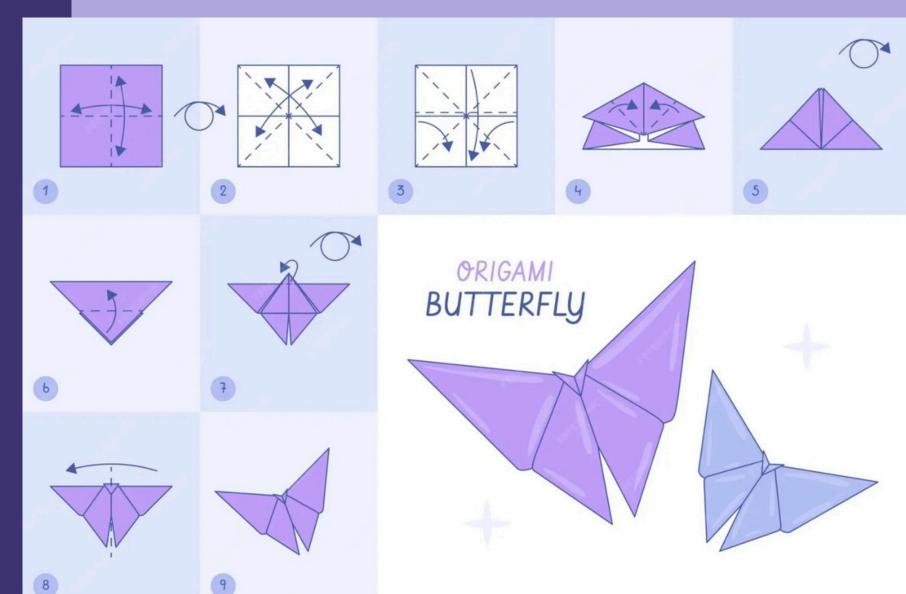


- *****Mostly A's → Creative Hobbyist *****
- → Try painting, cooking, crafting, or music!
- #Mostly B's \rightarrow Active Adventurer $\frac{1}{2}$
- → Try football, hiking, swimming, or dancing!
- #Mostly C's \rightarrow Thoughtful Explorer \blacksquare
- → Try reading, writing, puzzles, or learning languages!
- **Mostly D's → Visual Storyteller →
 Try photography, video editing,
 journaling, or drawing!

- What kind of movies do you love?
- A) Creative/indie films
- B) Action/adventure
- C) Documentaries or dramas
- D) Nature or travel films
- 10) If you had one free day, what would you choose?
- A) Bake a cake or paint something new
- B) Go hiking or join a dance event
- C) Visit a museum or read a whole book
- D) Explore the city with a camera in hand



Now, let's make a beautiful butterfly origami! You can give it to your loved one or just keep it to yourself!



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