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ESQ Ink

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Dracula & Frankenstein: No Makeup, No Filter

Monsters are everywhere this time of year. Vampires. Zombies. Frankenstein. Donald Trump. When they're all lumped together at costume parties, we often forget where each one came from. Why did these characters become popular - and popularly feared - in the first place? What contemporary fears were they responding to?

In the case of vampires, and especially Dracula, the most common image of a vampire other than Twilight, they spring from Victorian attitudes about sex and foreigners. Picture your fossilized Great-Aunt Mabel or Uncle Brian who shakes their fist at rap music and halter tops, constantly sharing memes about refugees secretly being terrorists. They were young and cool once, believe it or not - in the Victorian era. For most of the 19th century, sex was seen as dangerous and shameful, thanks in part to poorly understood STIs like syphilis. The respectable part of society kept it to themselves, often suppressing it like a kind of stubborn sneeze. Those who didn't, such as prostitutes and the lower class, were looked down on and even vilified. After all, they were breaking the rules. They could spread syphilis. Better retreat into your tea parties and heavy locked doors, and ladies, keep an eye on your husbands! Dracula represents a bloodthirsty (read:

sex-crazed) Eastern European who forces himself on good British women of high status and drinks their blood, all to intentionally spread his disease of vampirism (read: syphilis). And there you have it. The perfect monster to play on the fears of the book-reading sort in Victorian Britain.

Zombies, meanwhile, are in many ways the opposite of vampires. Where vampires attack for a reason, zombies do so only for the sake of multiplying, like bacteria or silverfish. Except they're silverfish that look human and used to BE human. They roam the streets in broad daylight, destroying the civilization that took so long to build in a matter of days or weeks. And interestingly enough, they only really crossed over from West African culture into American pop culture in the 1960s or so. This was at the height of the postwar manufacturing economy in the United States. Millions were finding prosperity working on assembly lines, sticking spokes into tires or gluing straws to Capri Suns day in and day out. The economy was prospering but doubts must have lingered. The assembly lines probably conjured up images of mindless masses existing without feeling or thought. Sound like zombies? I think so, too. Another timely monster.

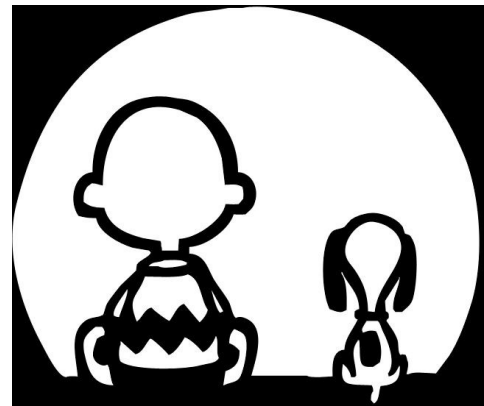
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Happy Halloween

Top 5 Movies to Watch While You Trade Candy Tonight



1. Psycho (1960)

The Alfred Hitchcock classic is often described as the mother of horror movies, and rightfully so. It may be cliché, but the simple story combined with Hitchcock’s masterful building of suspense is both delightful and terrifying.
2. Suspiria (1977)

Okay, so this maybe isn’t the first movie that comes to mind when you think of classic horror movies, but I guarantee it is one of the most beautiful. Directed by the Italian director Dario Argento and set in a haunted German ballet school, the incredible cinematography, costumes, and soundtrack pair perfectly with the gore and sense of unease the movie leaves

Dracula & Frankenstein: No Makeup, No Filter, continued

And, of course, Frankenstein. We could never forget Frankenstein, or, his monster, more specifically. He's the second-scariest green and greasy thing to haunt you as a child, after frozen peas. Frankenstein's monster occupies a special place in the canon of Halloween classics, by virtue of being entirely human-made. A mad scientist's ego and dismissal of God is entirely to blame for the creation of a terrifying, rattling, Kermit-looking serial killer. At the time of Frankenstein's publication, in 1818, this was a potent villain. The principles of the French Revolution, particularly atheism and reason, were beginning to settle in as a permanent part of European culture and thought. This spurred a lot of opposition from the crusty old traditionalists who remembered theocracy fondly and some apprehension from ordinary people who couldn't tell where science and secular

you with.

3. It’s The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown (1966)

After the last two movies, you’re definitely going to need something to calm you down if you want to sleep anytime soon. While the Charlie Brown Halloween special isn’t exactly a movie, the holiday would not be complete without it.
4. E.T. (1982)

While Jaws, also directed by Steven Spielberg, may be more fitting if you’re looking for something scary to watch, no list of Halloween movies would be complete without E.T. The Steven Spielberg classic about an alien trying to get home is funny, sad, and overall heartwarming.

5. Beetlejuice (1988)

It wouldn’t be Halloween without Tim Burton making an appearance in some way, shape, or form. Edward Scissorhands, The Nightmare Before Christmas and Sweeney Todd are all good choices, but Beetlejuice is my personal favourite. It is perfectly bizarre, surreal, creepy, and most importantly hilarious.

By Zoë Macdonald

government might take society. Victor, the monster's creator, represents the excesses of reason, science, and atheism. "Look how he plays God, trying to create life on his own", the story prods us to think. "And who knows best? Clearly God, because this creation goes on to become murderous, fat, and ugly. That settles that, then. Science should never be exalted to a higher level than God. Now eat your peas, children."

These classic characters seem timeless now, scary just because they are. But they have backstories and deeper cultural significance, products of the times that gave birth to them. Come to think of it, so do we. And now I'll leave you with that warm, fuzzy thought. Happy Halloween!

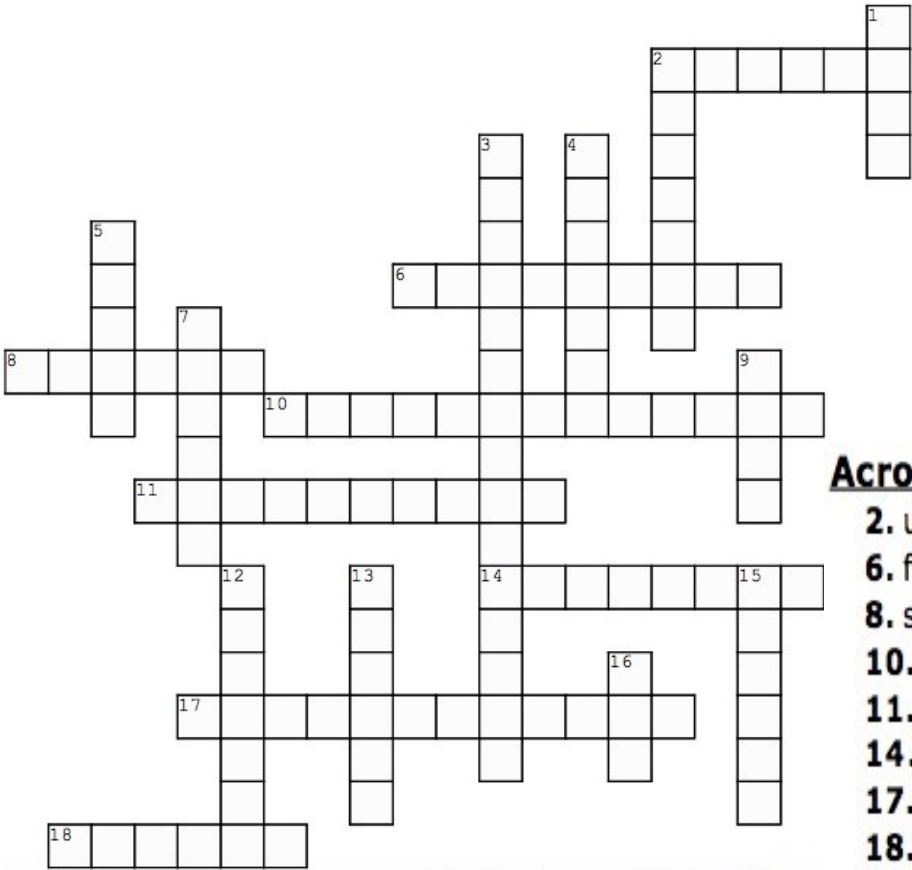
By Liam Clark

Games

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October Crossword



- Down

1. at the base of a bow

2. a large knife

3. a ph indicator

4. a green mineral

5. type of pepper

7. textured plaster on a house

9. used to make sushi

12. lack of water

13. covers eyes

15. a disturbance

16. container for hot beverages
- Across

2. uppermost part of a shirt

6. food item often kept in the door of the fridge

8. smaller component of a solution

10. rainfall

11. to gradually gather

14. applied to sunburnt skin

17. type of cloud furthest from the ground

18. number of days in november

It's 2 am and I Still Need a Thesis for Tomorrow Morning

But First Let Me Say This.

A letter from ESQ Alumna, Jaya Scott



Please! If you want to ask or talk to me about anything in this article, or anything not in this article (from applying to schools and scholarships to more about what it's like going to office hours), please do! Email me at jaya.scott.canada@gmail.com

Nothing can completely prepare you for university. I'm sorry, but it's true. There are certainly degrees of preparedness that will either help or hinder, but no matter what I guarantee it will not be what you expected.

I came to Western not knowing a soul, and it was really scary. Since then, I've dressed entirely in purple twice, organized an electric pillow fight, been to my first concert, paid my first online bill, and studied until 4 in the morning. I have to say I love it – and I think it's because I chose the school that was right for me.

No matter what you are looking at down the road – if you're in grade 12 right now or just starting grade 9, I think the best thing you can do is make the decision that is right for you and embrace it.

To those of you who are considering post-secondary options and would like some advice, I'll start by saying that I'm still not really over the shock. I have definitely reflected on high school, but I can't

say I have fool-proof recipes for success as of now. Maybe ESQ Ink will let me do another article in May and then I can speak with more authority. In the mean time, here's what I can say with some degree of accuracy:

1) Dedication and Work Ethic are what you need most from high school.

The rest is bonus. Yes, it's going to help a lot if you listened to your teachers and can write an essay and/or solve a quadratic equation. Yes, if you take a science class, sig figs will really matter. Yes, Mr. Schwab's bio homework is tedious but it will teach you to excel in labs. And yes, Ms. Roberts lectures like a humanities prof so you should take at least one of her classes.

But at the end of the day, it's not the facts or the resume you get out of high school that will matter. The hardest part of university is the workload. It's up to you to stay on top of it – no one reminds you of due dates, no professors care about deadlines for your other classes. You will get bad grades and you will cry but the important part is that you bounce back . You work harder. You improve. If you can start that in high school and continue it through the rest of your life it is going to prove helpful. I promise.

2) Don't be afraid, believe in yourself.

I went to my history professor's office hours yesterday and when I came out I was shaking (if you know me, you know I'm terrified of many teachers), but it was worth it. Or at least I think it was. So far, taking a lot of risks has been worth it – coming to Western definitely one of them. Sometimes it seems like I'm swamped with work, the readings never end, its just going to be impossible to reach those dreams... But I look at the photos I stuck around my desk of all the people that believe in me and remember that I should believe in me too. And you should believe in you.

Happy Halloween

The History of Halloween

The modern-day celebration of Halloween is a bunch of cultural traditions, celebrations and religious practices mixed up together. A lot of what we do nowadays to celebrate is inspired by the Celtic pagan festival Samhain. This festival signified the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter, and it was said to be the day when the veil between the living and the dead was thinnest. Because of this, people left out food offerings for spirits and other mythical creatures in Gaelic folklore (like fairies).

Divination rituals were also popular during that celebration (sort of like Ouija boards nowadays), and were used for everything from contacting the dead to seeing what your future husband or wife was going to look like. This festival was then Christianized in parts of Europe and called All Hallow's Eve, a time to remember and pray for departed souls. However, many other aspects of Halloween are pretty unrelated to this original holiday.

Take the Jack-O-lantern, which comes from an old Irish myth about a guy called Jack who tricked the Devil into making sure he didn't have to go to Hell. Finally, when he died, he wasn't allowed into Heaven either, and was stuck out in the cold night with only one piece of coal, courtesy of Satan. He then put the piece of coal in a carved turnip to make sure it wouldn't go out, and legend has it that he is

still roaming around to this day. Yes, the original jack-o-lantern was actually a carved turnip. It wasn't until Europeans came to North America that they started using pumpkins, which were bigger and easier to carve.

Another beloved Halloween tradition is trick-or-treating, which is again based off of old religious and cultural practices, mumming and souling being two of them. Mummers were men in the middle ages who would wear masks and go door-to-door singing, and entertaining. This is also believed to be the origin of the saying "trick-or-treat", because when mummers didn't get food they would prank the household.

Souling is a tradition more closely related to trick-or-treating, where small cakes known as "soul cakes" were handed out to children and poor people on All Saint's Day (the day after Halloween). They were given as a donation of sorts, and in return the children would pray for them. On Halloween itself (known as All Hallow's Eve at the time), the cakes were left out as an offering for the dead.

As one can see, this fun holiday has a complex history involving everything from significant religious rituals to scary movies to turnips, making it the great celebration we have today. Happy Halloween!

By Josie Thompson

- 1. Which country invented the jack-o-lantern?**

 - A. Germany
 - B. Ireland
 - C. England
 - D. U.S.

2. Which historical figure died on Halloween?

 - A. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
 - B. Ivan the Terrible
 - C. Edgar Allan Poe
 - D. Harry Houdini

3. According to legend, which of these will protect you from werewolves?

 - A. Salt
 - B. Garlic
 - C. Olives
 - D. Chestnuts

4. Which of these is not a ghost from Harry Potter?

 - A. The Grey Lady
 - B. Peeves
 - C. The Fat Friar
 - D. The Bloody Bishop

5. What is the most popular Halloween chocolate?

 - A. Snickers
 - B. Kit Kat
 - C. M&Ms
 - D. Coffee Crisp
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- Answers: 1B, 2D, 3A, 4D, 5A

Politics

America in Turmoil

We’ve all heard of the upcoming election and the distress that America has faced over the past few months. As we draw closer and closer to election day after over a year of presidential campaigning we are starting to see the results of these campaigns unfold. The countless scandals and debates have all lead to these next few days. On November 8th, the United States will vote for their next president, which will be either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump.

To the undecided voter (if any still exist) this is a real toss up; on one side you have a woman who you believe that you cannot trust and on the other you have an orange fascist. No matter what you say about either candidate, their supporters will continue to endorse them which is what has been happening throughout Trump’s sexual abuse scandals: many supporters are still avid advocates for his beliefs.

When we compare Hillary Clinton to Donald Trump we cannot say that it is an even match, we are continually putting Hillary Clinton on Trump’s level which is completely unjust. Ever since Hillary entered the White House when her husband, Bill Clinton, was president, Hillary has been an active politician that has been respected as Secretary of State along with many other titles. Donald Trump is not a politician. He has never been and never will be.

The problem when comparing the two is that we find ourselves in the situation where there is no point



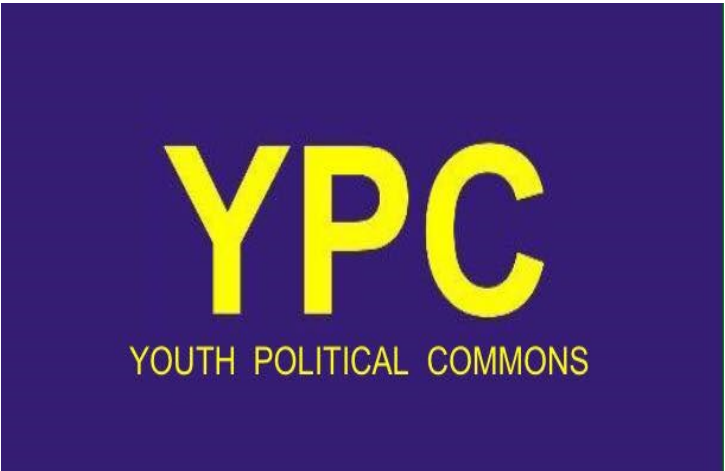
in debating anymore when facts are only perceived as a matter of opinion by one side. The New York Times predicts a 93% chance win for Hillary Clinton and at this point in the presidential race, historically, this large of a lead has only ever resulted in the leading candidate becoming president.

This is an extremely unique election that the US has found itself in. The sheer amount of scandals and accusations would flip any other presidential election on its head. Even after the numerous scandals that especially Donald Trump has been involved in, his voters are still endorsing him despite his apparent racism, sexism, islamophobia, and everything in between. Though there is no rational chance that Trump will win this election, the United States of America will still be left with the scars of segregation that this election has so deeply cut.

By Maggy Jordan

Want to get involved?

Are you interested in talking more about politics? Come join us in Youth Political Commons in room 111 at lunch on Monday! We are a student-run, Esqui-malt-founded organization that is involved in getting youth more engaged in politics! We talk all about current events and national issues that matter to you! See you on Monday!



Other opportunities



“The best month of my life”

Do you have an interest in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics), entrepreneurship , and/or meeting amazing people? Do you have drive, creativity, and initiative? SHAD could be for you!

What is SHAD? Spend a month at 1 of 13 universities across Canada with 50 other kids (grades 10-12) learning, bonding, and realizing your potential. The schedule is jam-packed every day with a mixture of lectures, rec, out-trips, workshops, and bonding activities, all with a focus on science & business.

My experience at SHAD: SHAD was the best month of my life. From day one they created an inclusive environment where you became a ‘SHAD’, sharing a connection with every other SHAD (and SHAD alumni) in Canada. I was exposed to a whole new diverse group of inspiring individuals who will remain my friends for the rest of my life. While SHAD has a focus on science and entrepreneurship, it was the connection to the other SHADs that made it such an unforgettable month.

We had no idea what the schedule was every day, forcing a lot of people out of their comfort zones but allowing us to live in the moment. There was no ‘typical day’, we did many different things that took advantage of the resources

surrounding my host campus (the University of Saskatchewan). The list of awesome things we did is endless, from engineering projects to the three-day camping trip to planning a start-up company. Through the activities, I was able to narrow down what I want to pursue in University, which came at a crucial time in my life. I will always treasure my time at SHAD and I hope that everyone gets the chance to experience it, that’s why ESQ needs to know about it!

Application: This year, applications are due November 28th online. Last year, 2300 people applied and 600 were accepted (approx. 30%). They look at your community involvement, leadership, grades, and extra curricular experiences. The cost to attend is \$4500, including the automatic scholarship you receive upon being



accepted. They also offer lots bursary and scholarship opportunities to make SHAD available to everyone, regardless of a financial barrier.

By Julia Baron

Halloween Puns:

- 1) What do you call it when someone poisons your cheerios?
- a cereal killer
- 2) Where do ghosts like to shop?
- the boo-tique down the street

- 3) What kind of music do mummies listen to?
- wrap music
- 4) Who won the skeleton race?
- no body

By Sanskruti Padmawar

