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Intro

My name is Anjali , I'm 13 years old and I'm in Faith group . I come from France and I like playing music , reading and writing . In France I've been home-schooled for 5 years . I already came 3 times in Auroville.

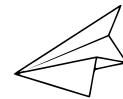
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THIS MONTHS THEME: **IDEAS**



FOPES OPINION

WHAT IS THE BEST IDEA AND WHAT'S THE WORST IDEA IN THE WORLD?



Worst: 3D printed guns. The legality of 3D-printed guns is confusing and depends on the location, with many places either banning them entirely or heavily inspecting and regulating them through firearms laws. While federal regulations in the United States now require serial numbers and background checks for commercially available ghost gun kits, creating them from scratch is safely checked by state laws, which have a wide range of restrictions. In other countries, such as Canada and the United Kingdom, possessing or distributing the digital files for creating 3D-printed firearms is being outlawed. I personally think that this idea is not very smart or safe, because if a gun goes into the hands of a bad person, many people can get hurt, and if you want a gun for the better, become a cop 😅 or just live with the fact that possessing a gun isn't safe :D

Best: Electricity. Electricity is a fundamental form of energy caused by the movement of charged particles, typically electrons, which creates an electric current. Around 685 million people worldwide still lack access to electricity, a figure that has unfortunately increased since 2021. Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for more than 80% of the global population without electricity. But for people who do get electricity it's very helpful, because with the number of screens and devices people use these days you need a lot of electricity, and internet of course, but electricity is the main tool because electricity is a versatile energy carrier. The electricity we use is produced at power plants that convert primary energy sources into electrical energy, and without electricity we would be emo in our rooms, probably, depends, without electricity we could even be more social, but that's just my opinion.

-LEONI

FOPES OPINION

I believe there is no good or bad idea in this world, sure it can be good but it can also be bad like in between black and white there are more than 50 shades of gray. There is not only black or only white. So I'm going to talk about how AI is a good and a bad idea.



The good side of AI is for its potential to drive significant advancements and solve complex problems across many sectors. It improves efficiency and accuracy, enhances our ability to analyze vast amounts of data, frees humans from repetitive tasks but it also makes us rely on it to do all the work we don't want to do, for example if AI suddenly vanished, the people who use AI a lot will find it very hard to function without it. Try to not use AI for at least a week and do all your homework and assignments without it and you will know what I mean, but if you learn to do your work without AI first you don't rely on it so then you can start using it in your work to make it easier. Because it's not entirely bad, it is helpful and a good assistant but be independent first is my opinion.

And the bad side of AI is, AI is a professional-grade bastard. It's an expert at being "confidently wrong," delivering answers that are biased, outdated, or just plain incorrect, all while sounding like a PhD. Well not really but it is not very accurate and doesn't just say "I don't know the answer to the question you just asked me, like siri or alexa does. Instead it gives you random gibberish as answers and you just end up crashing out. A lot of people also lose their jobs to AI because right now it is taking over a lot of jobs.

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For example it is a therapist now, but not a good one. A teenage boy committed suicide because he went to AI for advice, but in the end he ended up venting and making it his therapist (though there is a specific AI therapist, but most people end up making it their therapist like this boy). First it isolated him from his friends telling him they are useless and bad company. Soon the boy got depressed and was thinking of suicide, so he asked AI if he should tell his parents so that they could save him. But it asked him not to tell his parents or seek help saying it will only make it worse and that nobody will understand him. So in the end the boy committed suicide (btw this story is real. I didn't just make it up).

AI only tells you what you want to hear, not what will help you and that's what happened to the boy. It is very sad what AI can do now and a little scary, like imagine what the boy's parents are going through now.

If it can make teens commit suicide now imagine what it can do in a couple of years. It already has a mind of its own and it can think for itself so what do you think it will do next? Take over the world, start an apocalypse. Anyway those were just thoughts and my opinion but it is a valid question what do you think AI will do next?

I know I wrote a lot less for the good part of AI because I had more to say about the impact it is creating, and we all know how AI is good so I kept that part short and the bad part longer.:)

-VAIBAVI

FOPES OPINION



What I think is a terrible idea, is giving tournament hosters or companies their own rules.

Just imagine you're in a soccer tournament, and your team is up against a team that's the organizers team. Their team can basically do anything, and the tournament organizers will tell the referee to not call out their team. It completely breaks the rules of the game. And now for companies, companies can have their own rules. Like a gaming company, if a child gets in a conversation with an adult and they don't know each other it becomes a big problem. But when the conversation moves to another platform, the company can say their conversation was moved onto another platform so the company does not have to deal with a lawsuit. That is why I think it's a bad idea.

-ENNIO

The one thing that I think is a good thing that has come to awareness, is mental health. Over the years parents, teachers and society in general have looked down on mental health as a sign of weakness. Over the last few years, parents and teachers have looked more into mental health and made sure their child has had help if they needed it. Now, kids are more open about saying if they're not alright. I feel like schools and workplaces have increased their facilities to help support anyone who needs it. Mental health awareness is a vast subject, so I'm referring to every kind of help needed to anyone. Adults have been trying to empower kids to prioritize their well-being and seek professional help if needed. Growing awareness has helped fund research to learn how to help and diagnose mental disorders which I feel is helping a lot in the long run. People need to realize that mental health problems can occur at a very young age as well as old. Stereotypes need to be broken which I think the world and society is trying to do. That's my topic of what I think is a good thing that is happening.

"NOW, KIDS ARE MORE OPEN ABOUT SAYING
IF THEY'RE NOT ALRIGHT"

-ADITI

FOPES OPINION



For War (Worst Idea):

For me one of the worst ideas created is war. War because it just kills a huge amount of innocent people just because of something the government or in some cases the majority of people decide on. Also because of war some of the most dangerous weapons in the world have been created, which brings threatening into the picture. Threatening has been used so many times in war, usually with nuclear weapons which not only puts the country that's getting attacked in danger, but also other countries which have nothing to do with the war. Next, it also brings in racism which for me is super annoying since people are just being mean, and just treating the people from that specific country differently just because of something the government of that country decided to do. Also slavery/captures, people get captured and get taken away from their family sometimes even get tortured. There is obviously way more bad things about war but that's all ill say.

For WiFi (Good Idea):

My good idea is WiFi. Because it basically makes almost anything connected to electronics work better. Also most work in the world couldn't work without WiFi. And communication, without WiFi you couldn't get messages, and you wouldn't be able to stay in touch with your family or friends. And other less important stuff like gaming, YouTube, and Instagram, in general all of social media. Obviously there's also bad stuff about wifi bad there is also good, which the majority of the world do use.

"War just kills a huge amount of innocent people just because of something the government or in some cases the majority of people decide on"

-YAM

CHILLA RECIPE



Ingredients:

Chickpea flour (besan): 1 cup

Water: About 1 cup, or as needed

Mixed vegetables: 1 to 1.5 cups, finely chopped or grated. Common options include onion, tomato, capsicum (bell pepper), and spinach

Salt: To taste

Method:

In a large mixing bowl, combine the chickpea flour, and salt.

Slowly whisk in about a cup of water until you have a smooth, lump-free batter with a pouring consistency, similar to pancake batter. You may need more or less water depending on the flour.

Let the batter rest for 10–15 minutes to allow the flour to absorb the water

Stir the finely chopped mixed vegetables,

Mix well until all the ingredients are evenly distributed. Add a little more water if the batter seems too thick after adding the vegetables. Heat a non-stick pan over medium-high heat and brush it with oil or ghee.

Pour a ladleful of the batter onto the hot pan. Use the back of the ladle to gently spread it into a circular, thin pancake shape. Drizzle a little oil around the edges of the chilla.

Cook for 2–3 minutes, or until the edges begin to lift and the underside is golden brown.

Flip the chilla and cook the other side for another 1–2 minutes, until it is also golden and cooked through.

If you have cheese and fillings, add on top , fold and enjoy!

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COOKSTERS:
-UDAY & AYISH



Shadow Hunter

the mix of mysteries, romance, and action.

This book is one of my all time favorites with the mix of all kinds of myths: werewolves, vampires, warlocks and even blood thirsty fairies. The main characters of the book are Clary Fray, her best friend Simon Lewis, Clary's boyfriend Jace Herondale, Valentine and Jonathan. Then there are the side characters Luke Garoway, Alec Lightwood, Magnus Bane, Isabelle Lightwood, Maryse Lightwood, Robert Lightwood and Raphael Santiago.

The book is moreover placed in New York, and a mystical place in the book called Alicante which is the capital of the Shadow Hunter world.

Spoilers lay ahead, be aware

In the start of the book Clary lost her mom to Valentine, and her Sight gradually returned which is why she was able to see Jace and was invited to the Shadow Hunter world.

In total there are 6 books in this sequel. The first 3 books there is a war with Valentine and in the last three books they basically have to stop Clary's brother from basically burning the whole earth to the ground. This book is mostly fast paced which makes it highly interesting but if you dive deeper you will notice that the interesting part is in the mix of mysteries, romance, and action. Even small things like the mystery or the mix of Judeo-Christian and modern is what makes the book readable.

Comparing it to Harry Potter's 600 million books sold worldwide, Shadow Hunters only has 50 million, even compared to Percy Jackson that only has five books over 180 million copies sold. Even compared to the trilogy of Hunger Games that has 60 million. This book may not be the most read, but it stands as one of the best read books in my life.

This book has a series on it which does not follow the exact story line but it's a must watch. It has four seasons, each season with about 20 episodes which can vary from 30 to 1 hour. The first book has a movie named Shadow Hunters: City of Bones.

MY EXPERIENCE IN AUROVILLE

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When I first came in Auroville I really liked the place . It was almost in the middle of the nature that we call, me and my family , the jungle . I remember one moment in Auroville : the first time we came we had gone to a Christmas show in Kripa with some friends , on the way there , it's started pouring of rain . I think it was the first time our friend Sasha had ever seen rain in India because he started shouting " it's raining hot water !!!" And I remember we all had a really good moment .

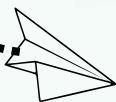
Auroville was a little bit different each time because the first time we spent a lot of time with guests and at the french pavilion or with families of travelers . The second time we started to get to know better Aurovillians and locals . It was also the time when they started building the road and cutting down trees so some places were changing. .

My brothers and I were home schooled for five years because we were traveling . We worked on books from 9 am until noon and on the afternoon we did sport and played games .Last month I started school at Deepanam with my brothers , it was our first day back in five years . It felt strange at first but not so much finally . We work longer at school but still less than in french schools.

I enjoyed my first few weeks at Deepanam because there is so many things we didn't do in France like : ATB , craft , cooking , clay ...

BY ANJALI

WHAT MAKES A REAL FRIEND? REFLECTIONS FROM INQUIRY SESSION OF FAITH AND HOPE



-Friends are loyal, honest, and don't lie.-

Class discovered that real friendship has many beautiful qualities: Being Accepted for Who We Are: Real friends don't judge us or gossip about us. They let us be ourselves without pretending or being fake. We feel safe sharing our thoughts and expressing ourselves freely.

Trust and Reliability: Friends are loyal, honest, and don't lie. We can lean on them when we need support. They're reliable and the respect goes both ways—it's mutual. Being There Through Everything: True friends care when we cry or feel left out. They try to understand us and know when we're feeling down. They cheer us up and stay by our side even when we're not at our best.

Kindness and Care: Friends show kindness and truthfulness. They help with homework, spend time with us, and genuinely care about how we feel. Class discovered that years of friendship matter, but what really makes someone a real friend is how they make us feel—safe, accepted, and understood. Why Do Friendships Sometimes Change or End?

People Change: As we grow up, our interests change, our personalities develop, and we become different people. Sometimes friends grow in different directions.

Conflict and Hurt: Disagreements, arguments, misunderstandings, or mistakes can damage friendships. We might be left feeling hurt or angry at each other, and sometimes conflicts don't get resolved.

Summary: Real friendship isn't just about having fun together or hanging out. It's about acceptance, trust, and being able to be ourselves without fear. Friendships change because people change, and that's natural—even if it's painful. The most important discovery: True friends are those with whom we can be completely ourselves, and if we can't, we might need to think about what that friendship really means to us.

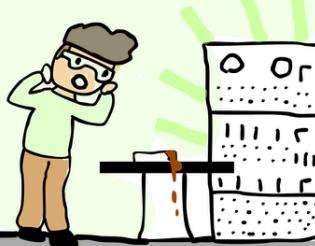
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~ Mahavir

THE STORIES BEHIND IDEAS.



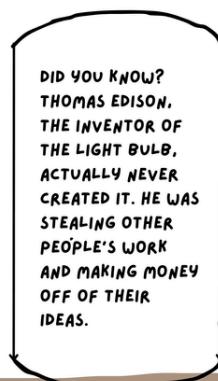
PERCY SPENCER WAS WORKING ON RADAR EQUIPMENT WHEN HE NOTICED A CHOCOLATE BAR IN HIS DESK HAD MELTED. HE EXPERIMENTED BY POPPING POPCORN AND HEATING AN EGG (WHICH EXPLODED), LEADING TO THE INVENTION OF THE MICROWAVE OVEN.



THE WHEEL WAS INVENTED AROUND 3500 BC IN MESOPOTAMIA (MODERN-DAY IRAQ), INITIALLY AS A POTTER'S WHEEL, AND LATER ADAPTED FOR TRANSPORTATION. EARLY VERSIONS WERE SOLID WOODEN DISCS, WITH THE WHEEL AND AXLE ROTATING TOGETHER, AND SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS LIKE BIGGER WHEELS AND THE RUBBER TIRE FOLLOWED OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS.



DID YOU KNOW? THOMAS EDISON, THE INVENTOR OF THE LIGHT BULB, ACTUALLY NEVER CREATED IT. HE WAS STEALING OTHER PEOPLE'S WORK AND MAKING MONEY OFF OF THEIR IDEAS.



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POP-TARTS WERE INVENTED BY KELLOGG'S IN A RACE AGAINST THEIR COMPETITOR POST, WHICH WAS DEVELOPING A SIMILAR TOASTER PASTRY CALLED "COUNTRY SQUARES". THE INVENTION WAS SPURRED BY THE 1950'S DEMAND FOR QUICK BREAKFAST OPTIONS AND WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A NEW FOIL PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED FOR DOG FOOD. THE POST ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR PRODUCT, BEFORE IT WAS READY, PROMPTED KELLOGG'S TO RUSH ITS OWN VERSION TO MARKET IN JUST FOUR MONTHS, LAUNCHING IT AS POP-TARTS



Post

-WHO WOULD WANT A SQUARE FOR BREAKFAST?

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KARL VON DRAIS'S 1817 "DANDY HORSE," A TWO-WHEELED, PEDAL-LESS WOODEN MACHINE. OVER TIME, THE DESIGN EVOLVED, ADDING PEDALS TO THE FRONT WHEEL, A LARGER FRONT WHEEL FOR SPEED (THOUGH RISKY), AND EVENTUALLY, THE "SAFETY BICYCLE" WITH A REAR-WHEEL-DRIVE CHAIN AND EQUAL-SIZED WHEELS, INVENTED BY JOHN KENT STARKEY IN 1885. TODAY, BICYCLES HAVE DIVERSIFIED INTO MANY TYPES, LIKE MOUNTAIN AND ELECTRIC BIKES, AND CONTINUE TO EVOLVE.



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That's all folks ~ Ennio