

THE MONTHLY TRAILER



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CINNAMON SEASON

Elif Külah 10-B

If you're watching the rain outside with a cream coffee and a book, if you've made your cinnamon rolls, lit your scented candles, and are surrounded by pumpkins, it means you have entered autumn. Warm-coloured, fragrant and aesthetic. This season provides us with an incredible feeling of comfort and calmness. But why do we love this season so much? Have you ever thought that maybe we fell in love with the month of October rather than in the month of October?*



Every day we are surrounded by an endless spectrum of colors. Therefore, it is not surprising to say that colors have a strong impact on our feelings, emotions, behaviors and decisions we make. The colors we are most exposed to in autumn are warm-toned colors such as red, orange, yellow, brown and green. Warm colors increase our life energy by being motivating, energy boosting and positive. *Red is motivating and relaxing, orange is a very positive color that brings joy and energy, yellow brings happiness and optimism, brown makes us feel safe and represents honesty, and green brings inner peace and prosperity.*

If you've had a difficult year and experienced bad moments, don't worry! Because, as a result of research conducted in Psychological Services, it was determined that autumn is seen by people as a fresh and new beginning. This month, adults return to work and children return to school. The best time for a new year, a new beginning: autumn. One of the other psychological reasons why we love autumn is that it provides us with a certain routine. With the start of summer vacation, our daily life schedule changes. Autumn, on the other hand, relaxes us thanks to the routine life it offers us. Our minds, which are overwhelmed by high temperatures, become clearer with the cooling weather in autumn.

If you put on your sweater and boots and go for a walk, you can notice the freshness of the air you breathe and the beauty of the colorful leaves flying in the air. Make the most of autumn. Because autumn gives us time to prepare for the sadness and darkness that winter will bring. As the winter blues approach, fall may be a good time to strengthen our resilience and emotional health, experts say. Autumn gives us a break before it's time to wake up to starry skies and rush from one test to the next. Get outside and take advantage of the fresh air (the increase in oxygen causes greater release of serotonin, a neurotransmitter that promotes happiness), drink your pumpkin spice latte, and make time to socialize. This period helps you to understand your feelings better. Autumn is also known for its “super starry nights”. Who knows, you might find yourselves wishing on a shooting star.



As William Shakespeare said:

That time of year thou mayst in me behold

When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang

Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,

Bare ruined choirs, where late the sweet birds sang ...

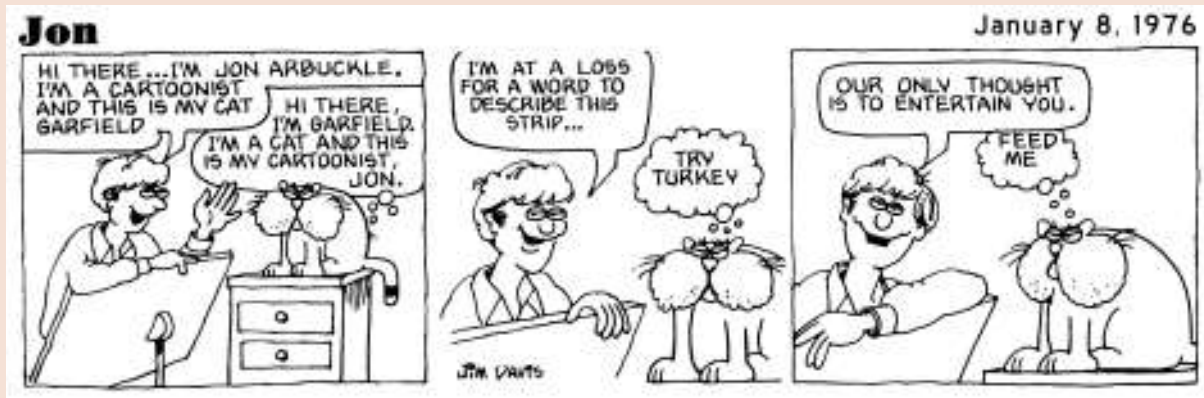
*In this sentence, a reference is made to Girl in Red's song "We fell in love in October".

THE GARFIELD PHENOMENON

Beyza Çapraz 11-D

Most of us are familiar with the iconic chubby tabby feline, whether from his comics, merchandise, or movies. He's a lazy cat who hates Mondays and loves eating lasagna and drinking coffee. However, have we ever stopped to think about the extent to which we encounter his face in our daily lives and how much of an impact he has on us?

First we need to get to know this cat a little more. Garfield is Jim Davis's most iconic project. This idea first aired for a small town newspaper named "The Pendleton Times" which originally had Jon Arbuckle, Garfield's owner, as the main character. After this prototype was published on 19 June 1978, the story quickly evolved into having Garfield as the main character. And within a year Garfield would be syndicated on a national level, becoming the newer version of the comic we are all now familiar with.



Now, if I were to ask you which character was the most well known around the world, what would you say? Well the correct answer is Garfield. Garfield has been featured in thousands of newspapers around the world for several decades, and has an estimated audience of hundreds of millions. The comic strip's popularity was so immense that even "The New York Times" had to change how its trade best seller list was categorized after seven of its ten slots were occupied by Garfield. And today his merchandising sales are at an estimated 800 million to one billion every year. In products, this tabby cat has twisted into every conceivable form you can imagine. For example; a soap, a teapot, a headphone holder, a commemorative coin, an alarm clock, a walkman, a globe, a boxing glove, a prison tray, an amusement park....

In the mid 80's a small coastal French village began to suffer an unusual phenomenon when plastic Garfield phones began washing up on shore. Nobody knew where they came from or the reason why this was happening but it continued for three decades. This was a mystery only solved in 2019 when these strange phones were traced back to a lost shipping container. And also



again in this time period, a production mishap happened which resulted in a Garfield plush toy with suction cups affixed to its paws. Paws Inc, the company that owns the Garfield franchise, didn't foresee any success for the flawed product. Which is why it was such a shock when it became a sudden sensation causing a wave of carbreak-ins where radios and purses were left behind and only the plush was stolen.

Sales climbed to a staggering 50 million dollars. And what did Jim Davis and Paws Inc do? They pulled all plush dolls off the shelves for five years...

The influence of the orange feline continues to expand with each passing day, dominating our lives with its witty humor and relatable antics. The Garfield phenomenon is growing rapidly, leaving an indelible mark on the way we laugh, connect, and engage with the world around us. In the vast landscape of entertainment, Garfield stands tall as a timeless and enduring symbol, a testament to the power of humor and the legacy of a fat cat with a love for lasagna that endures through time.

WHO IS ROSA PARKS?

Işık Yavuz 10-C

How do people get mentioned in history books or encyclopedias? Whose lives get books written, whose birthdays are celebrated by millions? How many other lives can one person's life change?



It was Rosa Louise Parks' desire to defend herself, her conscience and her being able to seek for her rights were what made her unforgettable.

She did what most people wouldn't dare to do. She was strong enough to be a hero. She shared her strength with the powerless, she gave them confidence, she held hands with many heroes, and she raised the bar a little higher. That's why Rosa Parks became an important female figure in history.

Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama. Her father James McCauley was a carpenter and her mother Leona was a teacher. After her parents' separation, she started to live with her mother. She moved to the Pine Level area near Montgomery. She grew up on a farm with her mother, grandfather, grandmother and older brother Sylvester. She got enrolled in the Industrial Girls' School in Montgomery, where her aunt lived. She took academic and professional courses there. She began her secondary education at Alabama State Negro Teachers' College; However, she had to drop out of school to care for her grandmother and later her mother.

In 1932, Rosa and Raymond Parks got married in Montgomery. She worked a variety of jobs, including being a hospital maid and domestic maid. She completed her education with the support of her husband in 1933. At the time less than 7% of African Americans had a high school diploma.

Under Jim Crow laws, there was racial discrimination in the South in every aspect of life, including public buses. Bus and train companies did not allocate separate vehicles for different races; But there were seating plans that the blacks had to follow. They were implementing it. In Montgomery, the first rows of buses belonged to the whites. For black people, who made up 75% of the passengers, there were seats designated by color at the back of the bus. They were forbidden to sit in the middle seats. When the seats designated for white passengers were full, blacks had to give up their seats and, if necessary, get off the bus. Depending on the driver's request, the backseats on buses where they were supposed to sit were sometimes removed. For years, black people complained about this injustice that affected them.

What Rosa Parks experienced on December 1, 1955 was an ordinary occurrence that thousands of black people experienced every day, until Rosa's resistance.



It was an ordinary day for Rosa Parks, she had left her job and boarded on her regular line bus. She sat down in a seat towards the middle of the bus that was colored for her to sit in, but after three stops the driver pointed at four black people, including Rosa, to give up their seats for the white people who had just boarded and asked them to vacate the seats as soon as possible. Except for Rosa they all reluctantly did as they were told. She remained in her seat.

The driver came up to Rosa and told her that if she didn't get up, he would call the police and have her arrested. Rosa's attitude was firm: "You can do as you wish," she replied. So Rosa Parks was arrested under Montgomery law, but this arrest was the end of the silence of a race, and her resistance galvanized hundreds of people, within a few months, thousands of people.

Black organizational leaders began preparations for a boycott and the fight for equality started by Rosa Parks led to the birth of one of the most important heroes of recent history: Rosa was a respected member of not only the black community but also Montgomery. She was one of the few people to speak out against segregation in Montgomery in recent years.

The Montgomery bus boycott was an unexpected success, with blacks walking to work in the mornings, riding bicycles, or sometimes taking taxis in droves. The buses carried only white passengers, and when the bus companies, which did not care about the boycott at first, later started to make losses, violence broke out. The boycott was described as a terrorist act; However, the companies, which had lost 75% of their passengers, could not resist any longer and after 382 days, the racist practices of the buses were removed. After her arrest, Rosa Parks experienced many hardships. She was fired from her job for no reason; her husband also had to quit his job.

In 1979 Rosa Parks was awarded the NAACP's Spingarn Medal. The following year, she was awarded by Martin Luther King Jr. and acclaimed as the person who did what no one else could do and said what no one else could say. She went down in history as someone who demanded equality, called for justice, and without hesitation defended her community.

This was how the name of Rosa Parks, who throughout her life was never ashamed of her race, her history or her identity was carved into history.

If Rosa Parks had given up her seat that day, if she hadn't acclaimed her rightful cause, if she had been afraid and turned her back on reality, if she had not fought in the hope of being an example for the fight of thousands of people, today would have been very different.

WHY IS HALLOWEEN CELEBRATED? Doğa Özmen 10-C

So the day of Halloween comes again this year and now we can see the weirdest creatures of the night like little goblins, ghosts, witches. Oh!

Can we?

What do you think ?

Actually the roots of this day are connected with the Celtic myths. Back in the third century AD, when paganism was widespread, a festival called Samhain was being celebrated by the pagan Celts in ancient Britain, traditionally celebrated every year from 31st October to 1st November. In ancient Britain people accepted that 1st November was the first day of winter and the end of summer. So the Celts believed that on that day the curtain between the real world and afterlife would thin out and the dead would visit them.



The Celts were building big fires so that the bad spirits wouldn't come across their homes. To protect themselves and to attract the spirits and weird creatures they chose to wear costumes.

This way, the festival developed its traditions till the day the 7th century Pope Boniface IV changed All Saints' Day, which was actually celebrated on May 13th, to this festival day.

In time, the Saints day and the festival of pagans got mixed and we finally got the name "HALLOWEEN"

So tell me, Trick or treat ? **Choose wisely.**



RESOURCES;

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“Neglected Autumn: Climate Change’s Overlooked Season”

Selen Inal 10-A

Climate change is a pressing issue that has garnered significant attention in recent years. Scientists and environmentalists have been sounding the alarm about the catastrophic effects of climate change on our planet. However, there is one season that often gets overlooked in the discussions about climate change: autumn. Autumn, often referred to as the “forgotten season” of climate change, is actually a critical period when the effects of global warming become evident.

As temperatures rise and weather patterns shift, autumn is experiencing significant changes that have implications. One of the key factors contributing to the changing climate in autumn is the diminishing Arctic sea ice cover. Studies have shown that the loss of sea ice in the Arctic can lead to changes in the extratropical regions of the Northern Hemisphere. Liu et al. found out that the decline in autumn Arctic sea ice cover has substantial impacts on the East Asian Winter Monsoon, winter temperatures, and snowstorm activity. These changes in the Arctic can affect weather patterns and climate systems in other parts of the world, including during autumn (*Liu et al., 2014*).

Another key aspect affected by climate change in autumn is plant phenology. Plant phenology, which refers to the timing of seasonal events in a plant’s life cycle, is an important indicator of climate change. While much attention has been given to the earlier arrival of spring and its impact on plant phenology, the changes happening in autumn are equally significant. However, the study of fall phenology is still relatively limited when compared to spring phenology.

Another important aspect of autumn in the context of global warming and climate change is its impact on terrestrial vegetation (*terrestrial vegetation refers to the plant communities that occur across the landscapes in the planning area, USDA Forest Service*). *Terrestrial vegetation plays a vital role in the global carbon cycle and overall ecosystem functioning. The changing climate in autumn can disrupt the balance of terrestrial vegetation, and have consequences. Researchers suggest that the autumn season is particularly sensitive to climate change impacts compared to other seasons, with remarkable implications for carbon fluxes and ecosystem productivity.*

“Improbable – Adam Fawer, Book Review”

Selen İnal 10-A

Improbable by Adam Fawer is a captivating thriller that combines elements of science fiction, mathematics, physics and psychology. Briefly, the book is about David Caine, who can calculate every single probability and thus who can predict the future. This makes him “Laplace’s Demon”. Laplace’s demon is basically a theoretical and virtual “demon” who knows the location and movement of every atom in the universe, and thus knows the entire past and future of the universe.

As the story continues, Caine’s extraordinary abilities bring him both fame and trouble. He becomes embroiled in a game where the lines between probability and reality become blurred. While reading, Fawer makes the reader constantly question what is real and what is a calculated prediction. The intricate blend of science fiction and psychological elements in Improbable makes it a truly unique read. Fawer expertly explores the concept of probability, offering readers a glimpse into a world where everything can be calculated, and the future is not as uncertain as it seems.



One cannot help but be captivated by David's character, who is not only burdened by his extraordinary abilities but also haunted by the consequences of his predictions. The lines between reality and probability blur as the story progresses, leaving readers questioning their own beliefs and the power of the mind. The book has a gripping storyline and it appeals to different interests, such as mathematics or psychology etc.

ODE TO A SPICY “POTION”

Tan Gözalıcı 11-A

When the year is coming close to an end, when the hints of winter start to show, when the yellow leaves start to descend, when the pumpkins start to grow, when the seasonal depression hits us like an unexpected wave, when the winds start to misbehave, when fall comes, many cafes around the world add the drink almost all of us wait for to their menu again, and most of the people go crazy for this drink that they craved for an entire year, as a celebration of the annual return of the beloved Pumpkin spice Latte, people buy a cup of this beverage every time they can, spending a pretty penny in total.



This drink is a specialty for the ones whose favorite season is autumn, because the sweet taste with the cinnamon and spice aroma creates a quite euphoric sensation that accentuates the flavors that the season brings, it seems to be addicting to people who go back and forth ordering another one. Though the ingredients of the pumpkin spice latte go as far as only coffee, milk, sugar, pumpkin and pumpkin spice, their combination creates a magical and unique liquid that makes big bucks for the companies which are selling them.

If you think about it, most of the seasonal products are made up for the sellers to have bigger incomes, such as summer floaties, Christmas ornaments, Easter decorations, Halloween decorations, costumes and also pumpkin spice latte. All of these are sold millions of times each year and are making someone richer. In the case of pumpkin spice latte, we can't deny that we love it, but we shouldn't go over the top, buying them in high amounts in very little time. So we might be pawns in the game of capitalist power, but it's undeniably delicious.

To sum everything up, the delectable and flavorful pumpkin spice latte is a thing we wouldn't like to forego, but we shouldn't consume it immoderately and spend unreasonable amounts of money. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't go for it at all but it isn't ideal to accelerate the cycle of consumption and consumerism by going off the logical limit. If you're so in love with this potion, you can always make it at home!

THE LIFE OF THE QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN

Nehir Tezsezen 11-C

It was announced that the fall season will start on September 8, 2022. This news, which was published and attracted attention all over the world, affected many people; II. Elizabeth's death.



As everyone knows, Elizabeth II was a very popular person in Great Britain. With her unique character, Elizabeth managed to attract the attention of the public and gain an important place among them. With her stability, authority, great respect for her by other countries, and her special tastes, she became an important figure in the history of Great Britain and her love from the people. Elizabeth II remained on the throne for more than 70 years. She is the longest reigning queen in British history.

Even when Elizabeth was little, people found her too authoritarian for a child. It is rumored that Winston Churchill, who would later become prime minister, said about Elizabeth, "She had an authority that would never be expected from a child." Although Elizabeth did not go to school, she was skilled in foreign languages and well versed in constitutional history. A special Girl Scout troop was created at Buckingham Palace so that Elizabeth could socialize with girls her own age.

At the time of Elizabeth II's accession to the throne, World War II inflicted great damage on the British Empire. When the Queen was 18 or 19 years old, she joined the Volunteer Reserve Force towards the end of World War II and learned to drive a car and maintain a truck. II. World War II. The period when Elizabeth came to the throne; It had caused great damage to the British Empire. At the age of 21, she married Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and her marriage to him enabled her to increase her power among the royals and the public. This way, she wanted to move to a new place in order to get rid of the very strict rules of the palace, and in this case, the the popularity and the power of her husband gave her the courage. The tradition of debutante in the palace was ended and the concept of "Monarchy" gradually began to be replaced by the "Royal Family".

So, as can be understood, Queen Elizabeth devoted almost her entire life to this work and was very successful, so her death had an impact both in Great Britain and the world. We can understand this with her words: "When I was 21 years old, I dedicated my life to the service of our people and asked God to help me. I may have made this promise when I was still very young and inexperienced, but I did not regret a single word of it."

THE FIRST AUTUMN

Elif Naz Nurtin 11-D

This is the story of the first autumn according to Greek mythology. It is also the story of changing seasons, strong emotions and conflicting connections.

In ancient Greece, there was a goddess named Demeter, worshiped as the goddess of harvest and fertility. She was in charge of all the plants and crops, and wherever she went crops flourished and the world was filled with life and color. Demeter's daughter Persephone was one of her greatest joys in life and they shared a deep connection and they illustrate a mother's love for her daughter. It also follows a young girl who matures and falls for the underworld's dark god, Hades.

According to the legend, Hades rarely left the underworld. He met Persephone who was Zeus and Demeter's charming daughter a few times. From the moment he first saw her, he fell in love with her. Hades sought advice from his brother Zeus who had previously promised him one of his daughters in marriage and when Hades told him that he wanted to marry Persephone, Zeus obliged.

He knew Persephone's mother Demeter would never let her marry the underworld's dark god. Hades was devastated that he could never marry Persephone. The brothers made a plan for Hades to marry the woman he desperately loved.

Demeter and her daughter came down to earth the next morning. The two were close like most mothers and daughters.

The life-giving goddess of grain, harvest, and agriculture was Demeter. She gave plants, food, and vegetables to people and taught them to grow wheat as well as teaching them to plant, care for, and harvest seeds. She even showed them how to grind grain into flour for bread. Demeter left her daughter with the sea fairies while she took care of her earthly duties.

Zeus knew the fairies would never leave Persephone for fear of Demeter's rage. He had Gaia plant a beautiful narcissus in a nearby garden. After leaving her mother and entering the garden, Persephone saw the flower and was immediately drawn to it. After stooping to pick it, the ground shook and a gaping crack appeared. Hades and his black horse Chariot rushed towards Persephone as the crack widened.

Hades grabbed Persephone and took her to the underworld before she could scream. Sion, a fairy, witnessed the kidnapping and tried to save Persephone but failed.

Demeter returned to see that her daughter was missing. She asked the fairies, but they didn't respond. Demeter raged that they didn't protect her daughter. Demeter knew something bad had happened to Persephone so she madly wandered the world for days after her daughter disappeared. She searched endlessly, neglecting her earth-care duties to feed humans. Famine, plant death, and animal death caused unimaginable suffering. Because she was so anxious, she neglected her plants. Therefore, leaves fell from trees and fields stopped growing crops. This was the first autumn.

Zeus knew he had to calm Demeter's anger and save humanity when the people's cries reached Mount Olympus. Zeus sent Hermes to the underworld to bring Persephone back home to her mother. He was surprised when he arrived because instead of a distressed maiden, he found a radiant Queen.

Hades gave Persephone beautiful gardens while she was there. His respect and compassion made her fall in love with him. She discovered a new side of him and embraced her new home.

Persephone hesitated when Hermes asked her back. She loved Hades and wanted to stay with him, but she missed her mother.

Hades was afraid he would lose if she chose to stay with him or return to her mother. He gave her six pomegranate seeds, which she ate. Greek mythology held that eating fruit from underground guaranteed return.

After Hermes brought Persephone back to Mount Olympus, Zeus asked where she wanted to live. She wanted to stay with her husband. Her response infuriated Demeter, who suspected Hades. She wouldn't accept it so she stated that she would never tend to the earth again if her daughter did not return.

Zeus divided Persephone's time between her mother and husband. Persephone spent half the year with her mother at Olympus and half with Hades after eating six pomegranate seeds.

The Demeter and Persephone story is thought to explain the seasons. Demeter causes the earth to die while Persephone is away from her mother. It became autumn and winter. Persephone's reunion with her mother restores hope. Untold beauty and abundance are reborn. Again, the earth is fruitful.

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(the answers to this puzzle are on the last page of the journal)

Discovering Weirdcore: The Unusual Style that Grabs the Attention of Today's Youth

Zeynep Yanar 11-A

In the ever-changing world of looks, an odd and visually interesting trend has appeared, catching the eye of today's young people: Weirdcore. This unique aesthetic, known for its surreal and unsettling elements, has become a notable influence in different art forms, including music videos and fashion. In this article, we'll delve into the intriguing realm of Weirdcore, exploring its beginnings, key features, and its popularity among younger individuals.

The Origins of Weirdcore: Where Art and Technology Collide

Visually, Weirdcore strongly reflects the aesthetics of images shared on the older internet, primarily from the late 90s to the mid-2000s. This style incorporates elements such as amateur editing, primitive digital graphics, lo-fi photography, and image compression, which are prevalent in Weirdcore images. The roots of Weirdcore are deeply embedded in the intersection of art and technology, stemming



from the boundless possibilities of digital manipulation. Inspired by glitch art and vaporwave aesthetics, Weirdcore elevates these concepts, embracing distortion, surrealism, and an eerie atmosphere. The origins of Weirdcore can be traced back to artists and designers who engaged in experimental practices with the intention of challenging traditional notions of beauty and composition.

Key Characteristics: Disorder, Nostalgia, and Surrealism

At the core of Weirdcore lies a purposeful rejection of usual standards. Characterized by disorderly visual elements, distorted images, and a deliberate clash of colors, Weirdcore aims to evoke a strong and emotional reaction from its audience. Nostalgia plays a vital role, as it references retro graphics, glitchy VHS tapes, and the aesthetics of the early internet. These elements work together to establish a feeling of familiarity within the midst of the unconventional.



Digital Art and Fashion: Weirdcore's Impact Beyond Screens

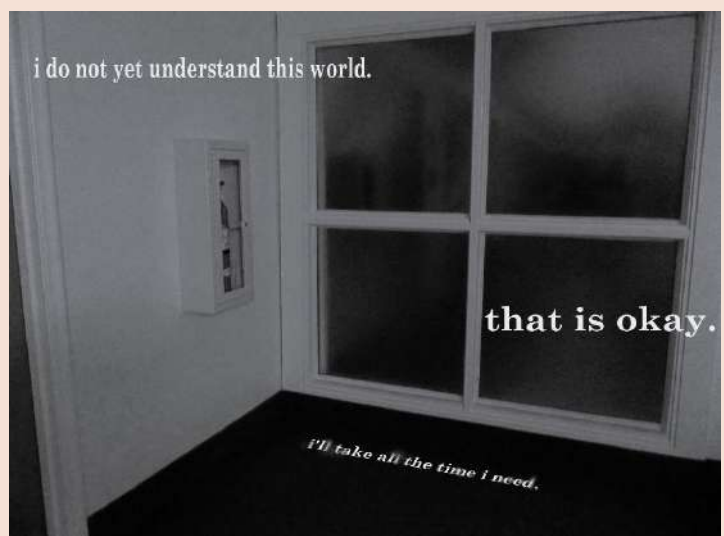
Weirdcore has expanded beyond the digital world, influencing various aspects of modern art and fashion. Digital artists draw inspiration from its disorderly beauty, creating captivating pieces that challenge conventional artistic boundaries. In the fashion world, designers incorporate Weirdcore elements into clothing and accessories, pushing the boundaries of what is considered stylish and visually appealing.

Weirdcore Communities: A Haven for the Eccentric

Online communities dedicated to Weirdcore have thrived, becoming platforms for artists, enthusiasts, and creators to share their work and celebrate the eccentric. Social media platforms, especially Tumblr and Instagram, have become central places where Weirdcore finds a home, connecting like-minded individuals who appreciate the unconventional and seek inspiration beyond mainstream aesthetics.

The Future of Weirdcore: A Continuous Evolution

As Weirdcore keeps evolving and spreading across various creative industries, its future remains unpredictable and thrilling. Its impact on visual culture challenges traditional norms, opening the door for new forms of expression and artistic experimentation. Whether you find yourself fascinated or puzzled by its aesthetic, one thing is certain: Weirdcore is here to stay, leaving a lasting impression on the artistic landscape of today's young people.



FALL '23 FASHION

Ezgi Ece Biçer 11-D



The colder months officially arrived. That means it's time to discover this year's key winter fashion trends. When designers presented their fall collections earlier this year, several trends were born. From metallics to polka dots, brands embraced a new point of view on print, texture, and color; all of which work strikingly well with the more neutral basics that are so ubiquitous right now. Fall is a time for new ideas and cozy dressing, and the runway certainly gave us range. Ready to go shopping? These are the 8 key trends to incorporate into your fall outfits 2023.

**To be hyper-aware of trends and the evolving landscape of your own closet is to be a conscious consumer. The current state of the trend cycle moves at a dizzying pace- getting swept up in the current feels inevitable. The art of fashion and building your personal style forms when the individual moves past consciously participating in trends and chooses to selectively participate. No designer includes every upcoming trend in their collections and frankly, neither should you.

1 CANDY APPLE RED



Fall and winter fashion is one fire—or at least that’s what it looks like. Strong, bold shades of red are popping up everywhere and they deserve a spot in your closet. Designers like Fendi and Bottega Veneta showed head-to-toe red looks that serve as perfect inspiration for those looking to make a statement. If you aren’t comfortable wearing an entirely red outfit, consider adding a red accent to a natural look. A red bag, scarf, or pop of lipstick can easily elevate your look.

2 SHEER GENIUS



Every so often, a trend from a singular show will spark a wave full of similar styles. In this case, the trend in question is sheer and the trendsetter is Fendi’s Fall/Winter 2022 collection. The Fendi collection debuted back in February of last year but its influence is still fully felt. It’s no longer taboo to have undergarments show through your frock—in fact, it’s preferred. Almost every major collection on the NYFW runways incorporated completely see-through garments.

While many of the sheer pieces would be suitable for street style statements or a night in a dimly lit room, Jason Wu gave us multiple examples of sheer design in formal wear. The designer sent a strong variety of sheer gowns down the runway in his Spring/Summer ’23 collection. In a backstage interview with Jason Wu minutes before his show, he said, “Of course, there’s always going to be dreamy gowns but you might see a sexy side of Jason Wu that you may not be so familiar with—but get used to it.”

3 CITY SCHOOL GIRL



If you visit Manhattan's Lower East Side neighborhood right now, you'll see a strong presence of the city school aesthetic. The look takes elements of the demure, girly school aesthetic (plaid skirts, ruffled collars and pink bows) and fuses them with street-style grunge (heavy piercings, lug sole shoes and mesh layering). At the heart of the neighborhood, you'll also find Sandy Liang's storefront—looking out onto the street with a front-row view of the aesthetic she's helped craft. It's no wonder then that Sandy Liang's S/S '23 collection was a direct reflection of the environment with girly-grunge pastel mini dresses. Liang paired the looks with ballet flats (the trend is here to stay!) or sleek sporty sneakers. Similar versions of the ensemble were also seen at Alessandra Rich and Valentino. If you're eager to create your own version of the city school aesthetic, I'd recommend browsing the racks at your local vintage store first.

4 TIED WITH A BOW



The rosette trend that was everywhere in the spring and summer has been replaced with a more holiday-like trend for fall and winter: bows. If you're wearing it, you can add a bow to it. Dresses, puffer vests, and hairstyles are all fair game for rocking bows. While you can spend big bucks on a beautiful brand-name piece from a designer like Sandy Liang, you can also easily DIY this trend at home. A trip to the craft store and a pair of scissors is all you need to get the look.

Hair bows will add soft flair to any outfit, whether a blazer and jeans or a ballerina-style dress. This is also a great accessory for fall and winter because you can wear them even when a big puffer jacket covers the rest of your outfit.



5 A COLD SHOULDER



Cut-outs and asymmetrical hemlines dominated spring and summer fashion. For the cooler months, the trend makes a slight adjustment—maxi dresses and skirts are now being paired with asymmetrical off-the-shoulder necklines. Balmain showed a gorgeous leather take on the trend while Altuzarra provided some all-white bridal inspiration.

6 High Fashion Funnel Necks



Forget a scarf, a funnel neck coat is all you'll need to keep warm over the next five months. Funnel neck coats dominated outerwear trends on the runway and the look has the European stamp of approval. French brands, Chloé and Isabel Marant, both included funnel neck coats in the fall/winter '23 collections, and Italian brand, Ferragamo followed suit.

FALL RECIPES

Beyza Tanalp 12-B

Autumn is the best season to stay at home under a cozy blanket and enjoy warm baked goods with a cup of hot chocolate. Although, it might be a little depressing to just sit around and wait for it to get warmer, a little treat can always make your not-so-good days better! I think we can all agree that store bought desserts don't really hit the spot when you're craving the taste and heavenly smell of freshly baked ones. So, for all my dear readers with a sweet tooth, here are some recipes that are sure to keep you warm and full during the breezy days of fall.

GINGERBREAD COOKIES

Gingerbread cookies are probably the first type that comes to mind when you think about cold weather. Ginger is the key element of most fall recipes with its sweet and spicy taste that leaves your stomach warm. So this recipe is definitely a classic one you should try following at least once.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 and 1/2 cups (440g) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 Tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 10 Tablespoons (2/3 cup; 145g) unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup (150g) packed light or dark brown sugar
- 2/3 cup (160ml) unsulphured or dark molasses
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract



INSTRUCTIONS:

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, and cloves. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat the butter for 1 minute on medium speed until completely smooth and creamy. Add the brown sugar and molasses and beat on medium high speed until combined and creamy.

Next, beat in egg and vanilla on high speed for 2 full minutes.

Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients, and beat on low speed until combined. The cookie dough will be quite thick and slightly sticky. Divide dough in half and place each onto a large piece of plastic wrap. Wrap each up tightly and pat down to create a disc shape. Chill discs for at least 3 hours and up to 3 days. Chilling is mandatory for this cookie dough.

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line 2-3 large baking sheets with parchment paper. Set aside.

Remove 1 disc of chilled cookie dough from the refrigerator. Generously flour a work surface, as well as your hands and the rolling pin. Roll out the disc until around 1cm thick. Cut into shapes. Place shapes at least 3 centimeters apart on prepared baking sheets. Re-roll dough scraps until all the dough is shaped. Repeat with remaining discs of dough.

CINNAMON ROLLS

This next dessert is soft, fluffy, creamy and tastes heavenly as well as its mouth-watering smell. Cinnamon is one of my personal favorite spices so I highly recommend trying out this recipe.

INGREDIENTS:

For the dough:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup warm milk

2 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoons quick rise or active yeast

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup granulated sugar

1 egg plus 1 egg yolk

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter, melted

3 cups bread flour, plus more for dusting

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt

For the filling:

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup brown sugar

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons ground cinnamon

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter, softened

For the cream cheese frosting:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cream cheese, softened

3 tablespoons butter, softened

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup powdered sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla extract



INSTRUCTIONS:

Transfer warm milk to your bowl and sprinkle yeast on top. Add in sugar, egg, egg yolk and melted butter. Mix until well combined. Next, stir in flour and salt with a wooden spoon until a dough begins to form.

Place dough hook on stand mixer and knead dough on medium speed for 8 minutes. Dough should form into a nice ball and be slightly sticky. If you don't want to use an electric mixer, you can use your hands to knead the dough for 8-10 minutes on a well-floured surface.

Transfer the dough ball to a well-oiled bowl, cover with plastic wrap and a warm towel. Allow dough to rise for 1 hour to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, or until doubled in size.

After the dough has doubled in size, transfer dough to a well-floured surface and roll out into a 35x25 cm rectangle. Spread softened butter over dough, leaving a $\frac{2}{3}$ cm margin at the far side of the dough.

In a small bowl, mix together brown sugar and cinnamon. Use your hands to sprinkle mixture over the buttered dough, then rub the brown sugar mixture into the butter.

Tightly roll dough up, starting from the 25 cm side and place seam side down making sure to seal the edges of the dough as best you can.

Cut into 3 cm sections with a serrated knife or floss. You should get 9 large pieces.

Place cinnamon rolls in a greased 25 x 25 cm baking pan or round 25 cm cake pan. Line with parchment paper. Cover with plastic wrap and a warm towel and let rise again for 30-45 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. Remove plastic wrap and towel and bake cinnamon rolls for 20-25 minutes or until just slightly golden brown on the edges. You want to underbake them a little so they stay soft in the middle, that's why we want them just slightly golden brown. Allow them to cool for 5-10 minutes before frosting.

To make the frosting: In the bowl of an electric mixer, combine cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar and vanilla extract. Beat until smooth and fluffy. Spread over cinnamon rolls and serve immediately.

HOMEMADE HOT CHOCOLATE

And of course, these goods wouldn't be as enjoyable if they didn't have a warm drink to accompany them. A homemade cup of hot chocolate is better than anything you can drink on a cold autumn day.

INGREDIENTS:

4 cups milk

¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder

¼ cup granulated sugar

½ cup chocolate chips or chopped chocolate bar

¼ teaspoon pure vanilla extract



INSTRUCTIONS:

Place milk, cocoa powder and sugar in a small saucepan. Heat over medium/medium-low heat, whisking frequently, until warm (but not boiling). Add chocolate chips and whisk constantly until the chocolate chips melt and distribute evenly into the milk. Whisk in vanilla extract, serve immediately.

For a better taste, you can add in small marshmallows.

AUTUMN ALERT!

Bennu Turan 11-D

When you ask someone about their favorite season, their choice will probably be either winter or summer. However, the time of the year that refreshes us after a long and hot summer and prepares us for the freezing cold of winter is autumn.

The human brain associates the things we perceive with our five senses to different words. And autumn appeals to all five of our senses. I smell pumpkins and spices in a dessert or in a cup of coffee. It tastes special during family dinners. I pick up, walk over and smell the rotting leaves in the forest. I feel the crisp cold air against my skin and the cold rain. I see bare trees, their golden, crimson and burnt orange leaves on the ground. I hear the rustle of dry leaves, the whooshing sound of the wind and the pattering of the fall rain against the windows. All of these characteristics make autumn my favorite season of the year.

The same can be said for all the seasons, they all appeal to our five senses. But what makes autumn so special? It's the time after summer where you're back with your friends and school is still fun. Autumn brings a coziness with it that we share with the family and friends that we love.

Even when you're alone, you can cuddle a blanket at home, drink from your favorite mug while binge watching a tv show of your liking. With the new year approaching there is so much to be optimistic about. That is why autumn represents for all of us the hope of a new year on the horizon.

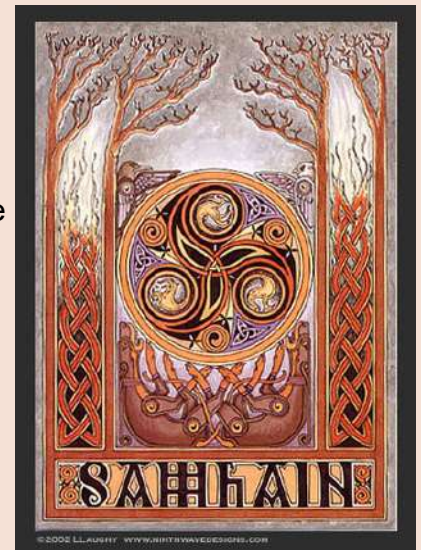
UNCOVERING THE ANCIENT SPIRIT OF FALL

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The soft winds slowly intertwine with the rain while being the harbinger of change. This time of year, fall makes us feel its arrival with the rustle of leaves and warm-colored sceneries. However, only very few of us could see the ancient spirit of this season, which comes from the traditions from various parts of the world. So now, let's take a closer look at this spirit buried in the mystery of ancient cultures.

Samhain: The Origins of Halloween

In the past, almost in all civilizations with rich cultures, there had been some rituals and festivals to celebrate the arrival of seasons. One of the deep-rooted traditions of fall is the "Samhain" festival. This celebration originally represented the beginning of winter and it belonged to the Celts, a collection of tribes from central Europe in antiquity. Samhain was celebrated between the end of October and the beginning of November, and Halloween originated from this festival of the distant past. It was based on the Celtic myths, and the Celtic people believed that the door to the realm of deities and the dead opens every last day of October. According to Celtic mythology, a fire-breathing creature named "Aillen" enters the world of living beings and burns down the buildings in the settlement while people are asleep. One of these days, a mythological personality, Fionn, stays awake and kills Aillen. The Samhain Festival, which begins with this myth, has carried traditions such as trick-or-treating to our day.



The Divinity Behind The Autumn Wind

Another significant representative of the fireplace of autumn has existed in the vast pantheon of Greek mythology. The Greek goddess Carpo (also known as Xarpo) was one of the goddesses of the seasons, Horae. Among her two sisters representing the spring and the



summer, Thallo and Auxo, Carpo was the personification of autumn and harvesting. The three deities were also mentioned in the Iliad as the gatekeepers of Olympus. Being identified with fall, Carpo was also the symbol of change and the natural cycle in this aspect. For the ancient Greeks, she was the bridge between summer and winter that brought abundance. Furthermore, Eurus, the deity of the east winds and autumn was also mentioned in some sources of Greek mythology,

working in harmony with the other wind gods, Anemoi.

As it seems, all these enthusiastic celebrations and the heritage of cultures coming from all over the world let us look back on the past and see how the falling of leaves was similar to the present. After all these centuries, the myths still have many secrets to whisper and stories to tell.

SENSATIONAL REVOLUTION OF AUTUMN

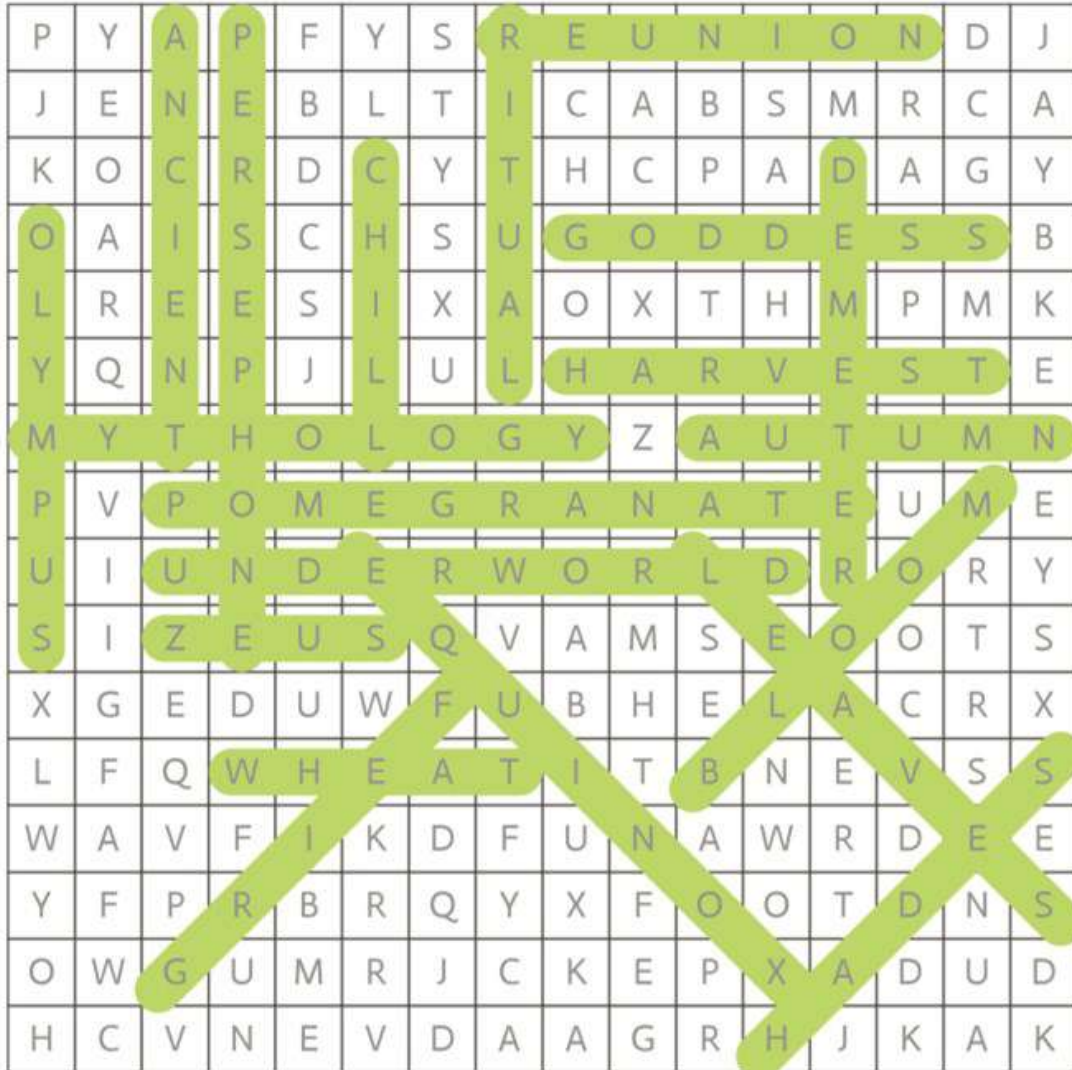
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Life changes a lot in autumn, because the cycle of nature moves non-stop. Actually, nature especially alters our emotions and decisions, we become more serious and vigilant because we prepare ourselves for the harsh conditions of winter. Thus, the course of history is influenced. For example, THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION affected politics, history, economy and communism movement of the world.

Indeed, the Bolshevik revolution was a great reaction against the tyrannical regime, it was the most powerful coup d'état, because they destroyed a 700 year old monarchy. The Russian people had lost everything that they had because of the unnecessary war and famine. Moreover, the fulfillment of the royal family disturbed helpless people, so on 25 October 1917, the community and supporters of Lenin started to attack the royal family. Finally, they could reach their rights and take revenge. Russian people illustrated their fearlessness and power by establishing one of the strongest states of the world. Probably, the duration of revolution was tough, but it was worth it.

In conclusion, as an observer, autumn triggers our courage, combative soul and critical decisions. Therefore during this season successful events are carried out. Such as the October Revolution, foundation of the Republic of Türkiye or The end of the First World War. It is certain that Autumn smells of success.

THE ANSWERS:



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