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## Tears of the Middle East

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The gruesome movement that everyone has heard of recently in a huge part of the Middle East including Iraq, Syria and Jordan, has been pretty disturbing and depressing. So, as if there was not enough violence in the Middle East such as the Syrian Civil War and Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ISIS has added salt to injury. It has been there since 1999 under the name of Jama'at al Tawhid wal-Jihad. Till now, within the period of their campaign, ISIS has had lots of name changes. The first realistic movement was made by al-Qaeda when the U.S. first occupied Iraq in March 2003. As an offset of the war, the U.S. began training Iraqi soldiers against Saddam Hussein and this changed everything. ISIS got disturbed and started taking things seriously under the leadership of Abu Ayyub al-Masri in 2006 by creating a huge hollow between Sunni and Shias among the Middle East countries. Firstly, it occurred in Syria in 2009. With the brutal movements of President Bashar Assad, millions of Syrians began immigrating to countries such as Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and also some countries in Europe. That was when ISIS came in. They collaborated with al-Nusra and the Free Syrian Army against the regime held by President Bashar Assad.

So when we consider the basis of this brutal organization, people from different thoughts had tried to establish an organization like ISIS before



Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. After Abu Musab's death by U.S. air strike in 2006, Abu Ayyub al-Nasri was selected as the person in charge of ISIS and announced Omar al-Baghdadi as its leader. In April 2010 Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Nasri were killed in a joint U.S.-Iraqi air operation. In April 2013, al-Nusra's front leader Abu Mohammad al-Jawlani rejected the collaboration with ISIS. The most powerful conflicts occurred in June 2014 and ISIS took control of the two most important cities of Iraq; Mosul and Tikrit. Due to the movement of ISIS, UN and NATO got alerted by countries all around the world and Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was named in the list of most powerful people in the world and declared as a global terrorist by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the US.

ISIS is known for its effective and quick social media usage. Being clear is the number one priority to be understood by the whole world and mostly the entire Islamic world. They use a version of the Muslims' standard black flag with an emblem representing the Muslim world on it. After it being formally established in 2006, they created the al-Furqan Institute for media support to reach everyone in the world. They started translating all their media documents to English, German, Russian and French. In August 2014, Twitter Inc. shut down all accounts related to ISIS. For fear of their military positions being exposed, al-Baghdadi banned everyone except the technology specialists from accessing social media.

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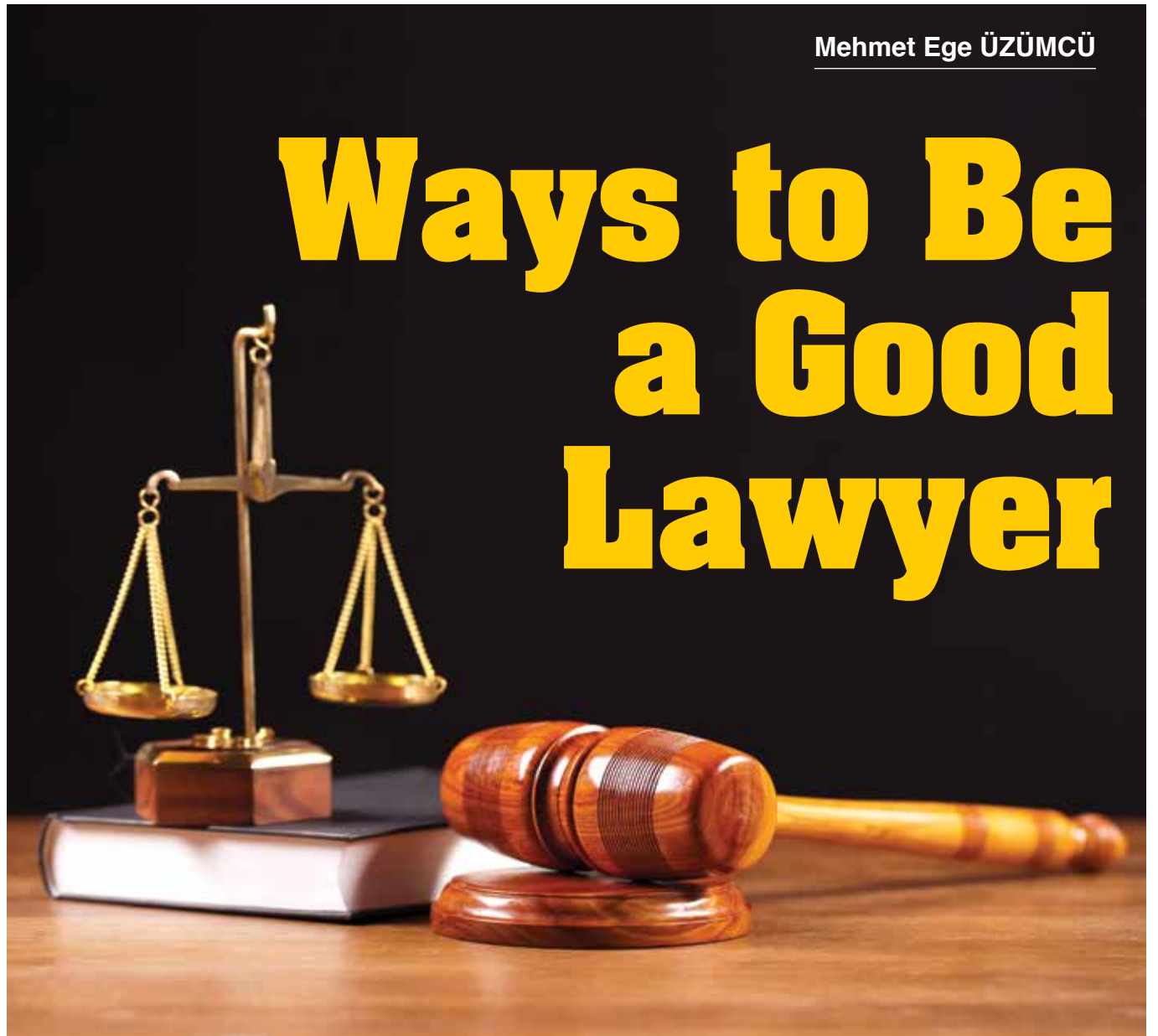
Almost everyone in the world is curious about how ISIS managed to spread so quickly and that is one of the main purposes of my article. With the economic power it became very easy for its militants to invade wherever they wanted. Now they control a territory the size of the UK and they've been making \$600.000 per day from their oil sources. "Before invading Mosul, their total cash and assets were \$875 million. Afterwards, with the money they've robbed from banks and the value of the military supplies they've looted, they could add another \$1.5 billion to that." said one of U.S.' military experts to the Guardian. While the U.S. and the UK do not pay ransoms, many nations and families of captured civilians and/or military personnel have been paid to get their loved ones back. One of the most lucrative sources of ISIS' income is trading antiquities on the black market. When it comes to investigating Mesopotamia's huge history, it must be easy for them to find antiquities up to 8.000 years old. They have made around \$36 million from just one region of Syria. In July 3, 2014, ISIS took control of a major Syrian oil field in which they are able to produce 75.000 barrels of oil daily. When the group seized Mosul, they looted \$429 million from Mosul's central bank, along with additional millions and a large amount of gold stolen from other banks in Mosul.

"To influence and attract fighters all around the world and make them join and fight for ISIS, they use foreign fighters, because these foreign fighters have a special role in ISIS with their native languages and also the accents to tell everyone that they are able to keep their traditions. Now ISIS is in control of between 20.000 and 31.500 fighters across Iraq and Syria." a CIA spokesman tells CNN. Such is the important position the Middle East and particularly Turkey have that it has been a kind of destiny for these countries to suffer all these senseless conflicts in pursuit of oil and the power it brings. Hospitality must be dominant among all these countries. The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria concluded that ISIS had been committing war crimes and crimes against humanity and that the leader of the militant group should be held accountable by organizations such as the International Criminal Court. This leads us to the point that ISIS has been designated as a terrorist organization by the United Nations, the European Union, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and many other nations in the world. "Foreign fighters joining ISIS are likely to gain experience and training and eventually return to their home countries battle-hardened and further radicalized. Allowing them to proceed on the path they are on, in other words, left unchecked, they would turn their sights more to the western countries and also potentially to the U.S." one of the U.S. Foreign Affairs experts Matthew Olsen states.

As many experts said; if we want to keep peace and tranquility in these territories, all we have to do is to be aware of our duties to carry on the fight against terrorism. Otherwise more and more children won't be able to have a bright future. Remember, the world is yours and you are the ones leading it!

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# Ways to Be a Good Lawyer

Becoming a lawyer is easier than it used to be in the past; because we didn't have as many universities as we have today and we didn't have any private universities back then. All high school students had to enter the state universities and the state universities asked for really really great success from the entrance exam, actually the state universities still require high achievement in similar exams. If you want to enter a state university you have to eliminate 1.980.000 million people!!! This is highly difficult, of course.

However if you have money and an average success you can go to a private university. Today's private universities offer some good scholarship for their future students, all you have to do is to study hard to get those scholarships.

In fact real life problems and difficulties start after becoming a lawyer. At the moment there are approximately 35.000 lawyers in Istanbul, too many right? You should be able to provide some good reasons for the employers to hire you in their business.

In order to be successful in this area of work;

- be presentable.
- be well- educated.
- introduce yourself to your local people.
- stand up against every injustice no matter who performs it because we are the men of justice.
- Last but not least, you should be interested in law and politics.

Interested in the politics, there is no way for him/her to become unemployed. Today, most of the politicians are also lawyers. Our school subjects are related to politics and when we graduate from the faculty of law, we are expected to learn how to defend ourselves and others.

In near future, we will be running the country as lawyers, judges, governors, congressmen and prime ministers. We should be well educated, we should be honest and of course we should speak a few different languages well.

English is the world's language today. People who live in different countries talk and share information in English. Most of today's lawyers don't know English very well in Turkey. This is a huge inadequacy in this century, if you know English well and even a few business languages, you can deal with various international companies and of course you can increase your quality.

The world is changing day by day, everything has been changing in accordance with technological developments. The country borders are becoming transparent. Countries are trading with each other and to do this they have to sign contracts. If you are a lawyer and if you know English well, you can play a better role in these types of contracts and gain more importance in business life. Moreover, you can earn a lot of money and you can live the life you have always been dreaming.

Our law system is copied from other countries'. For example; our law of obligations was copied from Swedish Law in 1928 but today's law of obligations is not the same version of 1928's law be-

cause it has been amended gradually. These law and document have been shared with the whole world in English and you have to follow these changes as a lawyer for your own success. If you don't know English well, how can you read and understand these document? How can you implement them in your personal business? How can you improve your own ideas about law?

We have 7.000 more lawyers every four year in Istanbul. This means that when we graduate from our faculties, there are going to be approximately 42.000 lawyers in Istanbul. You have to be a talented one to challenge in this competition.

- Study hard
- Be honest
- Defend people
- And never forget, we are the men of JUSTICE!!!





# The Tragedy of Syria



Salih BATKIN

It all started with a game called, “The Arab Spring” and its sparks were first fired in Tunisia in 2010 then followed by Libya and Egypt. Today it is Syria that is under heavy fire.

There may have been a dream of a “spring” and a wish to end the throne of the dictators who had been in power for years - greedy for power! But forget about the spring, people of these countries leaped into the winter without even experiencing the summer and autumn.

Some of these countries like Libya and Egypt managed to get rid of the dictators, but did they really achieve the dream “spring”? Not really. They ended up losing thousands of people in the fight for democracy, free speech and maybe a better life. While some of them are silent for now, other countries are getting worse and worse. Today it is Syria’s turn to be trapped in the middle of this fire. First it was the Syrian President, Bashar El Assad, who was the target for almost a year with a fight against his own local dissenters. Then many more dissenters came from all over the world and joined their army. One of these groups is ISIS (Iraq & Syria-Islamic States) which is now a dangerous group for humanity.

Unfortunately, it is rumored that many developed countries helped ISIS by providing state of the art weapons. These countries hoped to get their portion from the cake (oil) after ISIS managed to beat Assad. But it didn’t happen. Instead, what happened was that the world somehow contributed to building a new El Qaida in the Middle East. When it came to the point that Assad was not easy to depose from power, El Qaida’s aim changed to building an Islamic state by Sunnis. However, it didn’t really happen in Assad’s territory

as it wasn’t easy to beat Assad’s army and there were easier targets to conquer such as areas where Syrian Kurds and Iraq people live.

First, it was reported that ISIS attacked Sengal in Northern Iraq in September 2014 and killed hundreds of innocent Yesid Kurds because they were not Muslims. About 10,000 women and kids, who were scared of a possible ISIS attack, left their homes behind and hid themselves in the caves of Sengal Mountain. They could take only little food and water with them because they had to walk long distances up the mountain. As time passed, they started to lose their babies, kids and elders who couldn’t endure life without water and food.

Fathers, brothers and husbands of the women and children hiding in the Sengal Mountains were beheaded. About 600 women were kidnapped after witnessing this massacre. It was reported in the world media that ISIS then forced these women to be covered in burkas and convert to Islam. Finally, they were forced to marry the killers of their family.

And beyond that, some of them were raped and even sold in the slavery markets.

Since late September 2014, Kobani, in northeastern Syria, has been under siege by these Jihadists from three sides: East, South and West. The North, which is on the Turkish border, has been closed. So basically, the city has no connection with the world. They were left to face a possible genocide and had to fight with basic weapons like Kalashnikovs (AK 47) against tanks, howitzers, Russian dochkas and more of what ISIS had.

Even today, some of these people are being killed by ISIS just because they are not Muslim, or they are Muslim but not Sunni, or they are Sunni but not ISIS. There’s this fear that the people of Kobani will continue to be killed because they were born there and have nowhere else to go.

Is there hope for these people? Will the bad news about these people end? Surely it is possible.

We need prominent politicians to stop thinking of their “piece of cake” and

empathize as a human being.

They need to put themselves in the shoes of a child who wakes up with the noise of the bombs every morning, or a woman who sees the mass killing of her family. Inshallah we pray this happens, the fight ends and peace reigns in Iraq, Syria and Kobani once again.





## A WORTHY RISK

**D**o what you love, love what you do... I think these are the best words to describe Formula 1 drivers' passion. They are in love with their jobs and they are always self confident, because this is the key to becoming a race driver. Racing in Formula 1 seems like the most compulsive sport for almost anyone. They are the most competitive drivers in the world, because victory is always their priority. These races are the way to prove themselves so that they are better than others.

Formula 1 drivers share a common bond. They all love unlimited speed. They have to control all their feelings. Being a Formula 1 driver requires; passion, stability and ruthlessness. These three features make them different from other people who are also interested in sports. They were raised for victory, for this reason there's no room for failure in their lives. It is not only about being a Formula 1 driver, it is also about creating the best team, best car and being the best driver. They are all connected. We cannot separate them. If one of them is not good enough, they can not be on the top of the list as a team. It takes years but it is worth it. When they beat their teammates, it becomes more meaningful for them, because they think that their biggest rivals are always their teammates. They seem to have strong bonds to one another but when we go into the deeper part of this issue, we realize that it is not the reality. We have witnessed this situa-

tion for years. During the race which will take place this year, Hamilton and Rosberg will show us how to race in Formula 1. They race for the same team but they are so different from each other. They don't mind having big crashes just to get 7 more points from each other. If one of them can not finish the race before the other teammate, it doesn't matter what his degree is. As a result, they sacrifice their lives for this. This is what they believe and I think is inspiring. We should respect them deeply. They witness a lot of failure, a lot of pain but never give up. They won't stop pushing forward until they get to the finish line. This is their main purpose and this ambition is a part of their characters. They all want to win, they all want to come first. No matter how many times, they need to do it. There is no doubt about that.

### Key of Success in Formula 1

- Trust yourself.
- Don't panic. Believe that everything is going to be fixed in seconds.
- Work with an amazing team.
- Do your best when you are racing.
- Remember that all great success stories come from the impossibilities.

Ece ÖĞÜNÇ



## THE FIELD OF JUSTICE

Yusuf GÜLOĞLU

**H**ave you ever played a MOBA game, or do you even not know what MOBA game is? MOBA means Multiplayer Online Battle Arena. As you may guess from the definition, this game type lets you play as a team with an internet connection. Nowadays there are a lot of MOBA games and they are really popular. People of all ages from all countries play games with passion. The most important parts of MOBA games are strategy and team play. You have to move as a team. In this article I will mention League of Legends which has been the most played MOBA game for 2 years.

League of Legends is developed and published by Riot Games. The game was first announced on October 7, 2008, and released on October 27, 2009. In League of Legends, players assume the role of a character, called a "champion" with unique abilities, battling with a team

against other players or computer-controlled champions. Each team's goal is to destroy other team's base, called "nexus". The game contains 9 different server options for each player (Brazil, EU-Nordic & East, EU West, Latin America North, Latin America South, North America, Oceania, Russia, Turkey). Every player controls a champion. As of 16th of November 2014 there are 121 different champions. The map is divided into 3 different lanes (Top, Mid, Bottom) and jungle (the area between lanes). In these lanes players have different roles.

**Top Lane:** Players try to pick tanky champions who can keep the damage on itself and stay alive much longer.

**Mid Lane:** In this lane, players mostly prefer Ability Power Carry champions who can deal damage as ability power with abilities. But they can also pick Attack Damage champions too. It

depends on what player wants to play.

**Bottom Lane:** Bottom lane includes two different roles (Attack Damage Carry, Support).

For Attack Damage Carry role, players use the ranged champions who can deal physical damage.

For Support role, players try to pick the support champion who can help much better to their AD carries.

**Jungle:** It is the most flexible role in League of Legends. Players pick whatever they want. But these days players mostly pick assassin champions or tanky champions for this role.

No matter what your champion or role is, the strategical battle arena is waiting for you. Step into the arena now and take part in the combats filled with fast paced game sessions!





# FOX KIDS, ROCK KIDS!!

Şevval Aykan

Anyone who was a child in the 90's, might remember Fox Kids cartoon channel. We call it 'our childhood'. It was first broadcasted on 8th September in 1990, it continued its broadcast till the 7th of September.

In those days, everyday we used to get up early, sit in front of the television and we couldn't quit watching TV till our sleep time. 402class, Adventures of Oliver Twist, Mischievous Denis, Mischievous Louie, What's with Andy? Spy Dogs, Mad Jack the Pirate, Babby's World, Bad Dog, Why why

Family, Roboroach, Princess Sissi, Princess Tenko, WunschPunsch, Pinocchio, are the cartoons that Fox Kids had. And then its name was changed to Jetix and JetixPlay. But I think that both channels were not as interesting as Fox kids.

When I asked the following question to Istanbul Aydın University Newspaper Community; "What is your favorite Fox Kids cartoon?" I got these answers: "Mad Jack the Pirate and What's with Andy?". In Turkey Mad Jack the Pirate is known as "Şıpidik Öldürmeli".



## What's up?

Özge SAT



### ANE BRUN / CONCERT

Ane Brun, who is famous for her song "Do you remember?" is coming to Istanbul. This will be the fourth time that she visits Istanbul. If you are looking for acoustic concerts, it will be ideal for you.

12 December 2014 / Kucukciftlik Park



### ERKAN OĞUR / CONCERT

Erkan Oğur started his music carrier after dropping out of the engineering department of The Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich. He has got a musical invention known as "Perdesiz Gitar". Also Ismail Hakki Demircioglu will be on the stage with him. This event will be for ancient folk songs lovers.

27 December 2014 / Trump Tower

### AHMED ARIF / THEATRE

How many poets do you know who are famous for their book? Ahmed Arif nailed it. There will be a show for the purpose of remembering his poems and life. Shackles will be old from yearning for this event.

9 January 2015 / Baris Manco Kultur Merkezi



### MIRO / EXHIBITION

If you want to see paintings with Mediterranean effect, Miro will be available until February 1st at the Sakip Sabanci Museum. He is the strongest painter of the 20th century. He was inspired by Mediterranean people and concentrated on "Women, Birds and Stars" as it also named the exhibition. Also in the exhibition, you can see Miro's assemblage technic. Visitors will see how Miro can give different shapes to the Mediterranean culture.

Until February 1st / Sakip Sabanci Museum

## STAY

## MOVIE

Nisa Nur ÖZÇOBAN

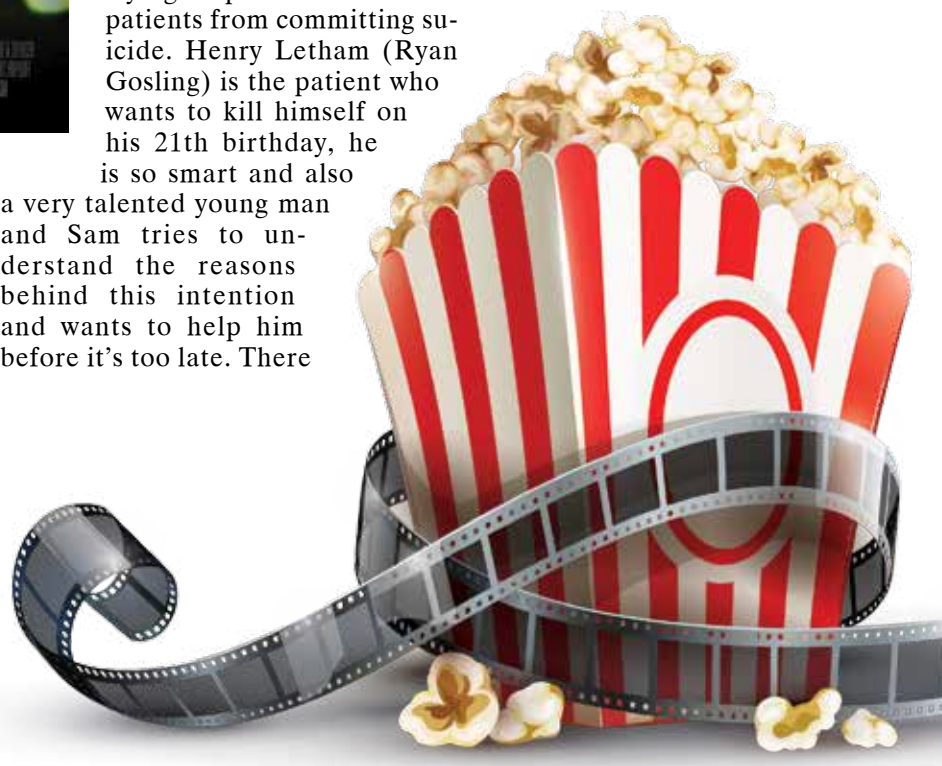


Forster's visual style is very subtle in Stay. This style allows him to describe the situation in the movie and the atmosphere. It also gives us some blurry clues which direct us to the secret of the movie. This is one of the unpredictable movies. In fact, I ensure you that you won't understand anything until the end of the movie. You may know the characters, you may know their life stories but it doesn't help you guess the end of the movie.

So what is this movie about? Let me summarize it for you. This movie focuses on the psychiatrist named Dr. Sam Foster (Ewan McGregor) who is trying to prevent one of his patients from committing suicide. Henry Letham (Ryan Gosling) is the patient who wants to kill himself on his 21th birthday, he is so smart and also

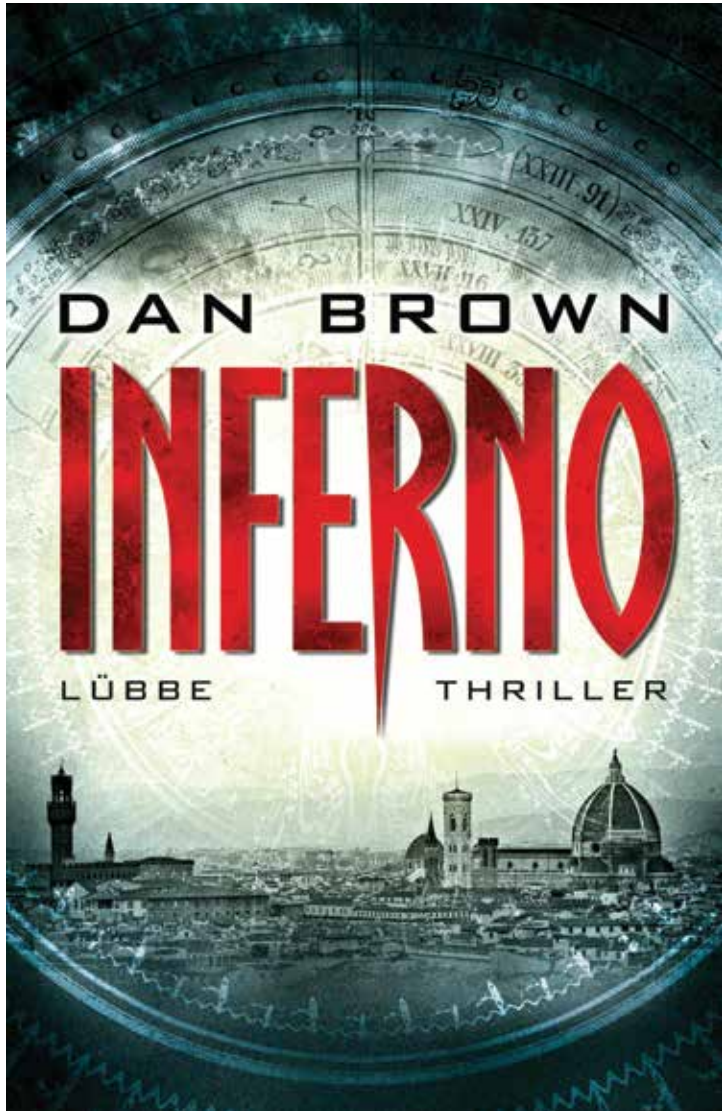
a very talented young man and Sam tries to understand the reasons behind this intention and wants to help him before it's too late. There

There are so many mysteries about life. Some of them have been solved but some of them are still waiting to be solved and it is not guaranteed that we are going to solve them. In this mystery of our lives and paradoxes that we create every day, every second, it is getting harder to understand what we are living for. Stay is about those millions of mysteries in life. It's about how we can control the things, out of control. Stay (2005) is directed by Marc Forster who has also directed well known movies such as **Finding Neverland (2004)**, **Stranger Than Fiction (2006)**, **The Kite Runner (2007)** and I believe you can remember one of his recent movies, **World War Z (2013)**.





# ABANDON ALL HOPE



There have always been always interesting books which make you think twice and then you read them again and again. I think Dan Brown's novels are in this group. Dan Brown (born June 22, 1964) is

an American author. Brown has been interested in secrets, symbols and puzzles since he was a child. These hobbies leads him to write his first novel "Digital Fortress" when he was studying at college. After that novel, Dan Brown published "Angels and Demons". In 2003, he published his best-known book "The Da Vinci Code". He also published "The Lost Symbol" and his latest book, "Inferno". Let's take a look at Inferno.

## WAKE UP NOWHERE

Its lead character is Robert Longdon who is a Harvard symbology expert. Robert Longdon wakes up in a hospital room. He has no idea about how he got there. Than he looks out of the window and realizes that he is in Italy. He gets shocked. He meets his doctor and he learns that someone attacked him and he lost his memory. He doesn't remember anything about the last two days of his life. He only has bad hallucinations about trying to find something.

## CERCA TROVA (Search and Find)

When he is at hospital, a woman with a gun attacks him and he and his doctor Sienna escape together. He is confused about what is really going on. Than he finds a small book in his pocket and notices that it is a kind of reflective. He switches it on and sees a picture about Dante's Inferno which has nine layers. But something is wrong with that picture. There is a man wearing a mask. It is the mask which was used by doctors when they were treating The Black Death in 14th century.

## I AM THE SHADOW

The man wearing a mask calls himself "shadow". Shadow (Bertrant Zobrist) thinks that the rise of the human population threatens our new ages and evolution. There are too many people on our earth and he thinks if we kill some of these, the earth

will be a better place just like the Renaissance after the black death. So he makes a pandemic virus and Robert Longdon must solve the mystery and find the virus before it spreads.

## REALITY ONLY CAN BE SEEN WITH EYES OF DEATH

Robert Longdon and the Doctor Sienna start to follow clues to solve mystery about the Shadow: Bertrand Zobrist. They search Florance and find a really interesting clue. Dante's mask of death. The mask of death is made of plaster. It used to block dead people faces in the Middle Ages. Then they find a poem in it and their adventures begin. The poem is about Dante's epic poem: Divine Comedia. Zobrist is a genius biologist and he hides some symbols inside the writing. In this part of the book, the author gives you a lot of information about historical and legendary places. Than Robert and Sienna find theirselves in a mental labyrinth which -has some parts from Dante's Inferno- assembled, cleverly.

## TURKISH FOOTLESS HORSES

There is an interesting and funny point in the book. It is about the sculptors of horses. The horses were stolen from Istanbul during the crusades. After years the feet come to Istanbul and Italians want them back. The Turkish authorities said: "Your grandpas have stolen the horses from us so we are not going to give them back."

## ISTANBUL

Robert and Sienna come to Istanbul following the clues they've found. After all searches, they reach the virus but there is a surprise for them. Are they late? Who can Longdon really trust? What about the virus? Another breath-taking novel by Dan Brown. Read it and choose your side.

Remember, The darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in time of moral crisis.

**DANTE ALIGHIERI**

## The Hunger Artist

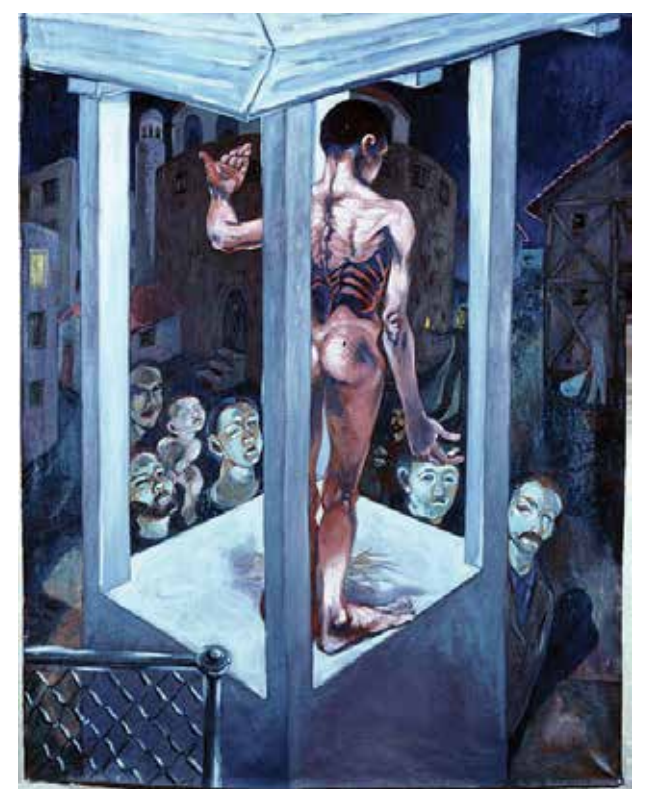
The Hunger Artist is a story written by Franz Kafka, published in 1922 and translated into English in 1938. It is about a man who continuously fasts under the manager's watch for forty days. The story starts when everybody was excited to see the artist, especially children. When we analyze the Artist's behavior, we see that his manner is variable. He sometimes smiles constrainedly and answers the questions of the audience but sometimes withdraws into himself.

At the end of the forty days, he was taken out of the cage by two ladies who were randomly chosen from the crowd. Doctors measured his health condition and announced it by a megaphone. In time, people lost their interest in this man and that made the Artist more depressed than ever. After losing the crowd's interest, he decided to leave his job and sold himself to a circus. His cage was placed with the cages of animals. Even though he had hoped to get people's attention, it wasn't more than a few people interested in watching him. It was easy for him to fast as much as he could but it wasn't interesting enough. As time went by, everyone seemed to forget him. The chart

which showed the fasting days, remained the same and the men who used to watch him were playing cards instead of ensuring that he was not eating. When he was with the manager, even though he wasn't allowed to pass the forty days he used to count the days but now, even the Artist himself forgot the day. The only thing he knew was that he had broken his previous record. One day, a man came closer to him and saw him lying then asked "Are you still fasting? When on earth do you mean to stop?". The Artist slowly whispered "I always wanted you to admire my fasting...". When the man said that they were admiring him, the Artist objected and said "you shouldn't admire it.". The man was confused but still he had to answer. "Okay then, we don't. But why shouldn't we?" The Artist said "because I have to fast, I can't help it.". The man was curious now and he was wondering where this conversation was going. That's why he asked again; "Why can't you stop it?" The Artist replied with great difficulty "because I couldn't find the food I liked. If I had found it, believe me, I should have made no fuss and stuffed myself like you or anyone else." These were his last words. They buried him and put a panther into his old cage and the people were amazed by it. They stood in front of it and watched him for all day long.

Like the people who were standing in front of the panther's cage, I was amazed by this story. I read it again and again. It was not only different and challenging in terms of language but also very gripping. What you will take from this story depends on who you are because words between the lines can be seen only if you are eager to see them. I suppose you have realized that there are different kinds of ways to understand a story. Being able to understand a

man who is suffering to attract others' attention and trying to get to know him takes your time but it is worth it. Once you achieve it, you will not want to stop reading. Exploring a new world in a story is going to become your fasting as it's happened to me. No one is going to be satisfied as it's happened to The Hunger Artist.



**Berrak ERTORER**



# The Cloudy Night Just Like Daytime



He was sitting on the balcony on a summer night. There were clouds in the sky. He thought that it couldn't be night, it must be daytime. He drank a cup of tea in the cloudy night which was just like daytime. So who was he? He did not like to read newspapers because he did not know how to fold a newspaper. However; he could see the color of the flowers in a black and white film. In addition, he didn't even know who he was. It didn't matter anyway.

He was walking on a winter day -after some months-. He saw some houses whose curtains smelled like soap. And the people

in the houses had to be happy. He knew it somehow. He continued to walk. The weather was getting dark. People were returning their homes. He was smiling while putting his cold hands in his pockets. He was going home. His home was the street, on that cloudy evening. He saw a hospital then a cemetery next to the hospital. He thought 'Was it really a hospital?' He was walking. He saw many things. Most of what he saw were not important, the hospital either. Only one thing was important to him: a man, a woman and their daughter. The man was buying hot chestnuts from a seller. The snow began to fall. He couldn't

peel the chestnut because it was too hot. The woman and the daughter were smiling while the man was trying to peel the hot chestnut and as it was still snowing. And the man (main character) suddenly looked up to the sky. The weather darkened, it was now night. But he saw some clouds. He saw the clouds at night for the first time since the summer nights. He then thought that it was the daytime since it was very hot. However; it was winter and cold, too. The heat of the chestnut was spreading all over the world and he was smiling.

**Sena İSPIRLİ**

## ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Istanbul Aydin University Preparatory School Photography Club is for all level students who are interested in improving their photographs .We meet at various times and places to share ideas and to develop and fine tune our skills while sharing with other people.We all capture the moment !

We are a group of passionate photographers interested in learning and sharing techniques, knowledge and friendship among our members. We create opportunities to extend our formal and informal portfolios .We have competitions at different levels and we form special interest groups to learn more about different topics of photography.

We have many photo events. We take

of different photos together. We can have a great friendship with in our club.Furthermore, Every year we hold a photo exhibition and we had a photo exhibition in the last year as well. Our students got the certificates from this exhibition and again we will hold an exhibition in the end of this semester in Istanbul Aydin University Preparatory School.If you want,you can come and capture the moment !

Come and learn how to do more with your camera and meet new friends! People of all ages and abilities are welcome.

**Contact Info : Zuhail AYDIN** (English Language Instructor - Istanbul Aydin University Preparatory School )



## COLD HANDS



I've always had cold hands  
Cause they were longing  
For someone that would  
Bring warmth to them  
One fortunate day i met you  
And realize  
That you were not  
Bringing the desired warmth  
To them but to my heart so,  
When you fell my cold hands  
Over your body they should  
Remind you of the fire of my heart...

**Eyyüp KABOGAN**

## Memories

Let me go  
Let me go off your arms  
Don't hold me this tight  
Let my heart fly  
Fly like a snowflake  
Like the words that you have said  
So many things have happened  
So many have changed  
But only we remained  
In my heart  
In my memory  
Thanks to the things that  
I couldn't manage to forget  
Clouds are everywhere  
But not in me  
It is all dark now  
And rainy  
If you want to see  
See what is wrong with me  
Everytime, it is like the first time  
Like a scream in my ears  
Or  
In my mouth  
Words are full of scream  
If you want to hear  
It is not the end nor the start  
Can you tell  
Which one of us is right  
Don't hold me this tight  
Let me fly  
Fly like  
You

**Berrak ERTORER**







### 10th November

Students and teachers prepared some shows and presentations for Ataturk's Memorial Day on 10th November. After one minute's silence, preparatory school director Necmiye Karataş gave an opening speech and a video about Ataturk was shown. Several stage performances such as a mini concert, poem performance which students and teachers performed were well received.

Nisa Nur ÖZÇOBAN



### Teachers Day

On behalf of the devoted teaching cadre of Istanbul Aydın University Prep School, I hereby would like to thank our regardful students for their heart-warming surprise celebration ceremony they held in the conference hall of our school on the 24th November, 2014. My gratitudes are for you who once more proved through your sincere stage performances that our efforts are not worthless at all.

Lecturer: Fatma Esin Kalyoncu Aslan



### Happy New Year to you all

As we all know, winter has come, so it will snow soon and everywhere we will see is going to be covered by white, snowmen and snow angels will be built. It may be cold but I think it will be worth it. As Aydın University Preparation School, we got ready to set our own Christmas tree up. Have you visited our library? If the answer is yes, then you saw our Christmas tree. It's not like ordinary trees- it was made from books we have in the library by our friends. With excellent decorations, it shines like a shooting star at the entrance of the library. I wish this New Year brings all of us things that we desire and I wish we all shine like our Christmas tree this year.

Eren Karahan



### Debates

The debate was prepared by volunteer students and their mentors. In the first round of the debate, Classes A-10 and A-9 were the opponents, their debate subject was whether assisted suicide should be legal or not. A-9 stood up for assisted suicide should be legal and A-10 stood up for assisted suicide shouldn't be legal. In the second round, students from class 502 (representing the evening program) and class 119 were opponents and their debate subject was whether science is a threat to humanity or not. Both debates were very competitive and exciting. All groups worked hard and performed well.

Nisa Nur ÖZÇOBAN



# Events In School



## Blood Donation Day

Blood.. One of the most important parts of our bodies and also the most functional one to spread valuable ingredients among our organs. Donation for anything is very important but blood is one of the most essential to save someone's life in particular ways. So with that in mind, Kızılay had an event in our school to find volunteer students to donate blood in Turkey. We had many students, including me, who donated blood. We also had many many volunteers whose bodies were not able to donate because of health issues. But the spirit was the number one priority to feel in these kind of cases. Thanks to everyone who donated and who showed their conscience on the day.

Melih Erdoğan



## Have you considered quitting smoking?

Our school infirmary doctor, Ülkü Başdaş, seeing that most of the students go down to the canteen to smoke at break-times, decided to make a presentation about smoking and its harmful effects. He did it in a very enjoyable way that attracted teenagers to pay attention to the presentation. The presentation included many cartoons which made the seminar fun instead of being boring.

At this presentation he mentioned about cancer types and other diseases that smoking might cause. He also emphasized that smoking causes not only medical problems, but also financial problems. Therefore financial effect of smoking was also touched upon. There were some calculations that show how much money we spend on smoking and what we can do with this money instead of smoking.

The presentation contained many useful information and our friends heard many advice from our doctor. Lastly, he said he could help those who want to quit smoking. If you are considering quitting smoking, you should visit him as soon as possible. However, you will have to make an appointment.

Eren Karahan



Projects, projects and projects, which mean presentations. Preparing enriched power points is hard work, as we all know, but presenting the slide in front of an audience is more difficult than preparation. One of our teachers, Murat Kalelioğlu, noticed we all have challenges in preparing power points and presenting them. In order to improve us, he gave a seminar. He showed us how to prepare a good-looking power point and how to present it. We can use what he showed not only at school, but also for the rest of our lives. It is lifelong knowledge that we can use. All of us students at Aydın University Preparation School thank him so much.

Eren Karahan



# THE KING IS HOME

Cem ŞİMŞEK

**W**hen I say "The King", many people can understand who I will talk about. If you haven't noticed yet, let me remind you.

Think about a basketball player who became very popular when he was at high school. Most NBA players can't be as popular in their career but he made it even when he didn't play as a professional. Can you have guess? Yes, I'm talking about "The King" LeBron James.

At high school, he had great statistics and these statistics provided him with the Mr. Basketball Award (3 times) and Gatorade Basketball Player of the Year (2 times).

In 2003, he was drafted by Cleveland Cavaliers with 1st tour 1st pick. He stayed in the Cavaliers until 2010.

Let's have a look his first 3 year in the Cavaliers and realize how he became a real superstar there.

Even in his first game he made 25 points, 9 assists and 6 rebounds.

He completed his rookie year with 20.9 points, 5.9 assists and 5.5 rebounds

In his 2nd season he increased his statistics and made 27.2 p, 7.4 r, 7.2 a

In his 3rd season he made 31.4 p, 7.0 r, 6.6 a (with these statistics, he became the youngest player ever in the NBA who made 30 point average in per games.)

In 2007, LeBron became more experienced player and everyone was expecting from him to become a champion and get a championship ring.

In this season he made 27.3 p, 6.7 r

and 6 an average and he took his team to the NBA Finals.

The Cavaliers won the conference finals against the Detroit Pistons and became an opponent against the San Antonio Spurs in the NBA Finals. Everybody expected him to make it but he couldn't and the Spurs beat the Cavaliers as 4-0 and become The Champion.

Until 2010, the Cavaliers played a Conference Finals and played a Conference Semi-Finals but he hasn't become champion yet. He wanted to become champion more than everything and because of that in 2010 (when his contract ended) he accepted a Miami Heats offer. Other teams offered him a better life, better money and much more opportunity but he accepted Miami Heat because he believed that he could be champion there. Miami Heat created an unbelievable roster with 3 superstars in the league (Wade, Bosh and LeBron)

By joining The Heats, he made a huge sacrifice for his new team. He could have got a maximum contract there, but he didn't because he wanted some superstar teammates in his team and to achieve this The Heats had to have more salary cap. After LeBron's sacrifice, the other superstars in the team - I mean Wade and Bosh - made a sacrifice too. With this situation they showed everyone their ambition and they believed they could have many championships together.

The first year of new Miami Heat was almost legendary, they played

amazing games, they gave lots of pleasure to their fans with the leadership of LeBron James and they became a champion of their Conference. In the NBA Finals they played versus the Dallas Mavericks, Everyone believed that The Heats were going to be champion easily but they didn't... because they didn't think about the Maverick's superstar Dirk Nowitzki. With his leadership the Mavericks defeated The Heats and LeBron hadn't won any championship rings yet.

After this shocking situation he started to work harder and harder. In the whole summer he just trained himself to get that ring and made up his mind to become one of the best players in NBA history.

The following 2 years were definitely legendary for him because in these 2 season he achieved all his goals. He became NBA CHAMPION 2 times and he got the MVP award 2 times too.

In 2011 they defeated Oklahoma City Thunder 4-1, and in 2012 they defeated the San Antonio Spurs 4-3.

He wanted to become a champion for a third. Time but the last year's finalist the Spurs defeated them in the Finals 4-1 and he couldn't get his 3rd ring.

After this season LeBron announced unbelievable news. He announced that he

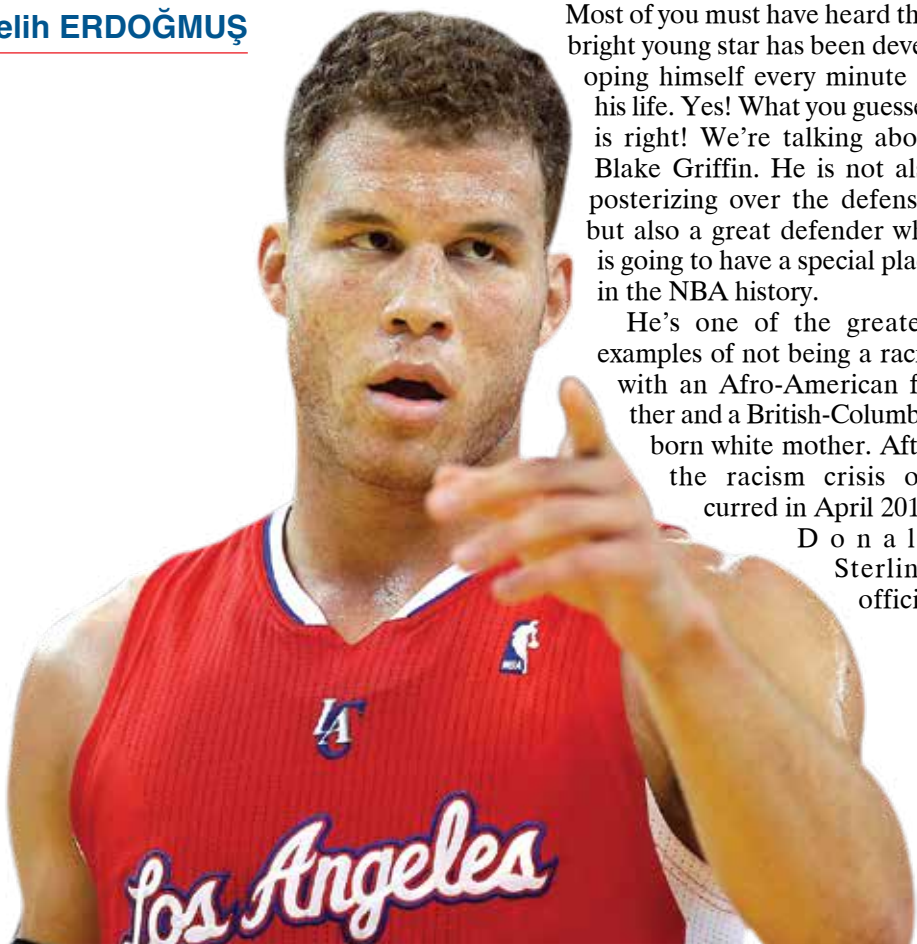
was returning to his first club, to his home, to his family... He had got the championships in Miami Heat and he thought it was the time to be success again in The Cavaliers.

Let's follow them and see what happens. Can LeBron become champion in his hometown Cleveland or like the old memories he is going to fail? I don't know that answer but here is the truth, 'The KING is HOME'



## BLAKE GRIFFIN AKA THE DUNK FACTORY

Melih ERDOĞMUŞ



Most of you must have heard that bright young star has been developing himself every minute of his life. Yes! What you guessed is right! We're talking about Blake Griffin. He is not also posterizing over the defenses but also a great defender who is going to have a special place in the NBA history.

He's one of the greatest examples of not being a racist with an Afro-American father and a British-Columbia born white mother. After the racism crisis occurred in April 2014;

Donald Sterling, official

owner of the LA Clippers, was banned from the NBA for life and paid \$2.5 million to the whole league.

That's the part Blake Griffin took in and said "I was the only reason that has made him have racist comments about, as I haven't filled the box referring that I was a White-American in the last census." So the entire population living in the U.S. has seen how adorable he was.

Earlier in his life, Blake and his parents had decided to make him study the primary and elementary school at home like thousands of other American children. He couldn't make that many friends at home but in the basketball courses he did. His father was a basketball coach at Oklahoma State University which enabled him and his brother to be more related to basketball. After a bright career in high school with his brother Taylor, despite receiving educational offers from the best universities in the USA like Duke, Yale and Harvard, he

chose to stay in Oklahoma where he was born and raised and he continued his educational life in Oklahoma State University just like his brother Taylor Griffin. Although he had some tremendous surgeries on his knees at college, he couldn't keep himself out of field even for one week. In 2009, Blake Griffin was drafted by the LA Clippers in the first place at the first chart in drafts held by the NBA. After he had spent only one year in the NBA, he was awarded the Rookie of the Year by all audiences watching the matches.

As a conclusion, according to many sport commenters in the NBA, USA and the entire world are going to have a shining star in future.

Beside all these things we talked about, not also with the charming skills he shows but also the inspiring spirit he engrains in youth living all around the world, he gives us what is needed to succeed in what we study on; determination!



Emirhan GÜL

# Do You Really Know Steven Paul Jobs well?

**H**ow did Steve Jobs become one of the prominent inventors of 21st century?

Let's take a closer look at Steven Paul Jobs' successful career. In 1973 he dropped out of university, because he had no idea what he wanted to do in his life and he was spending all of the money his parents had saved their entire life. In 1974 he joined the Atari Company (game console). In 1976 he created the Apple with Steve Wozniak. After some years in 1985, he got fired from Apple. You may say "how can he get fired from a company that he started?" Well, he hired someone who he thought was very talented to run the company with him and in the first few years, things went fine. But then their vision of the future began to diverge and eventually they had a falling out. When they did, their Board of Directors sided with the new guy. So, 30 year-old Steve was now out. Then in 1985, he created the NexT (a computer company). Things went well with the NexT and in 1986 he bought the Pixar

(Animation Studio). After 10 years, in 1996, he returned to Apple. And in 2006 he sold Pixar.

As you can see, he followed his own path and became one of the best in his area. And here are some suggestions by Steve Jobs and I think we have to pay attention to his suggestions to be successful people in the rest of our lives, and also to follow our dreams.

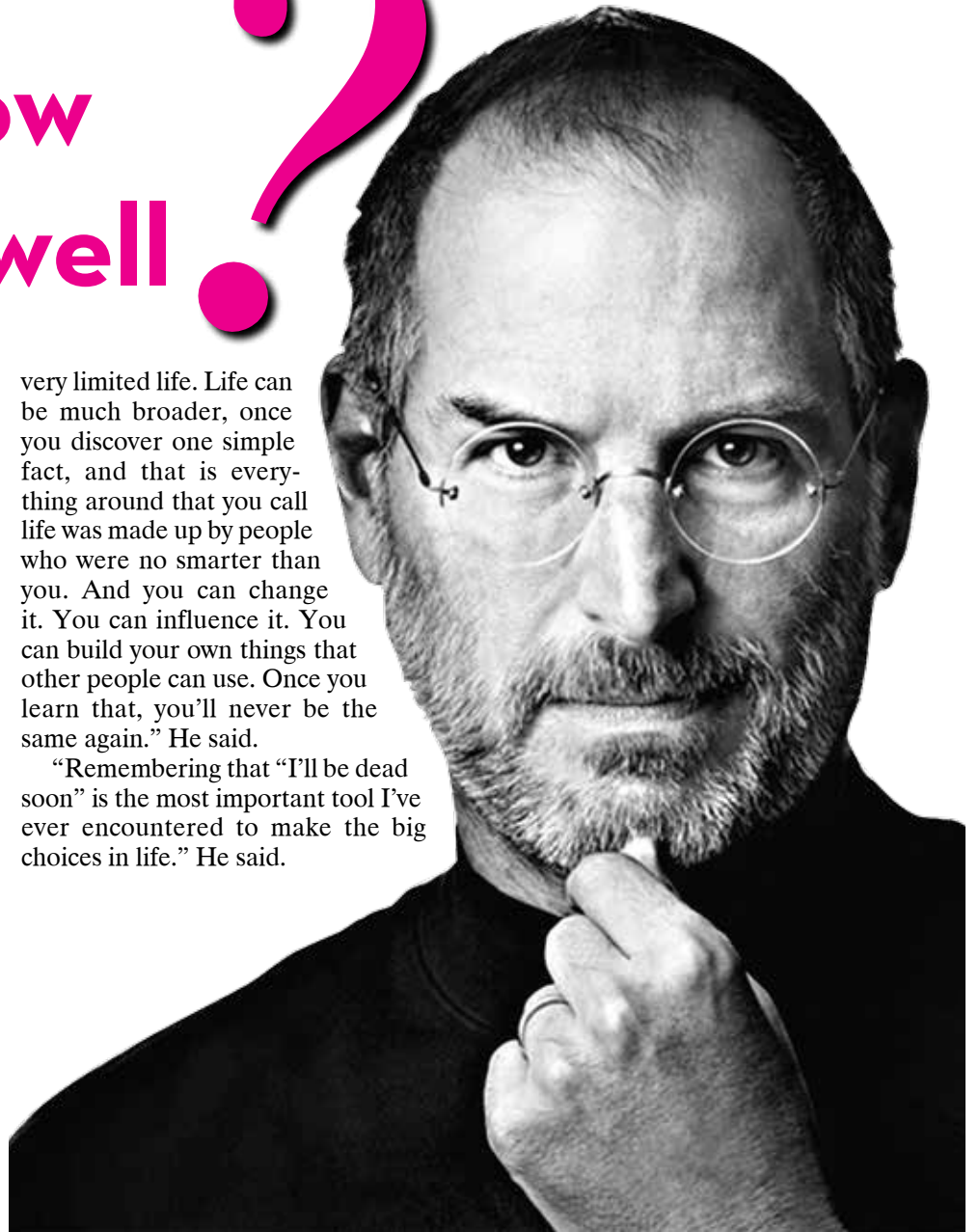
**"You've got to find what you love"**  
**"Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish."**  
**"Live like you're dying."**  
**"Follow your own path."**

This paragraph is one of his most interesting speeches of him, for me. When I heard that speech, my mind changed completely. I believe that when you read this, yours will change, too.

"When you grow up, you tend to get told that the world is the way it is, and your life is just to live your life inside the world. Try not to bash into the walls too much. Try to have a nice family life. Have fun, save a little money. That's a

very limited life. Life can be much broader, once you discover one simple fact, and that is everything around that you call life was made up by people who were no smarter than you. And you can change it. You can influence it. You can build your own things that other people can use. Once you learn that, you'll never be the same again." He said.

"Remembering that "I'll be dead soon" is the most important tool I've ever encountered to make the big choices in life." He said.



## Nasreddin Hodja and the Impact of His Stories

Büşra Maraş BULUT



**N**asreddin Hodja. Who is he? We will almost search his name from dictionaries. In the past, he was one of the best friends of children who were also growing up with his stories, but now children don't recognize any of his stories anymore. He is the most important teacher of our culture. How did we lose him?

In the past, children were listening and reading Nasreddin Hodja's stories from radios and books and inferring some results about their own behaviours in terms of which one was right or false. They were able to understand how to be a good human easily in a way they enjoyed.

Their families were supporting such activities. Because of that while they were apprehending how to be a respectful human, at the same time they were having fun. The aim was to teach rights easily with fun.

Unfortunately, today's children are not interested in Nasreddin Hodja's stories.

They can not spare time from playing computer/smartphone games and watching strange cartoons. And also they can not find time to do their homework, either. They always have an excuse. Generally, their teacher and parents complain about their behaviours. Teachers do not want to warn them about their missing homework, pranks, lies and aggressive actions. Parents want to spend more time and change their attitude but most of the time it does not happen as they've wished. Actually, their children need friendly and helpful stories to learn how to change their misbehaviours instead of spending time with unnecessary things such as playing computer games.

As a result, today's children have more opportunities than those of yesterday. In the past, children had real friends and teachers like Nasreddin Hodja and Keloglan who always showed them the truth and right behaviours. Maybe they did not have smartphones and FIFA soccer games, but they had lovely, respectful family lives. They were doing something which was beneficial to them instead of wasting all their time with computer and playstation games.

**What about the thief? Isn't he guilty?**

Nasreddin Hodja's donkey is stolen and instead of consoling, his neighbours blame him.

"You should have locked the garden door!", "Didn't you hear any noises from outside?",

"You should have tied the donkey securely!", "You should have checked it before you slept!"

Hodja listens to all of them patiently and finally says; "Well, you are putting all the blame on me. Don't you think that the thief deserves a little blame? Isn't the thief guilty at all?"



## DABBAWALLA; A WORK DELIVERY CATERING SYSTEM OF INDIA

A dabbawala is a person in India, especially in Mumbai, who collects hot food in lunch boxes from the houses of workers in the late morning, delivers the lunches to the workplace. He or she transfers food on bicycles and the railway trains, and returns the empty boxes to the customer's residence that afternoon. They get cooked meals from central kitchens to the customers and back.

In Mumbai, most workers prefer to eat home-cooked food; they don't prefer to eat outside, usually for reasons of taste and hygiene. A number of work-from-home women also supply home-cooked meals like this, so they deliver it through the dabbawala net-

work.

A dabbawala is usually on bicycle, collects dabbas sometimes from a worker's home and sometimes from the dabba makers. The dabbas (boxes) have various marks on them, such as a colour or group of symbols.

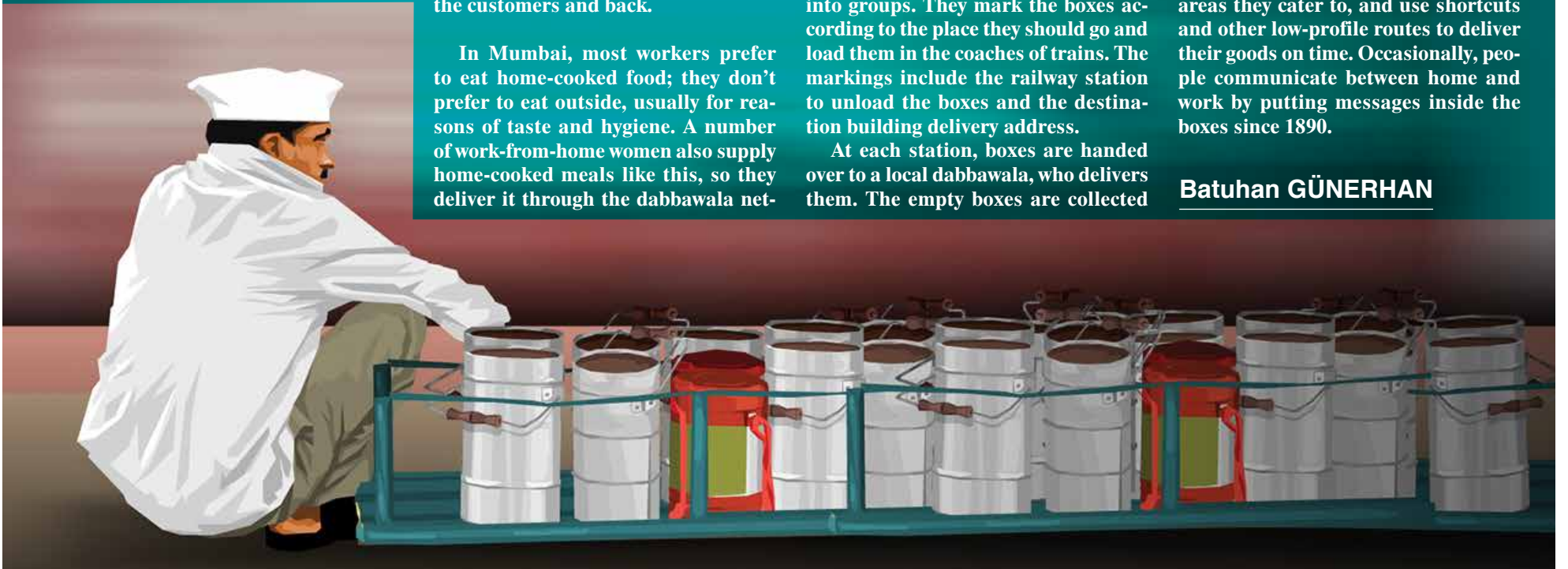
Then the dabbawala takes them to a worker's place, where he and other dabbawalas divide the lunch boxes into groups. They mark the boxes according to the place they should go and load them in the coaches of trains. The markings include the railway station to unload the boxes and the destination building delivery address.

At each station, boxes are handed over to a local dabbawala, who delivers them. The empty boxes are collected

after lunch or the next day and sent back to the respective houses.

The service is almost always non-stop, even on the days of severe weather such as monsoons. The local dabbawalas and population know each other well, and often have very trustful relationship. Dabbawalas are generally well accustomed to the local areas they cater to, and use shortcuts and other low-profile routes to deliver their goods on time. Occasionally, people communicate between home and work by putting messages inside the boxes since 1890.

**Batuhan GÜNERHAN**



## IAU GOURMET GUIDE

The world is full of cities offering different tastes. Istanbul is also one of them. This beautiful city gives us a chance of happiness. So, why don't we open our eyes to this chance? We should travel all around Istanbul; we should taste and smell every piece of it.

Let's discover the hidden treasures of Istanbul's European side!

### J'adore La Fontana

This small café is in Taksim, Istanbul. When you walk through the door, you can understand that it is wonderful.



You should taste a little chocolate bar which is made by J'adore. It's perfect as dessert after the lunch or dinner. But I should warn you; once you come in, it would be difficult to go out.

**The suggestion: Oh La La Beatrice!**

### Golden Menemen

Our school starts so early in the morning. And because of that we miss great, homemade breakfasts. But don't worry! This place provides you a home atmosphere and delicious "menemen". The owner of this café is like a father. He walks around the café and smiles at you. When you finish your "menemen", he approaches and says "Enjoy your meal!". Or whenever you pay your check, he says "Thank you! Goodbye sweetheart, take care of yourself." If you are looking for home atmosphere, you should visit this place in Beşiktaş.

**The suggestion: Menemen**

### Café Bi' Melek

This lovely place is in Taksim, too. The café has a terrace. So, as you go up the stairs, you'll see beautiful paintings. The owner of the café is also an artist. The walls were painted by him. You just look at them with admiration. Not only the paintings, but also their food is amazing! Their portion is huge. After your meal, you'll definitely feel full.

**The suggestion: Chicken with curry sauce**

**Başak AKDAĞ**

## nutella brownies

**Erkin ÜNLÜ**



### Instructions:

1. Oil a 9 x 9 baking pan and pre-heat oven to 350 F (175 C) Mix all the ingredients into a large bowl with a large wooden spoon until the batter is smooth. Pour it into a baking pan and smooth the top with a spatula.
2. Bake it for 15 minutes until an inserted toothpick comes out clean. Be careful not to bake it for too long, otherwise the brownies will dry out. Let the brownies get cooler before cutting and serving them.

**PROS:** It takes about 5 minutes to mix everything together and 15 minutes to bake.

Technically, you should let them get completely cool so that they don't fall apart when you cut them. This recipe is ridiculously easy!

Today, you're going to learn a brownie recipe that is going to blast your mind for sure!

These brownies need only 3 ingredients and are ready in less than 30 minutes.

They aren't only Nutella Brownies; they are **THE EASIEST NUTELLA BROWNIES THAT HAVE EVER BEEN MADE!**

### Let's start with the ingredients:

First, you need ¼ glass of Nutella. If you want to use more Nutella, you can. The amount is up to you!

Then, we need two eggs and our last ingredient is ½ cup of all purpose flour.





## 5 Android Applications on which you can study TOEFL

As smartphones have become popular, we have started to do everything with them. Reading newspapers, playing games, checking the weather, and video calls with our friends. We are going to have a TOEFL exam next year, why shouldn't we study for TOEFL anytime and anywhere we want? It would be great because sometimes we don't have time to study at home and while we are going to school, or meeting with friends, we can always solve some tests on our smartphone. It really takes little time for a test and it is good fun, so you never get bored. Being aware of this opportunity, application manufacturers didn't miss this chance; they published many applications for studying TOEFL. Below I will show you some popular ones.

### 1) TOEFL IBT Preparation

This is the best choice among them. Using this application will improve your vocabulary and get you ready for the exam. This app has six vocabulary cat-

egories which are archeology, biology, environment, history and art, geology and social sciences. You can also listen to the pronunciation of the words.

### 2) TOEFL Grammar

This application is based on enriching your grammar. If you download this app, you will download 240 grammar questions, 40 error recognition questions and 240 multiple choice questions immediately to your smartphone. These are really good to improve your grammar and learn grammar structures.

### 3) TuneSkill TOEFL

This application has 3 difficulty levels in it, easy for beginners, medium and difficult for experts, and these levels for each question. And it lets you to share your scores with people all around the world, so you can compare your results with many people.

### 4) TOEFL Flashcards

This app has several learning types

such as study, slide show, matching, memorizing and a quiz, to bring together what have you have learned while doing the exercises.

### 5) TOEFL Speaking Master

In this application, you have a chance to level your speaking ability up and because it has a lot of speaking activity where you first see the questions and then the application gives you about 15 seconds to prepare your answer and finally you hear a "beep" sound that warns you to say your answer. After doing the exercises you can enter the "Review" section to hear recommended answers and listening to them also gives you other bright ideas to use in your other practice.

### 6) Bonus!!

I think mentioning so much about the TOEFL exam and applications may bore you. People need to entertain them



selves, right? So what about doing it in an efficient way? I have the answer, "4 Pics 1 Word". In fact, it is a game but we can use this game as a practice to learn new vocabularies. This game gives you 4 pictures of a word (it can be anything, a verb, an adjective etc.) and you need to find it. There are 12 letters below the pictures that you may use. It may seem easy, but it's really not.

**Eren KARAHAN**

## SCALE MODELING

**Mehmet Ömer DİKBAŞ**

### WHAT IS A MODEL?

It's a scaled version of a real machine with several plastic parts, some glue and some paint. You can almost find any of the mankind's greatest inventions as scaled versions and even fictional things like robots.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED?

After you buy your first model, you need a couple of things and some research about the model. You need paints, glues, different brushes and different emeries for different surfaces and some putty for minor gaps between the parts. But if you're creative, you can use some play dough to fill the gaps just to use your resources and save some money as I did. It doesn't provide you with the best result but if you're a newbie, it's okay. Research about model is a very important key point for you if you want to build a very good-looking and detailed model. For example let's imagine that you're building a model tank from WW2. If you don't have enough material or detail set in the box, doing research will be very beneficial for you or you can just paint it whatever color you want.

### WHERE CAN YOU BUY MODELS AND OTHER STUFF?

Unfortunately it's not a well-developed area in Turkey. They are trying to spread it with some establishments like THK and there are some online shops which are dedicated only for this hobby. You can find them on the internet but there are also some shops which you can find in

Kadıköy, Bağdat Street and you can also find them even in your local shopping malls. Also, you can find some experienced modelers in one of the shops.

### WHAT KIND OF MODELS CAN YOU BUILD? AND HOW?

There are plenty of models to build. It depends on your interests. You can build planes, tanks, ships, spaceships-stations and robots. Plastic models are static ones. Inside the box you have parts and a plan. Cut the parts, using some emery to clean the burrs around the parts. Use some glue to connect them and paint. You can also build a diorama which is a scaled version of a real event. There is no limit. The only limit is your imagination. These ones are made of plastic; however, there are different model types for which you can use different materials like a wood called "BALSA". Balsa models are flying models that are not static. Inside the box you have some balsa wood laths, a

special paper to cover the outside of the model after you build it, a prop, a rubber and a detailed plan of the model. You need a Styrofoam which is not included in the box. Lay the plan on the Styrofoam using some needless to immobilize it and then cut the laths according to plan. There you go! You have a fuselage. Then attach the wings using special paper for the outside of the plane, add the prop and it's finished! Now all you have to do is turn the prop, set the engine and release it in the wind where it belongs.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS HOBBY?

It might make you a tidier person but it changes from person to person. I have a tidy mess, for example. But it definitely improves your historical knowledge, enhances your handcraft, the detail that you give to an object. And for me it's a very good time killer.





## ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY

# Zift

## PROJECT CLUB

Istanbul Aydin University Zift Project Club is a non-governmental, non-political and youth-based association. Our members can do social and cultural activities such as youth exchanges, conferences, seminars, study visits, training courses workshops thanks to European Commission.



Our students in Istanbul Aydin University Preparatory School can go to European countries for European Exchange projects. They go to Europe easily and they do not need to pay for the accommodation and food. Accommodation and food are totally free. They can get 170 Euro grants for the transportation. Apart from going abroad, they can join the Project writing camps. They do not need to give any money for these projects. They can have a formal education about writing European exchange projects. In the end of the camp, they have a certificate. They can have enjoyable time in the camp by writing projects.

Istanbul Aydin University Zift Project Club educates the youngsters about European exchange projects. In these projects, the young people learn how to write projects, find groups, find a partner and manage the project. Our aim is to make more groups and provide more youngsters to attend to European Union projects without giving money. Because joining a project means learning lots of things, destroying racism, doing cultural exchange and taking responsibility against life. Our students in the club have the facility to go abroad by the grants of the European Union.

If you want to be active and go to different countries by Istanbul Aydin University Zift Project Club, Do not hesitate!

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# MALCOLM X

## A good spirit never dies

Malcolm X was an

African-American Muslim minister and a human rights activist. It may be the first time that you have heard his name but he is a very important person for African-American people and Muslims.

He was born on 19th May 1925. During those years life was hard for black people. They weren't able to set up their own communities. Malcolm realized it when he was just a child and improved himself as an African American Muslim activist. He also made a great impact on American people. He is known as one of the most efficient African-American in history. That's why he is still remembered though it's been almost 50 years since his death. And here is his impressive life story.

When he was six, his father was killed by members of a racist group called Ku Klux Klan. After his death, his mother lost her mind and was hospitalized and his brothers were sent to foster families.

When he was in primary school, he was deeply affected by a sad experience. Malcolm was the only black person in class. During the lesson his teacher asked Malcolm a question: "You're growing up. What do you want to be?" The teacher got surprised when Malcolm said "I want to be a lawyer." His teacher said "You have to be realist, you are a nigger. Why don't you think of being a carpenter?" Malcolm felt so bad about this event and then he dropped out of school.

When he was 17, he moved to Harlem. He hanged out with gangstas and sold drugs. He lived like that for three years. In 1946, he was arrested while selling a stolen watch. In prison, as he couldn't take drugs, he almost went crazy. They called him demon because he continuously swore to God and the Bible. One day, his brother came to prison and said "Malcolm I've found the real religion for black people. It's Islam and Elijah Muhammad is the person we should follow. Don't smoke Malcolm and don't eat pork, either. The devil is human himself and all white people are the devil. Don't forget it!" After that, Malcolm became a religious person.

He slept for five hours a day, read



by Elijah Muhammad.

At the same time Malcolm X went to Macca to perform the Hajj. There his mind changed truly. He wrote those in the letter for his wife: "Maybe you won't believe but I drank some water in the same glass and I ate a meal in the same place as white people. We were all brothers. I'm not a racist Muslim anymore because our real prophet Muhammad forbade it." Since Islam was against any kind of racism, he was deeply affected by it. Also he changed his name as El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, a Muslim name.

His speeches were not only about racism but also about some teachings of Islam. This dramatic change disturbed some people. He was threatened to with death. In 1965, his house was set on fire. He realized that his days were numbered. On 21th February, while he was about to give a speech in Manhattan, a chaos occurred right after he greeted the audience. He said to the audience "STOP IT, Keep Calm!" Suddenly three people in the first row shot him sixteen times. While he was being taken to the hospital, he became a martyr. He was murdered by the people to whom he dedicated his entire life.

Here are some quotes of Malcom X:

-Nobody can give you freedom, equality or justice if you are a man you take it.-If you're not ready to die for it, put the word 'freedom' out of your vocabulary.-People don't realize how a man's whole life can be changed by one book.-So early in my life, I had learned that if you want something, you had better make some noise.-If you're not careful, the newspapers will have your people think that you support the oppressing side not the oppressed one.

And just because you have college and university degree it doesn't mean you are educated. We have to be like Malcolm X. We have to fight till we reach our dreams even if we have to die for them. 50 years after his death, I wanted to show my respect to Malcolm X. If you want to learn more about Malcolm, you can read his books or watch films about him.

\*\* Chickens come home to roost is an expression that means "people get what they deserve"

**Samet KAYAM**

books for hours and found out everything about Elijah Muhammad. He learned from the history books how Americans slaughtered and enslaved millions of Africans and he believed that the white man was evil.

He got out of prison in 1952 and joined a community called "Nation of Islam". He improved his knowledge about Islam and started preaching. He used to give speeches like "When I speak, I don't speak as a democrat or a republican or an American. I speak as a

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victim of America's so-called hypocrisy. When we open our eyes today and look around America it is not through the eyes of someone who has enjoyed the fruits of Americanism. We see America through the eyes of someone who has been the victim of Americanism. We don't see any American dream. We've experienced only the American nightmare."

The same year, John F. Kennedy passed away and Elijah Muhammad forbade his followers to make comments on his death. However, as Malcolm X said \*\*\*"Chickens come home to roost" (The evil took him again), he was silenced for ninety days by Elijah Muhammad. It was followed by the prohibition to preaching



# THE MYSTERIOUS CRIME

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**I**t was on the 5th of September early in the morning. Bill was drinking a cup of coffee on his balcony. The street was quite, but suddenly Bill heard a loud scream from the end of the street.

The sound resembled a woman's voice because it was sharp. He stood up and had a look to know what happened. When he saw the woman, he was astonished. The woman was lying in the street. He wore his clothes and went down stairs. When he was at the entrance of his building, I saw a huge body with a dress covering all his body. He stopped for a while and then he went up to the building. I went directly to the end of the street. I saw a dead body on the ground and blood was scattered everywhere. Two minutes later, a group of neighbors came to see what had happened and a policeman took the dead body to the hospital. The police officers made some investigations with some neighbors but they couldn't find who the murderer was. The woman was Juliet and she was living in our area. She was alone in a small apartment. She was a rich woman but stingy too. The police arrested some people who they suspected. When I came back to my apartment, I was thinking about the man who saw him. But I had to figure this out. I needed to change my appearance, so I shaved my mustache and wore glasses like a detective.

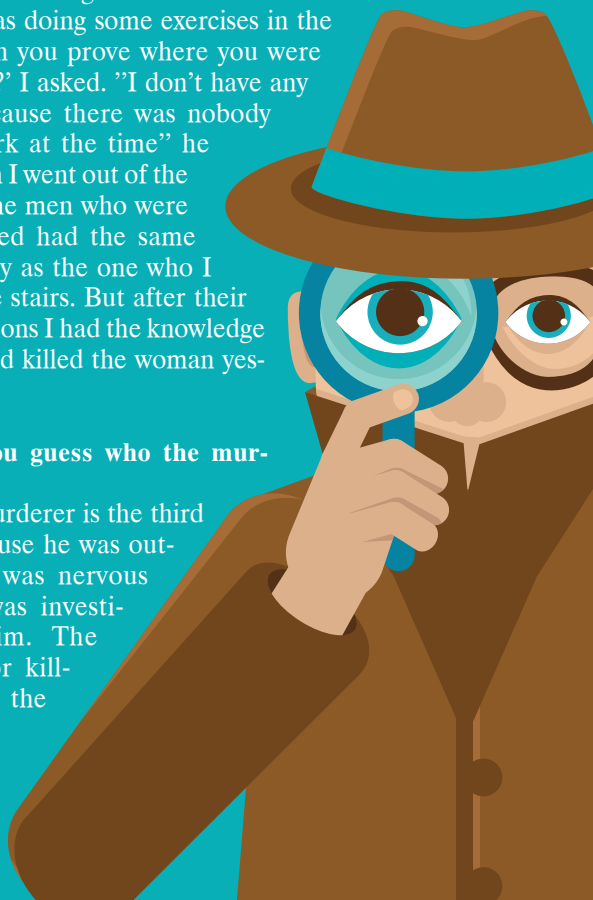
In the building, there were three floors and each floor had a flat. There were two flats in which nobody lived. So I have three flats to find out more about who had committed the crime. I put on a uniform of a police officer. I knocked a door and faced my neighbor's wife. I told her that I wanted to ask her husband some questions. Suddenly, her husband came from the bedroom. We sat down together. I asked him where he was the previous day at six o'clock in the morning. He told me that he was taking a shower.

How can you prove this?" I asked him. His wife was preparing breakfast and she was an eye-witness." Do you know the woman who died yesterday?" I asked him. 'He knew her very well but she was not married and had a lot of money,' he said. I rang the bells of other flats, but there was no answer. I pushed the door, entered the house but I was surprised. Everywhere was in a mess and cluttered. For example,

some hair was on the ground and the cupboard was empty. I went out of the apartment. I asked myself why the apartment was untidy. The man who lived in that flat divorced his wife and they argued with each other yesterday evening. I asked myself why he divorced his wife. Maybe he wanted to get married with the woman who died yesterday but his wife refused. Finally, I went to the third flat and asked him. When I knocked the door I faced with a fat man. I was an investigator and I wanted to ask him some questions about the murder which happened yesterday. However, he said he didn't know about it. He was worried. 'where were you yesterday morning?' I asked him. He said that he was doing some exercises in the park. 'Can you prove where you were yesterday?' I asked. "I don't have any proof because there was nobody in the park at the time" he said. Then I went out of the flat. All the men who were investigated had the same personality as the one who I saw in the stairs. But after their conversations I had the knowledge of who had killed the woman yesterday.

Can you guess who the murderer is?

The murderer is the third man because he was outside and was nervous when I was investigating him. The reason for killing her is the money.



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# AYDIN *Young* PENS



## The Success

The first step towards people's success is to be able to say "I want to do it". Without ambition neither students study nor football players play and no company staff work efficiently. The second step is that you need to obtain the necessary knowledge in order to achieve your target. Knowledge, appropriate behavior acquisition and skill development form a multi-functional basement. In order to gain knowledge, "disciplined work" is a prerequisite. Success can not be fulfilled without disciplined work. The third step is to use the knowledge which we have gained in the necessary time and a place with the highest efficiency. The fourth step is interpretation. An important condition for being successful is to evaluate one's own situation. The fifth step is to correct the mistakes. Ignoring the mistakes and the missing things reduces the success.

You can achieve success in all areas. You might be a mechanic or your only job might be squeezing a screw. The issue is to be the best to squeeze that screw in the world. This is success. Success is not being the boss; It is carrying hope for being the best human in the world, whatever you do.

Atatürk imposed confidence and courage on Turkish society with his impressive words. I would like to add some words of Atatürk about success.

- If I hadn't given one of my last two cents to books in my childhood, I could not have done any of the work I do today.

-Victory is for those who can say "Victory is mine". Success is for those who can begin saying "I will succeed" and say "I have succeeded" in the end.

I would like to tell some success stories.

Edison's factory had been burned within a few hours one night in 1914. "Our mistakes are burned up, we can now begin again" said Edison. After three weeks from the fire, he invented the first phonograph, showing superior faith and perseverance. Edison summarized the secret of success with these words: "Ninety-nine percent of success is sweat, one percent is intelligence.

Another success story is as follows:

Iranian woman mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani was awarded the Nobel prize that is called the Fields medal. Mirzakhani also succeeded in being the first Iranian and the first woman in the world who won the award once in the four years since 1936.

She had not thought of being a mathematician when she was a child. She used to love reading books, creating tales. And she used to watch documentary films about famous women's life while dreaming of being a great author one day. She finished elementary school after the Iran-Iraq war. Then she started junior high school. In the first week of school, she met Roya Beheshti who was a bookworm like her. The two friends began to visit and hang out surrounding bookstores. It was forbidden to look through books before purchasing them. Therefore they bought random books together. Beheshti is also a mathematician. The mathematic teacher in the first classroom of the secondary school thought that Mirzakhani didn't have skill in mathematics. The attitude of the teacher affected her self-confidence badly and she lost her interest in math that year. On the contrary the teacher in the second class encouraged her a lot. According to Beheshti, Mirzakhani became a star in the school. One day she heard of the international mathematical olympiad with Beheshti in the high school. They went to the high school principal and they said they wanted to prepare for the Iranian national team selection. The principal supported them although no girl had not been in team before, and said "If nobody did it before, you can be the first". She said that their principal had a strong character and added that her attitude had a big impact on her life. Both of them passed the eliminations. They represented Iran in the Olympiads. Mirzakhani participated in the competition consecutively for

two years; she won a gold medal in these two years. The second year she showed a greater success and answered all the questions correctly. After Mirzakhani graduated from the University of Tehran, then she went to Harvard University in the United States for her doctorate.

We can see a lot of success stories when we do research. During my research, some words attracted my attention. It was about the fact that winners and losers have different ideas. I would like to share these facts here.

- A winner makes his mind work
- A loser talk nonstop
- A winner sees a solution to every problem.
- A loser sees a problem in every solution
- A winner is always part of the solution.
- A loser is always a part of the problem
- A winner always has a program
- A loser always has an excuse.
- A winner says "far away, but I know the way"
- A loser says "close, but I do not know the way"
- A winner says "It is difficult but possible."
- A loser says "It is possible but difficult."
- A winner acts instead of talking.
- A loser talks instead of acting.

**Nergis GÜNDOĞAN**



### ARIES

Aries are very fond of themselves and they are so self-confident. They are lively and energetic. You never see them on low energy levels. They always look for excitement and adventure. They are also courageous. No matter how difficult the situation may be, an Aries will take the challenge head on! Aries like leading roles and ruling things or people around them. They are a bit bossy.

### GEMINI

Gemini are intelligent and cheerful. They are so enthusiastic that they are always interested in learning numerous subjects. Gemini also love having fun. They can effortlessly impress you with their wit and humour, and you will never get bored in their company. They are realistic, broad minded and easy going as well.

### CANCER

Cancers are romantic and sentimental. They easily fall in love. They are emotional, protective, understanding and friendly. They show sympathy towards others feelings and love to take care of them. They are also bonded to their mothers.

### LEO

Leos are bossy but kind and big-hearted. Leos like luxury and buying expensive things. As they like shopping, they always go to the shopping centers. They are merciful and they often help people in need. Leos are usually charming. They are always noticed by their physical appearance. They can also naturally impress the people around them.

### SAGITTARIUS

They like their independence very much and they crave adventure and excitement and welcome change with open arms. They enjoy travelling and exploring new places. Sagittarius are not emotional moody people. They are optimistic and sociable.

### CAPRICORN

Capricorns are known to be workaholic as they have self-discipline. They are devoted to their careers. They are neat and tidy. They are as stubborn as a goat. Their stubbornness make them very difficult people to deal with! They always seek trustworthy people in their romantic lives.

### AQUARIUS

Freedom is a keyword to describe Aquarius. Aquarius are independent and relaxed. They are also friendly and outgoing. Their intellectual capacity is high. With active minds and a good command of language, they can be good communicators and can take part in political action groups. However, they don't like taking responsibility.

### PISCES

Pisces are generous and emotional. They value human relations the most and they are quite popular in their social circles for being a genuine friend to everyone. They are emotional, affectionate and gentle. They always sympathize with people in need and try to help them out. On the other hand, they tend to be over sensitive. They are also very intuitive. They rely on their intuition while taking a decision.

### TAURUS

Taurus are devoted to their families. Financially and emotionally, the Taurus prefer to be strong. They are also dependable and trustworthy. You can always count on the Taurus, they will never leave you disappointed. Although Taurus people are easy going and respectful, they can be unbelievably stubborn and inflexible in their approach. You should not argue with them. One more thing about Taurus is that they love eating very much.

### VIRGO

Virgos are hardworking and clever. They are successful in every aspect of life. Perfectionism is a key word for Virgo people. However, Virgos can be hard to please as they criticise everything and everybody. Virgos are also fanatic about cleanliness but they are not very tidy.

### LIBRA

Libras are nice and charming people. They have refined taste and they choose pleasant objects for their house decorations. They adore beauty and charm. They know how to decorate their houses. They are diplomatic in relationships and they enjoy balance in their lives but always seeks to restore their own balance.

### SCORPIA

Scorpios are ambitious and determined. Scorpios love competition in both work and play. They are passionate and devoted with their lovers. They are usually successful in business.

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