



WHY WE SHOULDN'T GIVE CHILDREN PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas for many of us is one of the busiest and happiest times of the year. When thinking about it, we imagine a beautifully decorated Christmas tree with multiple gifts underneath, family, greeting and chatting together and the most delicious food you've ever eaten. However, children usually think a bit differently about it. They're waiting for Santa the whole evening and are not really interested in anything else. What would happen if we took the gift part away and just focused on spending time together? You are about to find out why this would be an amazing idea for many people across the world.

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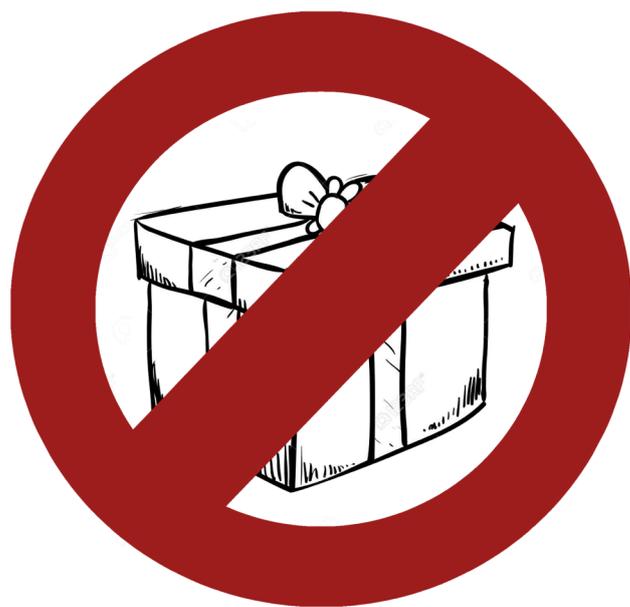
tle, you probably went "what!?" and thought I was crazy. Now, take a breath in and out and consider what I have written. Children would for sure change their perception of Christmas and see some other, not-noticed-before aspects of it. It'd be different mentally and result in a better viewpoint on the world, more human and fuller of emotions and good intentions. Parents would benefit from it as well. They would save all this money and spend it on something more important like a summer camp or a road trip together. It's great to show young people the beauty of this world and possibilities when we can. What is more, not everyone can afford Christmas gifts. Not

everybody is looking forward to it for the whole year. For some families it is just another bitter evening. Tears pouring down the cheeks and sad wishes made to the walls. World keeps turning and day moves on. Children go to school and share what they got from Santa. The poor ones feel extremely heartbroken and unhappy. How great would it be to stop making them feel this way! Everybody would talk about spending time with family and joking instead of showing their dream toys. What's so fun about comparing? Making others feel bad? Children should be taught not to compare one to another and be different, because it all comes back later in the adolescence. Let's teach young people what they should appreciate and have in their heads. Certain values are cru-

cial and somebody has to show them to the young.

Summing up, Christmas gifts are fun, but we stop thinking about the whole, great point of purchasing them. This holiday is about love and appreciation of what we have. Let's continue this tradition with that in mind and show other the true example of the right mindset and its effect on life. Positive results guaranteed.

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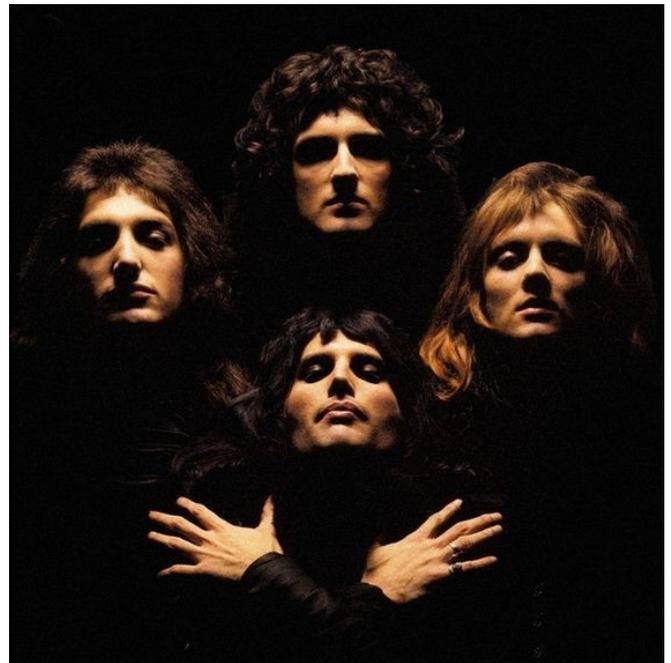


BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY REVIEW

Bohemian Rhapsody is a movie about an iconic British band – Queen and its legendary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie is considered by many people to be one of the greatest singers of all time. That's why the film about him takes on a huge responsibility not to disappoint fans of his music. Did it succeed? Let's find out.

First of all, I want to say that I really appreciate the choice about the cast. Gwilym Lee, Ben Hardy, Joe Mazzello... They all look extremely similar to the original bandmates. Rami Malek perfectly caught the Freddie's movement and his specific accent and voice. (Of course, besides the singing parts. Some of them are sung by Marc Martel. You

should definitely check out his YouTube channel.) I'm so glad that Rami got the Golden Globe nomination for the best actor, because he definitely deserves it.

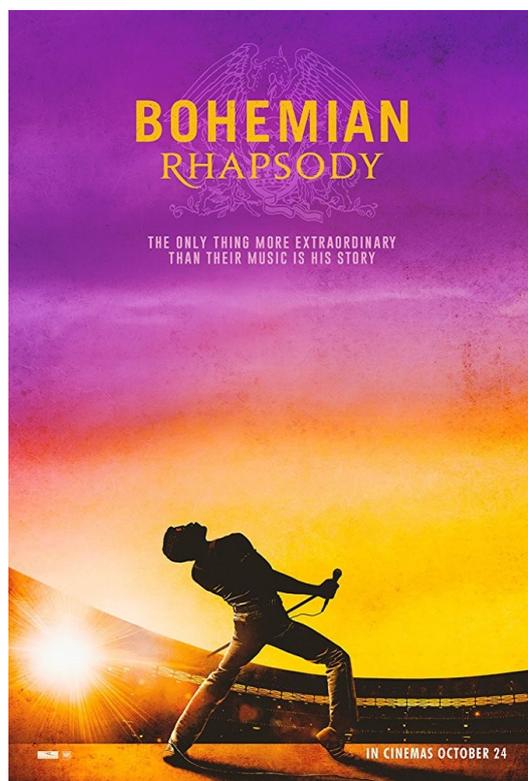


One of the main flaws of this film is that it focuses on the big part of the Queen's story, starting from gathering the band, and ending at the most well-known concert - Live Aid at the Wembley Stadium. Therefore, some of the really important events in their

lives weren't mentioned, which can really bother certain fans. In this film the band becomes famous nearly after the scene when they met. I guess you can't just make the biography movie about someone's whole life, especially when you mean Queen. Also, some of the facts were changed to create drama. (Like Freddie's diagnosis with AIDS. He was actually diagnosed 4 years after Live Aid) Queen was uncommonly experimental in different styles and genres of music, but this film sometimes follows a cheap band-movie cliché, like the band's brake up (which never really happened) and then the reunion concert. It can be annoying from time to time, but it really pays off at the end, which is really emotional.

As a longtime Queen fan, I actually do know

most of the details about Queen's formation, the life of the band, and Freddie's life. However, none of this affected my enjoyment of the movie. Please remember that this is not a documentary. If you want to know better the history of Freddie and the band, I recommend you to read a biography, or watch „Queen: Days of Our Lives“.



All of the concerts are incredibly well made.

You feel like you were with them, next to Freddie on the stage. This is a unique experience. I barely kept myself still and quiet, because I wanted to jump at the middle of the cinema and start to sing and clap along! The montage, and the shots are really clever and creative. The camera moves between the legs of the audience, and then under the piano pedals. I personally loved the scenes when Freddie almost crying, composes the parts of Bohemian Rhapsody, the only song that combines acapella, a ballad, rock, and the opera.

This movie will definitely move a fan's heart at the end. I'm sure that you'll have a great time watching it, because it's worth to listen some unbelievable songs, and see amazing concerts

and performances made in appreciation of Queen's legacy.

Anna Oryńska 3a

Give it a taste

Statistically one person eats 73 tons of food for all life. I think that is nothing special because eating is an essential need and we spend a lot of time and money on it. So why shouldn't we do that in an innovative way?

I have got 3 alternative proposals of places with different kinds of food that you should go to and taste.

Remember each day is a new opportunity to eat something different and delicious.

1. Cafe Miau - It's the first cafe in Warsaw with, like you probably guess, CATS. It's a place for people who are not able to have a cat because they work too hard and have no time and they are lost in a city life. You can hide there and relax drinking coffee with a purring cat

on your knees. Everyone, who loves animals and their company, should go there.

**Address: 30 Narusze-
wicza Str., 02-627**



**Warsaw (entrance
Niepodległości Av.
by subway)**

**2. Different - restaurant
full of darkness. You
can't see what you have
got on your plate so your**



others senses are roused to action. Flavor of dishes, that you probably know, is explored again in more sensual way. In this journey your guide will be person who used to live like this, a blind waiter. Are you brave enough to go there?

Address: 23a Jerozolimskie Av., 02-017 Warsaw

3. Waffle bar - Do you like waffles with whipped cream, fruits etc.? But it's still not enough for you and you want something modern? It's a place for you. Many types of preparing waffles, not only in sweet way may be found there. It can be with meat, hummus or for example ice cream. I think it's something that everyone knows but it's made in a creative way.

Address: 1 Akademicka Str., 02-038 Warsaw

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Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald

On the 6th of December 2018 on the occasion of St. Nicholas day our class went to the cinema to watch a film called "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" and today I will write a review of this movie.

"Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" is a drama/fantasy film, in which the script was written by J.K. Rowling (you may know her because she wrote the series of 'Harry Potter' books) but the film was directed by David Yates. In my opinion the cast is well suited to the roles, for example the main character is

played by Eddie Redmayne who perfectly fits in the role of Newt Scamander. The title character Gellert Grindelwald is played by Johnny Deep and Jude Law played Albus Dumbledore.

In the effort to that Grindelwald's plans of rising pure-blood wizards to rule over all non-magical beings, Albus Dumbledore contacts his former student Newt Scamander who agrees to help, unaware of the dangerous situations that lie

ahead. Lines are drawn, love and loyalty are tested, even among the truest friends and family, in an increasingly divided wizarding world.

"Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" is a really interesting and action-packed film, the only drawback in it is that if you didn't watch or didn't read "Harry Potter" series, you may be a little confused in some scenes, but it is not a big deal.

The special effects are amazing. While watching this movie you will feel like you are one of the characters and like you would be in the middle of the action. For those who like fantasy films or actors playing in this film it is an absolute must-see!

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„Phantastische Tierwesen: Grindelwalds Verbrechen“

Am 6. Dezember 2018 ging unsere Klasse anlässlich des Nikolaustages ins Kino, um den Film „Phantastische Tierwesen: Grindelwalds Verbrechen“

zu sehen. Und ich wollte eine kurze Rezension zu diesem Film schreiben.

„Phantastische Tierwesen: Grindelwalds Verbrechen“ ist ein Fantasyfilm, in dem die Schrift durch J. K. Rowling geschrieben wurde (Sie

kann sie kennen, weil sie die Reihe von Büchern von „Harry Potter“ geschrieben hat), aber der Film wurde von David Yates geleitet.

Nach meiner Meinung haben die Schauspieler ihre Rollen sehr gut gespielt, zum Beispiel Eddie Redmayne als Newt Scamander. Der Titelcharakter Gellert

Grindelwald wurde von Johnny Deep gestarrt und Albus Dumbledore von Jude Law.

Gellert Grindelwald, für dessen Verhaftung Newt Scamander gesorgt hat, ist die Flucht gelungen. Und nicht nur das: Der Schurke hat zwischenzeitlich

eine noch größere Anhängerschaft aus Zauberern um sich geschart, um seinen düsteren Plan umzusetzen, der die Vorherrschaft der reinblütigen Magier

über die Muggel vor-
sieht. Einzig Grindel-
walds ehemaliger Lieb-
haber Albus Dumbledo-
re wäre in der Lage, ihn
zu stoppen, kann aber
nicht selbst gegen
Grindelwald vorgehen.
Darum benötigt er die
Hilfe seines früheren
Schülers Scamander,
der so in sein nächstes
Abenteuer stürzt – und
dieses Mal
verschlägt es ihn nach
Europa, genauer gesagt
nach Paris. Denn dort
ist der mysteriöse Cre-
dence (Ezra Miller) un-
tergetaucht, den Grin-
delwald für
sich gewinnen will.
Newts Freundin Tina
(Katherine Waterston)
ist in Paris bereits auf
der Suche nach dem
Obscurial und als auch

ihre Schwester
Queenie (Alison Sudol)
dorthin reist, brechen
schließlich Newt und
sein Freund, der Muggel
Jacob Kowalski (Dan
Fogler), ebenfalls Rich-
tung
Frankreich auf...
„Phantastische Tierwe-
sen: Grindelwalds Ver-
brechen“ ist ein sehr in-
teressanter Film. Der
einzige Nachteil ist,
dass wenn Du
die „Harry Potter“
Teile nicht gelesen oder
gesehen hast, kannst
Du in manchen Szenen
ein bisschen verwirrt
sein aber keine Sorge
Du krigst es hin!:) Die
Spezialeffekte
die in dem Film benötigt
wurden sind erstaun-
lich. Während Du diesen

**Film anguckst fühlst Du
Dich als ob Du mitten-
drinn in deren Welt bist.
Ich**

**empfehle jedem von
Euch diesen Film anzu-
gucken!**

Ania Wiest 3a



“What are these weird people in pajama pants?” A few words about Capoeira

So... what IS Capoeira? If you have never heard about it, it's a type of martial arts.

For someone who has never seen Capoeira before it resembles dance.

From its deepest roots capoeira originates from Brazil.

Capoeira was created in XVIII and XIX centuries by slaves who came to Brazil from Africa.

Besides its fun factor, it was a way to represent a cultural difference.

Capoeira moves originates from African tribal dances and it's highly concentrated on rhyth-

mic moves and acrobatics.

Capoeira is a specific martial art due to its rhythmic moves and music, in Capoeira there are some instruments: Berimbau.



It's a curved stick with a metal string and a hard shell made from calabash, called cabaca roped to it (Its purpose is to amplify the sound of Berimbau).

To play the Berimbau you need to have a ba-

queta (a light, long stick), a dobrao (a stone) and something called caxixi (which is something like the maraca). The Berimbau generates buzzing sound and also you can manipulate the whole instrument to vibrate sounds.

Atabaque.

It is a large drum that requires the player to stand when playing.

Pandeiro.

It is very similar to the tambourine, both in its look and sound.

Agogo

A gogo is an instrument made of two shells of Brazilian nut. It generates sound by hitting it with a wooden stick.

And now, for the fighting...well technical-

ly in capoeira you don't say "fight", you say that you "play".

As I said capoeira consists of a big number of acrobatic moves like:



Au

Au is VERY similar to a cartwheel...in fact it IS a cartwheel. But you have different types of it like Au sem mao which is a cartwheel... without hands!

Macaque

Named after a monkey (I

don't know why) and it's hard to describe. The easiest way to describe it, is a backflip on hands.

Parafuso (in translation "Screw")

To do a Parafuso you have to spin enough when jumping to do a full spin while stretching your legs forward. (I know it's confusing).

If you would like to see it in motion, I encourage you to go to

YouTube channel of my capoeira group: FICAG

And if I interested you with capoeira visit FICAG on its website! (Yeah, I know...bit of rude advertisement, sorry about that)

and don't worry, everyone can play capoeira,

adults, elderly people and kids, people at every age and in different shape.

Anyway, thank you for reading, see you in the next issue of "Grot" Monthly!



Huntsman

TEEN’S WORD OF THE YEAR 2018

Annual plebiscite for teen word of the year organised by PWN proves that Polish language changes immediately. In previous years winners were „XD” and „sztos” which in last months lost their fame, but still are in top 5. In this year over 10,000 people voted. If you want to vote, you have to fill in registration form.

This time indisputable winner was „dzban” - favourite word of Polish teens in 2018.

Last year there were only a few advances of this word, and this year there were over 3,000. Except word dzban also „masn/masno” and „prestiz” were marked out. Dzban of course is a pitcher, but it has another meaning. It describes a person with doubtful intelligence. Some people take it as an offense and some treat it as a joke.

Masny from Silesian language means something fat. The plebiscite shows us many words, which come from slang and even foreign languages like cringe or essa which are versatile words. It might mean happiness, pride, success and even greetings. High frequency of usage also have words such as „beka” and „lol”(Laughing Out Loud) which express laughter.

We think that this plebiscite is a good way to show our parents how we communicate with each other. We can find out about words that we even didn’t know that existed.

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Ways to learn faster and more effectively.

Each of us at the beginning of the new school year makes a promise to oneself, that this time we will learn regularly and systematically. We all know how it works in practice. Most often we don't want to sit down with books, because we prefer talking with friends rather than learn. When it turns out that we have a lot of backlog and we are late with many assignments, we start to realize that it is the good time to start doing something about it. I have some proven ways to learn quickly and effectively, especially for you.

1. Provide yourself favor-



able working conditions. If you learn in a tidy room with organized books, it will give you more benefits than working between piles of clothes.

2. Discussing and expressing one's opinions. By talking to somebody about a given topic, not only can we learn more, but also remember what we repeated in the manual.

3. Reading additional information on the subject. Often books don't exhaust the whole sub-

ject as we would like to, alone are enough to let so it is worth reading us understand the sub-additional articles, that ject.

we will find on the Inter-net.

4. Marking the most important information with colored pens and cards. It is a way known by everyone, but still many people use it.

5. Handwritten notes. Even if you think that everything in the book is explained, it is better to write it in your own words on a separate sheet of paper. By making notes, you learn more than just by reading.

6. Drawings. Thanks to some drawings, we have a greater visualization of the things we learn. It doesn't have to be amazing. Sketches

7. Take breaks. Learning over and over again is less effective than with 10-minute breaks. Just remember that a 10-minute break should not turn into an hour break!

8. Don't use your phone while learning. A computer or a phone distract immediately and even after a moment of concentration, we stop concentrating and forget most of the information.

9. Associations. If you can't remember a concept, it's best to associate it with something. This will save a lot of your free time and nerves.

10. Encourage yourself with something. Learning without motivation will be much more difficult than if we know what we want to achieve. If positive feedback is not enough to encourage you, look for something else.

The second semester has already started so it is not too late to learn. Many grades can be improved ,in addition, a lot of knowledge can be gained. So, when you return home, sit down with a book and make up for the backlog using my advice. I wish you good luck and success!

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Hi! I'm Doctor Taylor and I did what no scientist has done before.

I provided proof that there's water on Mercury.



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