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Summer is a small life

Last summer, my family and I were at the seaside. We got to the Black Sea by car. We drove there for almost a week. On the way, we visited many interesting cities and towns: Zlatoust, Ufa, Samara, Saratov, Volgograd, Rostov and, finally, Gelendzhik.

The rest in Gelendzhik was wonderful. We swam in the bay, rode the cable car, and visited many picturesque places.

Sail Rock, or *Parus Rock*, is a natural sandstone monolith of late Cretaceous age located on the shore of the Black Sea. It resembles the outline of a ship's sail, hence its name. The monolith lies 17 km to the southeast of Gelendzhik, near the village of Praskoveyevka which is about 500 m from the coast.

We went to the village of Abrau-Dyurso and saw beautiful *Lake Abrau*.

It is a karst lake in Russia, the largest in Krasnodar Krai. It lies at 84 metres above sea level, among the foothills of the Fore Caucasus, about 14 kilometres from the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk. The lake is approximately 2,600 metres long and 600 metres wide.

In the early 20th century, the lake was reported to be 35 metres deep; today the deepest point is at 20 metres. Lake Abrau has no outlet. The basin of the lake is a major wine-growing region; there are numerous wineries in the lakeside village of Abrau-Dyurso.

My summer holidays were wonderful!

Arina Prosvirina, 10A



In August, I took part in All-the-Russia's Rowing and Canoeing Championship. Competitions were held in the city of Krasnodar. Sportsmen from 38 regions of Russia took part in the competitions.

I took 3rd place in the K-2 category for 500 meters (double kayaks). This is my first medal at All-the-Russia's competitions!

I trained a lot and did all my best to win this medal.

During the competitions sportsmen get many different emotions - from stress and tension to satisfaction and joy. I am very grateful to my coach Igor Aleksandrovich Salakhov and my teammates!

I look forward to next sport season and new victories!

Ekaterina Kadnikova, 9A

I spent my summer holidays in Anapa. The weather was not very hot, and sometimes it rained. But we swam a lot and often went on excursions.

One of the interesting places we visited was the Abrau Durso Winery. Here we were told about the history of the production of Russian wine.

In the evening we visited the singing fountains in the open air. It was a fascinating sight!

If you have the opportunity, be sure to go to Abrau Durso!

Maria Kucheryavaya, 8D



Summer is a small life



My memories of Abkhazia

During the trip to Abkhazia, we drove 7000 km, visited 30 cities, and saw a lot of sights.

Abkhazia is a mountainous country with its own unique flavor, where time seems to have stopped. There are a few new, monotonous high-rise buildings, there is no intrusive advertising. There are many abandoned old administrative buildings in the center of Gagra. But their rather dull appearance is brightened up by lush subtropical vegetation. Here, even the poles and wires are covered with the ubiquitous ivy. Many people come to Abkhazia for a spiritual rest: to admire the beauty of nature, clean mountain air, azure sea and wild beaches.

Abkhazians are friendly and always ready to help. So, during a storm at sea, my stepfather performed tricks on waves up to 2 meters high. He would have drowned if he hadn't been rescued by local divers.

From Mount Mamdzyshkha you can see the whole of Abkhazia and even Sochi. I was surprised by the mighty eucalyptus trees without bark. It turns out that these unique trees simply shed their

bark every year as unnecessary to escape from the heat.

The symbol of the Sukhumi Botanical Garden, one of the oldest botanical gardens in the Caucasus, is the oldest sequoia tree, which was struck by lightning, splitting the tree when it was 180 years old and 50 meters high, so this tree has been lying on this place ever since.

I saw a swallow that built a nest in a cafe in Gagra and feeds its chicks without fear of visitors.

Lake Ritsa is very beautiful, but it is forbidden to swim in it, probably because its depth is 116 meters and it is very cold. Exploring the unique Hashupsin Canyon, we discovered a lake where buffaloes swam and a pond with a lot of fish that everyone can catch themselves and then cook.

Thank you, Abkhazia, for a good rest! Next summer we will go to Dagestan.

Vasilina Starkova, 8C

Photos by the author



Summer is the most expected time of year. It's associated with sunny, warm days, fresh nights and freedom. Of course, mine wasn't an exception.

During this summer, I rode a bicycle, and distances were quite long. For example, Sysert – Asbest – Sysert. The route was 50 km long.

Also, I didn't sleep during fresh

summer nights. I enjoyed a deep atmosphere and music in my earphones. Such incredible moments...

Talking about amazing summer photos, I want to say that it's the best way to dive into this period and refresh the memories. But in my opinion, the creator is not the person who can take a smartphone and press the but-

ton. The creator is the person who controls and tunes the camera. Talking about me, I want to take photos as I want, not as artificial intelligence wants.

In conclusion, I would like to say that it was an inexplicably cool summer, even without any trips beyond my home region!

Vladislav Surin, 11A

Summer is a small life



In summer I went to Rostov-on-Don. I went there with my family. The distance from Sysert to Rostov-on-Don is about 2,300 km. It took us several days to get there by car. Rostov-on-Don is a beautiful city. I saw a lot of interesting places there.

We also went to Hero City Volgograd. I saw the Motherland Calls, an 85-meter high statue dedicated to the heroes of the battle. It is the tallest statue in Europe, as well as the tallest statue of a woman in the world. The city has many tourist attractions, such as museums, sandy beaches, and a self-propelled floating church.

Evgeniy Shigay, 7D



My aunt, my uncle, my cousin and I were in a hunting house last summer. It is situated in the forest near the river. We lived three days there. On the first day, we went for water and cooked sausages on the bonfire.



On the second day, we went to the mountain and gathered mushrooms and berries. On the third day, we went to the river by car. We found and caught a lizard there. We looked at the stars in the night sky.

I took a lot of photos of our adventures and showed them to my friends and relatives.

My summer was unforgettable!

Varvara Tsipileva, 5A

Summer is a small life



My summer travelling

For four weeks I worked as an instructor in my favorite company «Kompunet», a children's recreation center. Together with the children, we learned to make films and communicate with horses. Then we «traveled» through ancient Russia, where we met with princes, fought with evil spirits, saved wise girls from the serpent and Koshchei. We sang and danced a lot. All the events took place in the format of a role-playing game with master classes. I liked what we did with my team. I loved my job!

Later, my family and I visited Kalmykia, Dagestan, North Ossetia and Alania, the mountains in Dombai, the Bermamyt plateau near Kislovodsk and other places in Russia. It turns out that in my native country everyone can see Scotland, Slovenia, Montenegro and other countries. I mean the feeling of places and similar nature. «Happiness is not behind the mountains – it's in the mountains» - this is the slogan of our trip. We visited many unusual places. Here are some of them

– Dargavs, the «City of the Dead», the Saltinsky waterfall, Gamsutl, the «Ghost Village» on the mountain. One of the most unusual places we visited was Sarykum dune (Turkmen: Sarigum, meaning «Yellow sand»). Sarykum is one of the largest sand dunes in Eurasia. It is located in a protected area, part of the Dagestan Nature Reserve.

It was amazing! I am very grateful to my mummy for that journey!



I learned a lot last summer! I am sure that love is the main part of us. People are attracted by sincerity and kindness, no matter what the opponents say. Animals are loyal, they trust us and can't lie. That's why they are sometimes defenseless against humans. Children feel everything, so you need to be extremely honest with them. And I love to make people happy!

And finally, what did I do for the first time? – I told the children a bedtime story made up from my imagination, and I sailed on a SUP. Of course, this is not the whole story... But the main thing is that I was happy!



Olesya Kormishina, 11A
Photos by the author

Summer Parade of Planets



The camp for children is a time for games, entertainment, freedom in choosing activities, relieving the stress accumulated over the year, replenishing your expended strength, and restoring health. Every year in our school there is a summer camp with a day stay called «Constellation». This summer 193 children from 6.5 to 17 years old attended the camp. Ten teams were organized, including two sports teams and one creative team.

In 2021, Russia celebrates the 60th anniversary of the first manned space flight, so this year was dedicated to astronautics. The detachments had space names, and their own motto and emblem.

The guys made various «trips»: «Fairy Land», «Musical Kaleidoscope», «Space Course». They held intellectual games: «What? Where? When?», «Guess the melody», «Space Vinaigrette». They sang, played, danced and even taught how to sculpt from

salt dough!

Children took part in master classes at the Cheryomukha Tea House. The guys learned how to make rolling pins and cook sweets. They also visited the Fire

Department, Police Department, Children's Library and Sysert District Palace of Culture.

The last event in our camp turned out to be solemn and touching. There were many jokes, songs and dances! The most active and creative guys were awarded diplomas and gifts. The most dear and important for us were the words of the guys: «Why? Why does the camp come to the end so quickly? We want more!»

We thank the guys for their activity and creativity, our teachers – for their responsiveness and kindness, parents – for their support, understanding and upbringing of children.

We are grateful to Svetlana Yurievna Tashlykova, Lidia Rivalevna Gabieva, and Natalia Sergeevna Sedinkina for unforgettable camp life!

Many interesting and memorable moments will remain in our memory! Watch the video about the Summer Planet Parade at our school -



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkYhG1uGMjU&t=9s>.

Larisa N. Ivanova

Back to school!



We like to learn!



We like going on hikes!

Have a successful school year!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oZnuJcjMT0&t=4s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9744LSfyMbY&t=50s>



School life



The eighth Mass Walk "Bazhov Mile" gathered 2900 participants. There were several routes of different length – 12, 19 and 32 kilometers. More than 2,000 schoolchildren with their teachers and parents covered the 6 km route through Sysert.

You are such a unique teacher and a guide! No amount of words can truly tell how profound you are at work, you are so good at imparting knowledge. We love you. Thank you for your understanding and ability to share knowledge.

Your students



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zw2QivOHgws&t=107s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmBHPOUiF-U>



The GOLDEN TIGER tournament is the largest power sports festival in Europe and Russia.

On September 25-26, Yekaterinburg hosted the traditional open international games of power and combat sports "GOLDEN TIGER - XV" dedicated to the All-the-Russia's Day of Power Sports Athletes - "Day of Power".



Sysert athletes took part in the tournament.

Veronika Kostareva, 8C, took the 1st place!

Sunny weather, merry songs, and interesting contests and competitions made the walk very pleasant for everybody.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2KuKEgNx-A>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7XfsQPM5uo>



We like sport! We are for healthy lifestyle!



On September 19, our guys took part in the "Cross of the Nation" race. Our winners in different age groups -

Dorogova Anna, 6B
Anchugov Arseny, 7B
Shestakov Lev, 7A
Drozдов Stepan, 9B

We congratulate our sporty schoolmates and their PE teachers Tatyana Anatolyevna Enikeeva and Mikhail Nikolaevich Zagvozdkin on their great success!

On October 9, the tourist base "Silver Hoof" hosted a tourist meeting of educational workers of the Sysert city district. The team of our school took part in different sport competitions and performed brilliantly.

The teachers had to overcome many challenges. They competed in different skills. They set up tents, determined minerals, plants and azimuth, tied the complex knots, kindled a fire and boiled water.

In the overall standings, our school team took the 1st place out of 12 teams!

Our champions:

Vladimir V. Lyukhanov, team captain
Tatiana A. Enikeeva
Mikhail N. Zagvozdkin
Nina D. Konovalova
Natalia S. Chelnokova
Anna E. Kolyasnikova
Alesya S. Kazakova

They helped us to win!

Valeria Yu. Pensikh
Dmitrii Kolyasnikov
Mikhail Pensikh



We are proud of our sporty teachers and students !!!

My native land



SYSERT PLANT-MUSEUM

The museum was opened on November 7, 2020.

The exposition is located in an authentic interior, on the first floor of the old Sysertsky Plant. Today, we can only see the blast-furnace and open-hearth workshops, the ruins of a fair store and several auxiliary buildings, which retain the appearance of the 19th century.

The exhibits of the museum were founded on the territory of the plant, as well as donated by local residents. They reflect three centuries of the history of the plant. The history of the plant reflects the history of our city.

Alexander Savichev, an architect, local historian, guide, and teacher says:

«As a child, I learned from a book that two centuries ago in the historical center of Sysert there were copies of antique sculptures, fountains gushed. Pineapples were grown in local greenhouses. I started looking for material about the city: drawings, stories, photographs. It turned out that Sysert looked like little St. Petersburg at that time! The plant owners Turchaninov and Solomirskiy did all their best for that! When I became an adult, I wanted to preserve and restore a part of that world, at least. First of all, an old plant, in memory of all the inhabitants of Sysert, who worked in these workshops, and in memory of the breeders themselves.

The museum was opened thanks to the help and support of my family, friends, local social activists and businessmen, as well as experts from all over the country.»

Together with like-minded people, residents of the city, volunteers,

businessmen, his friends and family, Alexander transforms the plant into a museum, holds subbotniks, organizes collections of exhibits for the museum, and conducts excursions.

The Sysert Museum, opened in the fall of 2020, is not a typical museum exposition, but an authentic space with hundreds of unique exhibits: iron, bricks, cannonballs, and artifacts of the factory workers from different centuries. Everyone who has been here feels a touch of the past. It's an amazing feeling when you realize that people worked in this room a hundred and two hundred years before you. They lived in another Sysert, but its symbols and signs are still alive.

For the last 16 years, the buildings of Sysert plant have been empty, gradually turning into ruins. The «Summer at the Plant» Project gave the building a new life. During the first season, the site was visited by more than 20 thousand people.

In July 2021, the second season of the «Summer at the Plant» started in Sysert. According to its creators and numerous participants and guests, it turned out to be even more interesting than the first one. Summer coworking and glamping, individual mini-offices were created. Creative and project teams, small companies have the opportunity to live and work right on the site.

*Anastasia Mukhlynina,
Maria Tikhomirova, 9A*

Photos by Vadim Osipov

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVIOJKehNWA&t=13s>

<https://ural-meridian.ru/>



EXCURSION TO THE PLANT



In August, I and my family went on an excursion around historical sites of my hometown. The excursion was led by our famous local historian and guide Alexander Andreevich Savichev. For more than 15 years he has been collecting unique photos, drawings and very rare and interesting information about Sysert and its history.



During the excursion, we learned a lot of new and interesting things about the architectural objects of Sysert, its inhabitants, as well as important events from the history of Sysert Plant and the town as a whole. Alexander Andreevich is a wonderful story-teller! Everyone listened to him with great interest and pleasure - after all, he loves Sysert and infects all the people around him with his love for his homeland.



The composition is still small, the room is not heated. Alexander says: «This is the colosseum of the Urals!» Alexander Savichev and his team have great plans for future!



During the excursion, we visited Mount Bessonova and the embankment, and then visited the iron plant, where initially iron and copper were smelted, and then finished products were cast. To preserve the history of the plant, Alexander Andreevich with great enthusiasm brings to life his project «Plant-Museum».

We thank Alexander Andreevich for his work, for the museum and wonderful excursions!

Frankly speaking, I didn't know that my city has such an interesting history!

*Anastasia Demenshina, 9A
Photos by the author*



Famous Russians

Lermontov State Museum-Reserve

LERMONTOV'S HOUSE

My summer travels were amazing! We visited Kislovodsk with its marvelous parks and beautiful singing fountain. We also went to Pyatigorsk. It is not far from Kislovodsk. It took us about an hour to get there.

Pyatigorsk is very well known in the Caucasus region for its excellent architecture, as well as for its extremely

large marketplace. A major thoroughfare is known to locals as «Broadway», which runs through the center of the city, and on which most of the best attractions are located. The influence of the Caucasus region is felt here most noticeably in the music and cuisine, which incorporate aspects of many former Soviet republics such as Armenia.

We visited the state memorial estate of Mikhail Lermontov in Pyatigorsk. It unites all of the Lermontov memorial places in the region: the place where he fought his duel and was killed, a necropolis, Lermontov's small house, the Lermontov square, and monument.



Lermontov's house in Pyatigorsk is one of the most valuable monuments of national culture. In 1912 the very first Lermontov Museum was founded here and now it is the main part of our state museum.

This little house was rented by Lermontov and his relative A. Stolypin during the summer season of 1841. The house belonged to retired major V. Chilayev. M. Lermontov passed

his last days in this house (from May, 14 to July, 15, 1841). R. Dorokhov, M. Glebov, L. Pushkin (poet's brother), A. Arnoldi, M. Nazimov, S. Trubetskoy and others were frequent guests at Lermontov's summer house. In those days dear friends were having hot disputes, friendly feasts, preparations for the ball at the grotto of Diana. On July, 15 Lermontov and Martynov were fighting each

other in a duel. After the poet's tragic death his body was brought to this house and in two days the funeral was held.

Among Lermontov's personal belongings he had with him that summer was a notebook of the poet's recent works: «The Rock», «The Dream», «An Oak Leaf», «I go out on the road, alone...», «No, I do not love you so ardently», «The Prophet» and others.



Famous Russians



Mikhail Lermontov. A lonely sail, 1828-1832



Михаил Лермонтов. Парус

Белеет парус одинокой
В тумане моря голубом!..
Что ищет он в стране далекой?..
Что кинул он в краю родном?..

Играют волны - ветер свищет,
И мачта гнется и скрипит...
Увы, - он счастья не ищет
И не от счастья бежит!

Под ним струя светлей лазури,
Над ним луч солнца золотой...
А он, мятежный, просит бури,
Как будто в бурях есть покой!

Август, 1832

Mikhail Lermontov. THE SAIL

Amid the blue haze of the ocean
A sail is passing, white and frail.
What do you seek in a far country?
What have you left at home, lone sail?

The billows play, the breezes whistle,
And rhythmically creaks the mast.
Alas, you seek no happy future,
Nor do you flee a happy past.

Below the mirrored azure brightens,
Above the golden rays increase -
But you, wild rover, pray for tempests
As if in tempests there was peace!

Translated by Vladimir Nabokov

20 Nov. 2006

The Lermontov's summer house, as they started to call it after the death of the poet, is truly authentic: it has been well preserved, its walls have never been destroyed. Now we see the house as it was at the time when the poet rented it together with his friend and close relative Alexey Stolypin. One can see a travel trunk, a narrow bed, a desk and silver household utensils in the rooms.



There are four rooms in the house. In the center of the living room there is a round table. It is

the original piece of furniture that was used by Lermontov himself back at the time. They say that Lermontov liked to work on the balcony of this house, from where he could enjoy the view of the garden. Lermontov had a small room with a nice view on the garden. The setting of his room in the summer of 1841 was as simple and humble as in Stolypin's room. Now you can see here a table and an armchair, personal

belongings of Lermontov from the apartment in St. Petersburg. At this exact table in St. Petersburg Lermontov wrote «Borodino», «The Poet's Death», «Masquerade», «Duma», chapters from the novel «Hero of Our Time».

*Elena V. Vatoropina
Photos by the author*

Travelling around the world



The Saranac River *Part I*

The Saranac River is an 81-mile [130.4 km] long river in northern New York State. It flows between Upper Saranac Lake and Lake

Champlain. This is the first of four articles that look at the Saranac. The current article covers the river's beginning: its origin at the Bartlett's Carry dam on Upper Saranac Lake's outlet, and its passage through the Village of Saranac Lake.

The second article will look at the river's middle, represented by its passage through the Town of Saranac. The last two articles will describe the river's end as it winds its way through the City of Plattsburgh and empties into Lake Champlain.

Bartlett's Carry

Bartlett's Carry is not a village, town, or city. It's a place with a purpose. The 'carry' indicates its purpose: you need to carry, or portage, your canoe around the beginning of the river because it's too steep and rough for canoeing. The 'Bartlett' refers to Virgil C. Bartlett. In

1854 he built a lodge and bridge at the foot of the rapids, i.e. at the end of the rough section. He also provided a horse-drawn wagon for transporting heavier Adirondack guide boats along the 0.25-mile [0.4 km] portage. People still carry their canoes, but the route is now 0.15-miles [0.24 km] longer because of rerouting to avoid private camps.



Upper Saranac Lake is about three times the size of Shartash Lake in Yekaterinburg. The dam on its outlet is a spillway, and contains no gates for controlling the flow of water. The spillway's southern section is shaped like the letter V (see the picture). There's a plume of water at the top of the picture. It's located at the point of the V, and is the outflow from a specially built passageway for fish.



onward to Middle Saranac Lake

beginning of the Saranac River



need for a portage

The Saranac River drops 30 feet [9.1 m] in its first 0.2 miles [0.32 km]. As you can see in the picture, this makes the river's start a bit steep in places. Canoe travel upstream is impossible, and travel downstream is dangerous at best. So you need to carry your canoe around the initial section of the river. Both the portage route and general area are called Bartlett's Carry.

This is the view downstream from the bridge on Bartlett Carry Road. The bridge is located at the foot of the rapids, probably at the same location as the one built in 1854. From here, the now canoeable Saranac River flows through Middle Saranac Lake, Lower Saranac Lake, and Oseetah Lake before arriving at the Village of Saranac Lake, which is the first settlement it encounters.

Travelling around the world

Village of Saranac Lake

The Village of Saranac Lake (pop. 5406) is best thought of as a small city. Its nickname is Capital of the Adirondacks. The first settlers arrived in 1819. In 1827 a dam and sawmill were built at a waterfall on the river. They formed the nucleus of a lumbering business, and the village grew around it.

In the late 1800s Saranac Lake gained renown as a center for the treatment of the disease tuberculosis. The village also developed a reputation as a place for rest and relaxation amid lakes and mountains. Many famous people spent extended periods of time in the area, including the author Mark Twain, artist Winslow Homer, composer Bela Bartok, and physicist Albert Einstein.

Lake Flower is a large pond created by the 1827 dam. It's named after Roswell P. Flower, the 30th Governor of New York, and not a type of plant! The Saranac Lake Winter Carnival's Ice Palace is built in Prescott Park on the lake's northern shore. It's constructed using thick blocks of ice cut from Pontiac Bay, an adjoining part of the lake that sits away from the river's current.



SUP boarding dog on Lake Flower



Lake Flower dam

The road crossing the dam is Main Street. It continues into the village's downtown area. The tall building with a clock is the Village Hall. In 1894 the old sawmill at the dam was repurposed to produce electricity: workers installed a pair of generators and two new waterwheels to spin them. Poles were erected and wires strung, and Saranac Lake now had electric lights.



true start of the Saranac River ?



St. Regis Canoe Outfitters on Dorsey St

This business (on the left) is well situated - there are numerous lakes and ponds in the area. In addition, the Northern Forest Canoe Trail passes in front of the store. This marathon water trail runs 740 miles [1191 km] from Old Forge, New York to Fort Kent in the State of Maine. Its passage through Saranac Lake provides a good opportunity for reprovision and rest.

Travelling around the world



Broadway bridge

There are ten village bridges that span the Saranac, including two footbridges and a railroad bridge [the entire railroad bed through Saranac Lake, including the bridge, has recently been converted to a multi-use trail, i.e. the rails have been removed]. That's a lot for a small city. The Woodruff St bridge is the last one in the central village - only two remain after it.

This bridge is in the center of downtown Saranac Lake. It was built in 1922 and is the oldest of the current village bridges. The blue building on the right is the former Dew Drop Inn. As you can imagine, it's subject to minor flooding when the river level rises. This scene illustrates why paddling a canoe through Saranac Lake is a unique photogenic experience.



Woodruff Street bridge

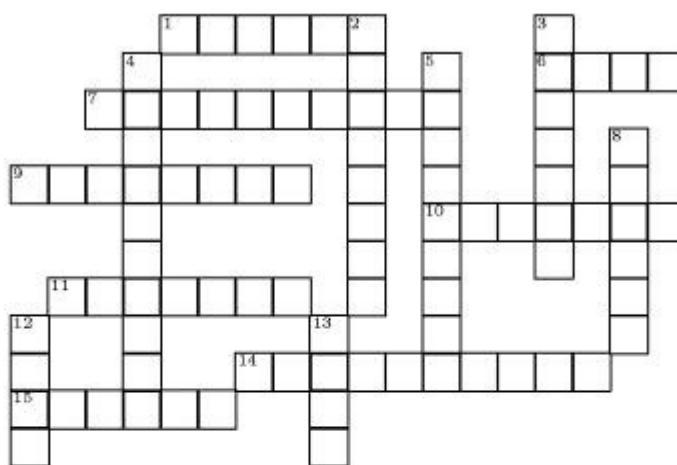


onward to Lake Champlain

This view is downstream from the Pine St bridge. There's a beach on the left bank where you can put your canoe/kayak into or take it out of the river - this avoids the gentle Class I rapids on the right. The Pine St bridge is the last one in Saranac Lake. From here it's about 32 miles [51.5 km] to the Town of Saranac, and 65 miles [104.6 km] to Lake Champlain.

Bruce Bertrand,
Lake Placid, USA
Photos by the author

**Do
the
crossword**



ACROSS

- 1 The oldest university.
- 6 A river in England.
- 7 A festival of welsh culture.
- 9 The emblem of Ireland.
- 10 The capital of Northern Ireland.
- 11 A country of the united kingdom.
- 14 The oldest settlement on the British isles.
- 15 The most important river.

DOWN

- 2 The emblem of Wales.
- 3 The capital of Wales.
- 4 The second largest city in great Britain.
- 5 The capital of Scotland.
- 8 Another name of Northern Ireland.
- 12 A part of London.
- 13 The emblem of England.

Internet is the greatest time-waster!?

Nowadays almost everyone has the Internet on his smartphone, laptop, computer, etc. It's great because it means that people can waste time with benefit, watching some videos on YouTube or playing online games with friends. Let's explore it in details.

First of all, everyone who has the Internet, has access to the most popular video hosting, named YouTube. Therefore, they can watch a lot of video of any genres: films, serials, videoblogs, entertain-



ment content, etc. The second advantage of the Internet is connected with online gaming. It means that you can team up with friends and play online with the opposing team.

But there is another opinion. Some people think that the Internet is a very big garbage collection of content. They say that there is no normality, only perversion and lawlessness. Of course, you can find everything there, but if you want to watch only such content, you will do it. It depends only on the person who uses the network.



In conclusion, I would like to say that the Internet is the greatest invention of humanity. If you really want to spend your time with benefit or just relax after a hard day, just open, for example, YouTube and enjoy!

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Having a hobby is important for everyone

Some people hold the idea that having a hobby is important for them. Others believe that they don't need hobbies.

It seems to me that everyone should have a favourite activity. Firstly, if you have a hobby you will always be doing something and you will not have to be bored in your free time. Secondly, you can develop your skills, and when you understand that everything is working out, it will be a reason to

be proud of yourself. Perhaps this will affect the choice of a future profession if you are a teenager. Thirdly, you will have something to tell others about. So, people like interesting and enthusiastic personalities.

At the same time, we can find other opinions. Others state that they don't have time to do hobbies. They are always at work or studying and are generally busy with other things. Also, they think

that it is better to just surf the Internet or watch TV in their free time. That is why hobbies are not important for them.

All in all, I am sure that having a hobby is very important. There may be several of them and you can change them. Having one favorite activity at least you will always be passionate.

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What makes people famous

Famous people are well-known to almost everyone in the world. Sometimes, we want to be like them to acquire good habits that may get us success they have reached. But their fame hasn't appeared from nowhere, those people put hard work into making their dreams come true. Starting from the schools they went to,

people who later have become famous, set some goals when they were children. Famous people tend to be successful at what they like, what their job is, because if you do something that you truly enjoy, there is going to be a great success. Famous people also tend to read many books that inspire and educate them. They have



friends who can help and support them in difficult life situations.

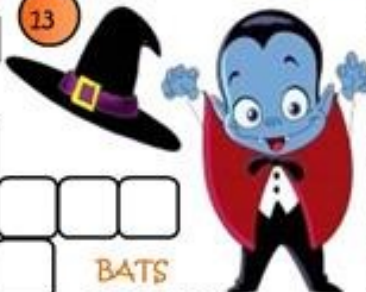
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Match the words to the correct pictures and complete the Crossword. Then find a secret message.

HALLOWEEN



BOO!



- BATS
- BLACK CAT
- BROOM
- CANDY
- CAULDRON
- COSTUME
- DEATH
- DRACULA
- FRANKENSTEIN
- GHOST
- HAUNTED HOUSE
- JACK-O-LANTERN
- PUMPKINS
- SKELETON
- SPIDER
- TRICK OR TREAT
- WITCH
- WITCH HAT

The secret message is Clothes make a statement,
