

# STUDENT BLOOPERS

By Richard Lederer

One of the fringe benefits of being an English or History teacher is receiving the occasional jewel of a student blooper in an essay. I have pasted together the following "history" of the world from certifiably genuine student bloopers collected by teachers throughout the United States, from eighth grade through college level. Read carefully, and you will learn a lot.

The inhabitants of ancient Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate in the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live

**...The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West...**

elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation.

Without the Greeks we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns— Corinthian, Doric, and Ionic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Styx until he became intollerable.

Achilles appears in The Iliad, by Homer. Homer also wrote The Oddity, in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbors were doing. When they fought with the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

Finally, the Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offense. In medieval times most of the people were alliterate.

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespear. Shakespear never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived at Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies, and errors. In one of Shakespear's famous plays, Hamlet rations out his situation by relieving himself in a long soliloquy.

Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin had gone



**"Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest, even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this..."**

**Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.**

o n carrying all his clothes in his pocket and a loaf of bread under each arm. He invented electricity by rubbing cats backwards and declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand". Franklin died in 1790 and is still

dead.

George Washington married Martha Curtis and in due time became the Father of our Country. Then the Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the Constitution the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms.

Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. When Lincoln was President,

he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, "In onion there is strength". Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. He also freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation, and the Fourteenth Amendment gave the ex-Negroes citizenship. But the Clue Clux Clan would torcher and lynch the ex-Negroes and other innocent victims. It claimed it represented law and odor. On the night of April 14, 1865, Lincoln went to the theater and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. The believed assassin was John Wilkes Booth, a supposingly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

Meanwhile in Europe, the enlightenment was a reasonable time.

Voltare invented electricity and also wrote a book called Candy.

Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian, and half English. He was very large. Bach died from 1750 to the present.

France was in a very serious state. The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened. The Marsellaise was the theme song of the French Revolution, and it catapulted into Napoleon.

During the Napoleonic wars, the crowned heads of Europe were trembling in their shoes. Then the Spanish gorillas came down from the hills and nipped at Napoleon's flanks. Napoleon became ill with bladder problems and was very tense and unrestrained. He wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't bear children.

Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. Her reclining years and finally the end of her life were exemplary of a great personality. Her death was the final event which ended her reign.

The nineteenth century was a time of many great inventions and thoughts. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up.

Samuel Morse invented a code of telepathy.

Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbis.

Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the Organ of the Species.

Madman Curie discovered radium.

The First World War, caused by the assignation of the Arch-Duck by a surf, ushered in a new error in the anals of human history.



**"Dear Andy: How have you been?  
Your mother and I are fine. We miss you.  
Please sign off your computer and come  
downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad."**

## WEEKLY RECIPE

### SPAGHETTI SAUCE

By Dolphin

Ingredients:

- 1 can peeled tomatoes (without salt)
- 1/2 cup chopped green peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. parsley
- 1/2 cup diced cooked mushrooms (It can be canned.)

Preparation:

Put all the ingredients in a blender and add 1 cup of water. Refrigerate. When you serve it, you add the Parmesan cheese. The cheese will complete the sauce. Bon Appetite!

## G O S S I P

### Carrey Joel Schumacher may reunite!

From Dolphin

**Sort of like 'SPEED' in a phone booth:** Jim Carrey is reportedly negotiating to star in "Phone Booth," described as a drama about a man who answers a ringing pay phone—and is told that if he hangs up, he will be shot. Other actors—including Will Smith—have been mentioned in connection with the project. Director Joel Schumacher envisions a relatively small budget and short shooting schedule—on location at a pay phone on a busy street in Manhattan.

Daily Variety reports that the studio, Fox 2000, will stream footage of the rehearsal and shooting process over the Internet—as an instructional tool for anyone who wants to learn how movies are made. If Carrey signs the deal, it will be a reunion for him and Schumacher. They worked together in the 1995 blockbuster, "Batman Forever."

## Know thyself

By Salehuzzaman (mahin)

How many of you reading this article know yourselves? Judge yourselves by answering the questions given below. The answers to the questions have their own scores. After having all the questions answered, add the numbers you get. Then see below what type of person you are:

1. Do you have a girl friend?  
A. Yes (2)  
B. No (1)

2. Are you afraid to propose any one?  
A. Yes (1)  
B. No (2)
3. Do you try to speak straight forward?  
A. Yes (2)  
B. No (1)
4. do you like to go to rock-n-roll concerts?  
A. Yes (2)  
B. No (1)
5. Are you fond of playing paranoid?  
A. Yes (0)  
B. No (1)

6. Are you fond of Brian Adams?  
A. Yes (2)  
B. No (1)
7. Do you watch R-rated movies?  
A. Yes (20) [these kinds of people are totally aggressive]  
B. No (1)
8. Do you say your prayers often?  
A. Yes (2)  
B. No (0)
9. Do you cheat in tests?  
A. Yes (1)

- B. No (1)
10. Are you stuck with your studies ten hours a day?  
A. Yes (0)  
B. No (2)

**Point table:**

- 0-5 = you are a great sucker.
- 6-10 = you need to change your attitude.
- 11-15 = too cool.
- 16-11 = you are very aggressive, need to change attitude.

## DESHI STUDENT

### BLOOPERS

By Sharier

The class eight Bangla text book used to have a poem (I am not sure if it is still there) that tells a tale of a king and a teacher. According to the tale, there was a Muslim king who was worried about the proper grooming of his son. So he appointed an old teacher and told him to give him the best lessons. The teacher started his courses accordingly. One day, the king accidentally saw that his son was pouring water from a pitcher on the teacher's legs (the teacher was doing his pre-prayer cleaning or azoo). Then the teacher himself saw that the king saw him making the prince do this job (which is basically a servant's job). Later when the king called the teacher, he was afraid that the king might execute him for this. Instead, the king praised him for giving his son the proper lesson and so on.

I once had a chance of going through the class eight scholarship Bangla test answer sheets of some students from Savar. The questions included an explanation of the poem (The question was set like this: "Hail the King. You are truly great." Who said this and why. Explain"). And one of the answer sheets explained the whole thing like this:

One day.... (crisscrosses)... the teacher saw ....(more crisscrosses)... that the king was pouring water on the legs of his son....(crisscross rules!)...Seeing this the teacher cried, "Hail the King! You are truly great!"

At HSC level, we had a 'poet' in our class who was very poor in English. In one of our English tests, his answer for the questions regarding a prose on "The Conquest Of Malaria" (Basically a feature on how scientists discovered the source of Malaria and its' cure), was something like this:

In the past, there was two theories of the fever of Malaria. One was the Night Air theory and another Infected Water theory...

In the Night Air theory, in the night the air becomes bad and people become ill. This is night air theory. In the Infected Water theory, water becomes bad and people become patent (crisscrossed)... patent... (crisscrossed)... RUGI (in Bangla). This is the theory of this.

This guy got an absolute zero in that exam.

## JOKES

Rakshinda Huq

1. Father: Well, son, how are your school marks?  
Son: They are underwater.  
Father: What do you mean by that?  
Son: Below "C" level.  
Mother: What does that zero on your report card mean?  
Son: That's no zero. The teacher ran out of stars so she gave me a moon.

2. Aiq: Please come to my birthday party tomorrow.  
Rashmi: Where is your house?  
Aiq: My house is in Kalabagan. And you'll have to push the bell with your nose.  
Rashmi: Nose? But why?  
Aiq: Because I don't think you will be coming empty handed.