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IB learner profile for the month:

January (Risk-takers):

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

We are JQUS:

- "Our next projects will be... (Josiah) Quincy Upper School in Chinatown. I want to thank the parent councils at these schools. After enduring years of false starts, their dedication will pay off now, and for generations to come."

- excerpt from Mayor Marty Walsh's
Boston State of the City address
January 13, 2015

- Josiah Quincy Upper School ranked #2
among 27 BPS schools

- JQUS ranked #5 among 352 MA public
schools—**top 1.5% statewide**

- JQUS ranked #312 among 22,000+ US
public high schools (**top 1.5% nationally**)
Source: The Washington Post

- **Middle and high school IB college
readiness instruction**

- **College and career readiness planning**

- Statistically, IB students are accepted
into many top colleges at a higher rate
than the general population.

Source: The Washington Post

- The JQUS has an 80+% college
acceptance and an 96% college persistence
rate

Cover story

Immigration and Border Protection



On November 20, 2014 the secretary of Homeland security announced new immigration enforcement priorities and guidance on the exercise of prosecutorial discretion in a memorandum entitled policies for the Apprehension, Detention and Removal of Undocumented immigrant.

Currently, the United States government is refusing to issue enough H-1 "skilled" and H-2 "unskilled" work visas that the both immigrants and the businesses are seeking. The H-1B programs are limited. The cap on the H-1B visas has been binding every year since 2004, and the cap on H-2B visas was binding in the five of the past ten years.

Employers who need visas later in the year are unable to obtain them, this deprives the country of its tremendous contribution of highly educated immigrants. This has often encouraged employers to turn to unauthorized workers or to move production offshore to lower-wage country.

Between 2018 and 2019, the US government faced two major shutdowns, both within President Donald Trump's term

in office. While the first focused on an argument between Democratic and Republican senators over the issue of immigration, the second focused on an argument between Democrats and both Trump and Republicans over border security and funding for a proposed new wall between the United States and Mexico. (At time of publication, the US is at day 34 of the government shutdown – the longest in US history).

Mr. Faulkner's Mon./Thurs. advisory

Women Struggles for Equality



“Empowering women isn’t just the right thing to do- it’s the smart thing to do-”
—former president Barack Obama

Women have been fighting for equal rights since the 1840s. They have fought for the right to vote, for the right to control their bodies, and the right to have equality in the workplace, according to “Time” magazine.

(One reason) women don’t have equality in the workplace because their employers believe that they shouldn’t be paid the same as men. (Some statistics show) for every dollar a man earns, a woman earns 94 cents. (Society has allowed) men to think that they’re better than women so they take advantage and they treat them not as an equal.

There are struggles of women trying to be equal to man, when women should have the same opportunities as man. Many decades women have been struggling to be equal to men, either in family or workplace. (Also, there have been women’s) marches (that) highlight struggles of indigenous women need for equality. Many women speak up just (to have the opportunity to) be equal to men.

To add on, these women have struggled hard to be able to have the opportunity to be able to get the same pay as men or same rights and freedom. Some people just want to know why women don’t have these right, what can men do relating to work that women can’t do. As well, we all are human

each other, especially women.

Women need to feel this way so they can feel that they have more freedom and that they have rights and they are recognized. Another big thing that women struggle for (are seats in political office, such as) becoming president. In this year, 2019, we still haven’t had a female president yet. We have had women try and sadly none have made it. Why is this?

Well one reason why is because they are women who don’t get that much respect and honor (for their work and contributions). We have to find a way to end this now because many girls, women and even some men think this is very unfair because women try their best and will always try because they are strong and bold and brave.

Women have tried very hard to become equal and respected so why don’t we lend them a hand. So in conclusion, we really have to end this now so women won’t feel so small and (less) powerful. And, they can believe in themselves and dream about becoming the (once) unthinkable.

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Military Tactics Used to Recruit Kids Into Military Conflicts



For centuries children have been involved in military campaigns—from being a drummer boy on the battlefields of Europe to having an assault rifle on front-line. What is frightening nowadays is the escalation in the use of children as fighters. In (over) 25 countries, thousands of children below the age of 16 have fought in wars.

In 1988 alone, they numbered as many as 200,000 children. There are different ways for children to be recruited into the military. Some children choose to join for different reason, but others are abducted and beaten into submission.

In Syria there is a huge war between two different religions in Syria clashing with each other. One of the sides is ruled by the president and the other side is ruled by rebels (who are) trying to start a new

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The president sent groups of soldiers to several villages and burned down their homes and terrorized them and forced them to join the army to help fight against the rebels. They gained about 10,000 child soldiers that day and when the battle was about to start he gave them several drugs such as marijuana and cocaine to make them high and it is supposed to make them brave and a reason to fight.

The rebels were almost defeated in 2005 but a remaining group of about 200 rebels started to use the president’s tactics. They went to villages and hid out in bushes. When kids walked away from their home they would grab them, burn down their huts and run. Some other tactics was to pay their parents to let the kids go fight in the army for them. The most violent tactic was to strategically bomb the wells and food supplies so the people living there would be hungry and they would offer them food if they let their child join the army.

Right now, there are about 300,000 child soldiers. Some things child soldiers are used for on the battlefield include (violent acts), cooks, and sometimes even as spies. Child soldiers are used in war in 30 different countries.

In conclusion, (the use of) child soldiers is a really big problem. It has ruined hundreds of thousands of peoples’ lives including kids and parents. This is a big issue because it is illegal. In our opinion, we think it is wrong because they are robbing their parents of their children.

Mr. Faulkner's Tues./Fri. advisory

Who Will Win PewDiePie or T-Series



which makes us equal which also means that we together have to step up to help

the biggest star on YouTube is reaching new levels with each passing day. The PewDiePie vs. T-Series battle has been in the limelight for the past few months, mainly due to PewDiePie and his fans, and it is not expected to settle down anytime soon.

It appears the PewDiePie vs. T-Series battle is a one-sided affair; the 28-year-old Swedish YouTuber is waging a war he seems to have declared himself. Meanwhile it seems Hollywood music label T-Series is not "bothered" by this.

Who is Pewdiepie.? Born in Gothenburg, Sweden, PewDiePie originally pursued a degree in Industrial Economics and Technology Management at Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg. In 2010, during his time at the university, he registered a YouTube account under the name PewDiePie.

In 2013, Pewdiepie's channel went from 3.5 million to just under 19 million subscribers by the end of 2013. He was gaining 1 subscriber every 1.037 seconds. It was also said that Pewdiepie was gaining more subscribers than more other youtubers in 2013.

PewDiePie continues to hit new milestones, despite (people) doubting that he would ever be the first to hit a milestone again after crossing 67 million back in October. Now that Pewdiepie has hit the 81 million subscribers mark, T series is behind by a few subscribers. When Pewdiepie was losing against T-Series he was backed up by a few other youtubers. Without their help Pewdiepie would have lost. (We think) it is now clear that Pewdiepie will win.

Mr. Faulkner's Mon./Thurs. advisory

Surviving R Kelly, part 1



Who is R Kelly you may ask? Well, R Kelly or Robert Sylvester Kelly was born in Chicago on January 8, 1967 which makes him 52. R Kelly is a singer that started in the late 1980s with hits like "Trapped in the closet" and "I believe I can fly." R Kelly was also a professional basketball player and he played for the Atlantic City Seagulls. R Kelly

religion. (However), the president forbids it, so the rebel's declared war on the president's army.

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really bad this time. It was 2002, and police were investigating a (graphic) tape that appeared to show the R&B superstar with a (minor). Of all the scandals that had stirred around Kelly in his decade of fame, this one felt especially dire.

On January 18th, 2019 the artist named R. Kelly (is accused of) abusing a (teenage) girl named Tracy Sampson. Sampson was abused by R. Kelly, according to NBC news. Kelly allegedly tried to make a relationship with her and she was underage. She said the musician (made unwanted advances to her and didn't respect her replies of "no.") Sampson said she (thought she) was in love with him and didn't know what to do.

Sampson said she filed a lawsuit after she turned 18 years old, and ended their relationship claiming the singer abused her. Another woman, Jerhonda Pace, meanwhile told NBC News that she believes she has potential evidence of R. Kelly's abuse towards her when she was a teen.

In conclusion, R. Kelly (is accused of abusing) a young girl and she was only 16 years old her name was Tracy Sampson. She met him in the summer in 1999 and she was only 16 years old. Kelly was trying to (have a relationship with) her but Tracy said "no."

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R. Kelly controversy, part 2



R. Kelly, one of the most well-known singers. But who really is he? Robert Sylvester Kelly was born on January 8, 1967 at Chicago in the hospital in Hyde Park, Chicago. Kelly is the third of four children. Kelly's single mother, Joanne, was a singer. She raised her children Baptist. Kelly's father was absent throughout his son's life. Kelly's family lived in the Ida B. Wells Homes public housing project in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood.

Kelly's high school music teacher Lena McLin described Kelly's childhood home: "It was bare. One table, two chairs. There was no father there, I knew that, and they had

The race (or should we say fight?) to be

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At a young age Kelly was abused by a woman who was at least ten years older than him. Kelly wrote in his 2012 autobiography "Soulacoaster."

(Kelly had a tumultuous upbringing), at age 11, he was shot in the shoulder while riding his bike home (and later in life) he was nears by when his first girlfriend passed away tragically by drowning. entered Kenwood Academy in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood in the fall of 1981, where he met his music teacher Lena McLin, who encouraged Kelly to perform the Stevie Wonder classic "Ribbon in the sky" in a high school talent show. McLin encouraged a young Kelly to leave the basketball team.

She said he was furious at first, but after his performance at the school talent show, he changed his mind. Kelly played high school basketball with the late basketball player (and Chicago star) Ben Wilson. He sang "It's so hard to say goodbye" at Ben Wilson's funeral.

As a teenager, Kelly began street performing under the Chicago "L" tracks before he eventually formed a group with his friends Marc McWilliams, Vincent Walker, and Shawn Brooks. In 1989, Kelly, McWilliams, Walker, and Brooks formed the group MGM (Musically Gifted Men).

In 1990, MGM recorded and released their first single "Why You Wanna Play Me"; after releasing the single, the group disbanded. In 1991, Kelly signed with Jive Records and teamed with a new group from Chicago called Public Announcements. Kelly's mother Joanne died in 1993.

He did start his real career in the early 21st Century. His singing started in church. His singing (career has brought) him to the Grammy Awards.

(Currently), R. Kelly has allegations of abuse have emerged. The singer's attorney, Steven Greenberg, told the Associated Press that the "Surviving R. Kelly" accusations were false, and simply another round of stories being used to fill reality TV time.

He added that it was inappropriate for a District Attorney. to characterize allegations she'd seen on TV before actually filing charges or launching an investigation into the claims.

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Acknowledgements, accomplishments, and announcements:

Ms. Smith would like to announce Olivia Pappas and Adelina Rodriguez received an IB Criteria Score of 8 for Analyzing in Language and Literature for their mock interview (see page 5). She states, "I'm very

<p>wore the number 12 as his jersey in honor of his album 12 play. R. Kelly was in trouble again, and it was</p> <p>identification and comment on significant aspects of the text.”</p> <p><u>JQUS January staff writers:</u></p> <p><u>Mr. Faulkner’s Mon./Thurs. 7th grade advisory:</u> Huda Aden, Anezka Bonessaltos, Hailin Chen, Chloe Christmas, Rahmo Dualle, Ram Kim, Steven Mei, Andrew Perez, Tayleah Sotolilly, ZiJian Wu</p> <p><u>Mr. Faulkner’s Tues./Fri. 7th grade advisory:</u> Unique Alexander, Kavelyn Cabral, CoCo Chen, Tony Deng, Samuel Guan, Chloe Li, Benjamin Mallory, Amanda Naoum, Adelayka Reyes, Radian Wan, Philip Zhu</p> <p>The next newsletter deadline is February 13th.</p>	<p>very little.” Kelly began singing in the church choir at age eight. Kelly grew up in a house full of women, whom he said would act differently when his mother and grandparents were not home.</p>	<p>proud of these ladies for their perceptive identification and comment of authors creative choices and perceptive</p> <p>page 3</p>
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BBH Interview with Louise Erdrich

Adelina Rodriguez as: Louise Erdrich

Olivia Pappas as: The interviewer

Interviewer- Hello, and welcome to AuthorsTalk! Today, I will be interviewing an author who has written 38 books, has won nine awards, and has a new book coming out in 2020, The Birchbark House series #5. Please welcome to the show, Louise Erdrich!

Erdrich- Thank you, I'm happy to be here.

Interviewer- In The Birchbark House, Louise Erdrich's intriguing novel, Omakayas, an Ojibwa girl of seven winters, lives a normal life until a terrible disease strikes and she has to help her family stay alive throughout the winter. Published in 1999, this story takes place on an island in Lake Superior during the Westward Expansion. The Birchbark House is a story about courage and survival.

Interviewer- Now, I have a few questions I would like to ask. What character did you look forward to writing about most?

Erdrich- I believe that my favorite characters to write about were Old Tallow and Albert LaPautre. I feel that it is very interesting to write about characters who are unaware of how people perceive them such as Albert. Old tallow was another very interesting character to write about because she has no filter, she made sure that there are no limits to what she can do.

Erdrich- Albert LaPautre was a character that just lightened the mood whenever he was around. He gave hope. He had many character traits such as the fact that he was funny and truly believed that his dreams were important. For example, when the men were discussing the travel routes west, he was talking about his dream where he was stuck in a kettle. He really is one of my favorite minor characters.

Interviewer- So, let's talk about Old Tallow. When writing about her what was the most important thing that you wanted Old Tallow to show?

Erdrich- Looking through a feminist lens when writing this, I wanted her to break gender stereotypes and show females that they do not have to go by the society's judgement of what they should do. For example, men were supposed to hunt and Old Tallow decided not to stay at home and clean, but to instead fight bears and throw spears.

Interviewer- She really is a great character. Now, what caused you to use Smallpox as the disease that took some characters?

Erdrich- Well, in that time this disease is what caused so many indigenous people to pass away also wipe them out, and I wanted to make it as realistic as possible.

Interviewer- During the rising action of the story - which was when Smallpox hit the tribe - why did Baby Neewo, the protagonist Omakayas's baby brother, die of the disease? I mean, it could've been anybody else but you chose Neewo, who was Omakayas's favorite, and who she loved dearly.

Erdrich- Just this part of the story added so much emotion to the book. I wanted to have something in the book that made Omakayas stronger physically and mentally. Sometimes losing somebody you love only helps you to become a better person and it gives you a reason to keep going.

Interviewer- When I was reading your book, I found a sentence that really caught my eye. It said, "[T]he bear must be addressed with the greatest respect, as a treasured relative, that the bear had human qualities and nobody quite understood the bear." I think that it shows how the Ojibwa tribe was connected with nature, while today if someone saw a bear they would run away or try and shoot it. I strongly felt that it showed how we Americans are really nothing like the indigenous people when it comes to being kind to nature and respecting everything. How did you feel about this sentence when writing it?