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## Charter School: A Personal Story

### Stereotypes about Cheerleaders Die Hard

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Cheer is one of the most critical sports at San Fernando High School due to the fact that cheerleaders provide our school spirit. Sports at SFHS would not be the same without the support of our cheerleaders.

Pepper, varsity cheer captain, says, "We spread school spirit and we get the school more involved in the activities. Unfortunately, people don't value cheer even though we put as much time as any other sport, and we don't get the credit we deserve."

Sadly, cheer at our school receives a dirth of appreciation coupled with students making harsh generalizations about it.

Most people do not recognize cheer as a sport. Very few people are aware of the effort and strenuous work that goes into cheering. Cheer requires commitment, just like any other sport.

"Many people believe cheerleading is not a sport," Selena Sandoval, SFHS junior, argues, "but the reality is, they don't know what we do and how hard we work."

Cheerleaders have a very rigorous practice schedule. They practice up to 16 hours a week, and they even work all summer. This past summer, cheerleaders commenced their practice on July 11, and they ended on August 20, just a few weeks prior to the onset of school.

A popular belief is that cheerleaders do not take part in as much exercise as the other athletes in sports such as track, volleyball, soccer, or basketball. However, cheerleading requires that they do rigorous exercises consisting of running laps, lifting, push-ups, sit-ups, and other conditioning exercises.

"Cheerleading requires

a lot of time and hard work. The other athletes toss balls, and we toss our teammates," states varsity cheerleader Anarely Garcia.

Cheerleaders take part in competitions as well. They compete with other schools, and they win championships, just like others win in baseball or soccer.

Our cheer team currently has more trophies than any other sport at our school.

Contrary to popular belief, cheerleading is also one of the most dangerous sports around. Injuries due to cheerleading are not uncommon. It is estimated that 20,000 injuries are caused by cheerleading every year.

**Very few people are aware of the effort and the strenuous work that goes into cheering.**

"Over the past years during cheer, I've developed tendonitis in my wrist, that I will forever have to live with," explains varsity cheerleader Dalilah De La Cruz.

Furthermore, cheerleaders at SFHS put their bodies on the line every time they go out to support our school, and we need to show more appreciation towards them. It is unfair for us to take their dedication and commitment for granted.

Jennifer Gonzales, varsity cheerleader junior, explains, "I learned that I can trust a lot of people here because they show me trust, and it is like my second family."

Cheerleading stresses the importance of teamwork, trust, and communication just like all the other sports at SFHS. Communication, teamwork, and trust, are essential in ensuring safety, and making sure that the performances are executed properly.

"Since I have been cheering all my life, all I have known is

cheer," Destiny Garcia, varsity cheerleader explains, "and without it I wouldn't be anything. SFHS needs to show school pride."

Many think that cheerleaders are vain, and think of themselves as superior compared to other students. For this reason, most students think of them negatively.

However, this is nothing but a stereotype, and cheerleaders are no different than any other students at SFHS. Cheerleaders at SFHS are as friendly as anybody, and are not egotistical, as people believe.

Most students hold the common belief that cheerleaders are "air-heads" and that they are dimwitted.

This common stereotype, which was most likely influenced by depiction in the social media, is fallacious due to the fact that cheerleaders are required to keep a 2.0 GPA. Anybody in cheer who fails to maintain a 2.0 GPA is dismissed from cheer.

Sophomore Amanda Alvarez currently has a 3.1 GPA, as well as many other cheerleaders who are college bound.

Despite the fact that cheerleaders are thought of negatively, and are treated unreasonably, they still go out to our school's sporting events and put all their energy into restoring life to the crowd, and heightening our school spirit.

Our students must attain the ability to think above common stereotypes, and treat cheerleaders respectfully, and give them the credit that they deserve.

"Cheerleading means everything. It means family, commitment, support, communication, pride, dedication, motivation, and teamwork. The students don't get a chance to see that what we do is all for them," explains Karol Gomez, varsity cheerleader.

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A charter school is an autonomous public school created by a contract between a sponsor and a local school district.

Basically it's a school separate from the public school system allowing it to make their own rules, hire their own staff, pay them differently, allow their own programs, manage it, and take different tests. They can basically do anything they want.

For one full school year I attended a charter school. The school I went to moved to a different location after that year, a location too far for me to go, so I had to go to a public school, but at times I do wish I had stayed there.

I had goals when I entered the school: to do well and to make new friends. Both were accomplished.

I got good grades there and I did have a number of friends.

Education wise, you learn a lot faster and actually understand it. I learned things that my peers who went to a public school didn't learn until much later.

The teachers would push you, and sometimes force you. In my post-charter school days, I remember finding the class redundant because I learned these things before.

However, one problem was we had a lot of homework. I was up days and nights completing it at times.

A problem was that some of the rules were just downright stupid.

In the second semester they wrote a rule saying you can't bring your cell phone with the battery connected to it. The reasons for this had to do with a thief in the school. I am not kidding, someone stealing things caused a rule so that you had to have your battery disconnected.

The dress code was even worse. The uniform was a white collared shirt with the school logo. This made getting uniforms expensive because it needed the school logo.

I do not like uniforms, and I hate them with a dying passion. To me it just feels unconstitutional to even have uniforms.

The teachers were like any regular teachers, though some were

rather eccentric. We had a mix of everyone: the relaxed carefree teacher, the strict but rewarding teacher, the shy teacher, the funny teacher, and the caring teacher.

At lunch the food was really good. It tasted homemade and you can get seconds and unlimited milk and juice added to this.

We ate lunch at a park; we had access to the playground there and the basketball courts. We were also allowed to buy drinks and ice cream from the vending machines.

One problem was that it was a public park, so anyone can be there. A public park means also public restrooms, meaning it was not hygienic AT ALL. This also means anyone can be lurking in the shadows.

Electives were art and dance class. In art class, the teachers were very open-minded and free spirited. Meaning you can make very eccentric art and they would like it.

**For one full school year I attended a charter school.**

In dance class, I learned a couple moves there, and it was a relaxed atmosphere. The teacher cared for his students and helped you a lot with dancing.

We had a cooking class, an extra dance class, and an animation class. I didn't go, but from the feedback I got, people were having fun.

We had a lot of field trips. At the end of the year, we had three field trips and they were after school for three days straight. I really enjoyed these field trips and learned a lot.

After school was interesting because for a small school we did have lots of after school programs.

While normal in a public school, but strange in a charter school, we had sports teams. Our teams were okay, but nothing special.

In the end I had a rather mixed experience at a charter school. If you are thinking of going to one, think of the pros and cons, both educational and personal.

# FEATURES

## Volunteering Could Put You a Step Ahead



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We arrived at the hospital on Sunday morning, and as I got to my station for volunteering, everything seemed calm and normal. Suddenly, they announced that there was a problem in the delivery room.

They announced, "code pink." Code pink means infant kidnapping. When they say code pink, I immediately got up from my desk and secured the doors so nobody could come in or out.

Volunteering is about giving your time, energy, and skills freely.

As I was securing the doors, I saw a young man with a baby carrier. I immediately stopped him and checked to see that he had the wristband that said he was the infant's father. Thankfully, he was, so I let him go and they announced that everything was okay.

A big sigh of relief came over me because it was in my hands to make sure that nobody left with an infant that wasn't theirs.

This could be a typical day for you if you volunteer at a hospital.

Volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others or a particular cause without

payment for their time and services.

Volunteering is about giving your time, energy, and skills freely.

Volunteering is also generally considered an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve human quality of life, but people also volunteer for their own skill development. To meet others, to make contacts for possible employment, have fun, and a variety of other reasons that could be considered self-serving.

Volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on your community. But did you know that it can have many benefits for you too?

1) Volunteering, is the perfect vehicle to discover something you are really good at and develop a new skill.

2) It looks good on your college application when you're applying for college.

3) If you are missing credits for school, volunteering is a way that you can get some credits, by giving your time to serve and help.

It forces teenagers to grow up and mature faster because they get to experience so much.

If you volunteer, once you get a real paying job, you are going to have experience of how to interact with your coworkers.

When you're a volunteer you have to be careful with everything you do because you have to satisfy the customer/the patient.

For example, if you volunteer at a hospital, you have to be sure that you satisfy the patient, care for them, listen to them with compassion, and keep it all private.

As a volunteer at a hospital you help in many ways. If you want to work with a patient then you normally just help them if they need anything.

For example, if you work in the nursery, you have permission to bathe the newborn babies if the mother allows it to.

It is really fun because you get to experience how to bathe a newborn baby. It's amazing how you can do all that and just be a volunteer at the hospital.

Kimberly Gutierrez, a senior at San Fernando High School, is a volunteer at Providence Holy Cross Hospital.

When asked about her volunteer position, she said, "I work in the maternity department and the reason why I volunteer is because I want to be a registered nurse, so I want to be in an environment where I am going to meet doctors and gain experience from them."

To volunteer at Providence Holy Cross Hospital, all you have to do is go to the main building and go to the information desk and ask for a volunteer application.

## Who's the Better Driver: Men or Women?

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One aspect of the battle of the sexes is who's a better driver: men or women? Throughout the years, you either hear "men are better at driving than women," or "women are the safer drivers."

An anonymous male student said, "I think girls are better drivers because guys just complain that girls are terrible drivers as a way to cover up how they drive. Guys are more aggressive when driving."

Women are far more attentive and patient when it comes to driving.

SFHS senior Daniel Santana spouts his stereotypical male fantasy, "In my opinion, guys are better drivers. The reason why I believe guys are better drivers is because they react faster than girls in certain situations. From personal experience, every time I see a girl driver driving I get nervous because I know they wouldn't react as fast which could lead to an accident."

American women are involved in 5.7 crashes per million miles driven and men are only involved in 5.1 crashes per million miles.

The Fatal Accident Reporting System says both males and females between the ages of 20 and 34 have almost identical risks.

In a more recent study released by Quality Planning, a company which validates policyholder information from auto insurers, shows women came out on top as safer drivers.

In a study made by Microsoft Network Autos, it analyzed many kinds of vehicle code violations compared between men and women and concluded that men had more violations, and about 5 per cent resulted in more accidents than women. They also found of men are cited for reckless driving 3.41 more times than women.

In the area of violations, men receive a 50 percent higher number in violations in certain areas: reckless driving, DUI, seatbelt violations, speeding, failure to yield, and stop sign/signal violations.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, more men than women die each year in motor vehicle crashes when it rains.

Anne McCartt, who is the institute's senior vice president for research, states, "Men take more risks behind the wheel than women, and so men are more likely to get into serious crashes."

"We don't have any way of comparing their driving abilities, but on the likelihood of getting into a serious crash in which someone dies, men win handily."

In a study of fatal passenger vehicle crash involvements per million miles traveled, it showed men are definitely more dangerous drivers.

Men from ages 16-19 are involved in 4,257 crashes where women in that age are only involved in 1,852 crashes.

From ages 20-70 (and plus), men are involved in 33,733 crashes. Women from 20-70 (and plus), were involved in only 14,633 crashes. This clearly shows that men are far more reckless drivers than women.

Many auto insurance industry experts say that men are more aggressive when driving and they definitely display it more than women. They also claim that men are more likely than women to break the law.

The topic on who is a better driver may never be settled. It is a difficult topic and it is difficult to choose a side. People try to base things on the gender of the person instead of considering the actual statistics.

Although the answer of who is a better driver may not ever be clear, the answer of who is a safer driver is definitely clear.

Women are far more attentive and patient when it comes to driving.

# FEATURES

## You are What You Eat!

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Most families nowadays are juggling not only tight schedules, but also tight budgets, and when it comes time for dinner, a \$1 hamburger from a fast food "value menu" may seem like an easier option than cooking.

But is it really cheaper? In reality, at McDonalds, two Big Macs, cheeseburgers, six chicken nuggets, two medium, and two small fries, and sodas is about \$28.

This is not cheaper than cooking. If you buy chicken, wheat bread, and salad for four, the total comes out to \$13.78. Cooking is cheaper and healthier.

Instead of eating fast food, you can make yourself scrambled eggs, and a grilled cheese sandwich.

"Yes, my mom does cook everyday except once or twice a week because a home cooked meal is better, and plus nowadays buying fast food is very expensive," said junior Clarissa De Leon.

At home you can eat rice, grains, pasta, beans, fresh vegetables, canned vegetables, meat, fish, poultry, dairy products, bread, and peanut butter.

Pinto beans and rice with peppers

for four is a total of \$9.26. A savings of \$18.63 over the McDonald's meal.

The core problem is that cooking is defined as work and fast food is convenient.

People are already stressed out with everything they have to do and they don't want to cook. Sophomore Rolando Illanes said, "I usually eat home cooked meals five out of seven nights a week. My mom doesn't like us eating junk food."

**If you don't cook it, don't eat it!**

Many people decide to buy the processed food because it's ready rather than making it and quicker than cooking.

Sophomore Citlalli Flores said, "My mom cooks home cooked meals on a daily basis. The reason for this is because we don't really like eating junk food very often, and I love eating traditional Mexican dishes. We think home food is much healthier and balanced than fast food."

There are a lot of fast food restaurants that have a dollar menu. The dollar menu attracts many people because they think it will be cheaper, but it's not.

Junk food is convenient, and for the most part affordable, but is also addictive, and created to appeal to your tastebuds. This food addiction is orchestrated to keep people buying more junk food rather than cooking a healthy meal at home.

In 2009, fast food companies spent \$4.2 billion on advertising. A 2009 study by the Scripps Research Institute indicates that over-consumption of fast food "triggers addictive responses."

Fast food restaurants make it socially acceptable to eat anytime and anyplace. They have created a "food carnival."

The Detroit Black Community Food Security Network says, "We've seen minor successes, but the food movement is still at an infant stage, and we need a massive social shift to convince people to consider healthier options."

America is the fattest nation on Earth with the highest rates of obesity and diabetes. The problem is people always think there is "no time" to do anything.

In reality, if you cut out or cut back on your TV time you can find a lot of time for other things.

Remember, if you don't cook it, don't eat it!

## L.A. County Jail is a Living Hell

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Dozens of detailed allegations of abuse in Los Angeles County's Men's Central Jail -The Twin Towers- have been filed, according to a report from the American Civil Liberties Unions (A.C.L.U.).

While incarcerated, several inmates claim to have received beatings from the L.A. County Sheriff deputies.

One inmate said he was forced to walk down the hallway naked after guards accused him of stealing a piece of mail. Everybody had the honor of expressing any hostility of theirs toward him.

A chaplain said he saw deputies punching an inmate until he collapsed to the ground. They began kicking the apparently unconscious man's head and body.

Another former inmate said that after he protested abusing mentally-ill prisoner, deputies took him into another room, slammed his head into the wall, and repeatedly punched his chest.

The Los Angeles County Jail system, the nation's largest, is also the nation's most troubled,

according to lawyers, advocates, and former law enforcement officials.

"This situation . . . the volume of complaints, and the egregious nature are much, much worse than anything I've ever seen," said Tom Parker, a retired F.B.I. Official who led the agency's Los Angeles office for years. "They are abusing inmates with impunity."

The A.C.L.U. says that the guards use the excuse of the inmates being uncooperative that allows the guards to beat them violently.

**"They are abusing inmates with impunity."**

Paulino Juarez, a Roman Catholic Chaplain who has worked in the jail since 1998, was visiting an inmate's cell one morning in February of 2009 when he heard several thumps and gasps in the hallway.

When he approached the cell door, he saw three deputies hitting a man and yelling, "Stop fighting!"

"But he wasn't fighting, he wasn't even defending himself," Mr. Juarez states. "When they saw me, they froze. I was frozen, too, I didn't say anything. I was too shocked and terrified."

Mr. Juarez acted upon his good judgment when he filed a report with the L.A. Sheriff's Department; but it wasn't until two years later that the department found that the inmate had "ignored" going into his cell.

This matter was essentially disregarded, for there was no record of Mr. Juarez's report, although a guard indicated in the file that the chaplain had exaggerated what he had witnessed, which meant that the guard did see the report and perhaps deleted it.

An anonymous student has had a close relative enter the steel doors into the danger zone. "My dad went to jail for three months."

Throughout that time he said he saw guards act harmfully. They practically found any excuse to beat the prisoners. He recalled a time when a guard threw food at an inmate because he wasn't fast enough to pick up the food.

The A.C.L.U. plans to call for a wide-ranging federal investigation, and for the resignation of any unnecessarily pugnacious deputies.

People are sent to jail for committing crimes, which is sufficient punishment in itself.

## Horoscopes

**Aquarius (1/20 - 2/18)**



You are generally far too aware of the waste of time and energy that goes

into petty disagreements. However, you may have to get at least one thing straight today. If someone close to you insists upon stepping over a certain line, after repeatedly telling them not to, then they only have themselves to blame.

**Pisces (2/19 - 3/20)**



Don't get involved with stuff you're unsure of. Trust your instincts on

whether something is meant to be. Your wishful thinking could make you blind to the facts. When in doubt, go with your gut instinct.

**Aries (3/21 - 4/19)**



It may be best not to tackle that particular topic of conversation

this month, as neither you nor your partner will feel able to do it justice. You could find yourselves getting irritated over small issues so it's worth waiting another day. Tomorrow you will be more successful.

**Taurus (4/20 - 5/20)**



The celestial alignment may encourage you to speak more rashly

than perhaps you need to concerning an issue between you and your partner. If you are feeling irritable, it may be best to weigh your words before actually coming out with them, as you may inadvertently hurt the one you love.

**Gemini (5/21 - 6/20)**



You may find it more difficult to come out with something that

needs to be said than you would normally. You feel you should be able to say it with no bother at all. Yet deep down, you also know that it will mean a lot to your partner to hear these words, and so you are holding back.

**Cancer (6/21 - 7/22)**



You need to watch how you express yourself today. You will have to

be ultra-sensitive to how your partner is feeling before you make certain suggestions. It is just that others are very edgy, and it is only too easy for them to take things the wrong way, or perhaps make a meal out of a plate of air.

**Leo (7/23 - 8/22)**



On a future date, you could become involved in some very

heated conversation. If the person in question is already

a good friend, then you may find this quite stimulating, as the bond between you is strong enough to allow for any differences. If you don't know this person too well, there may be a slight problem.

**Virgo (8/23 - 9/22)**



You may feel like retreating firmly into your shell, being squarely

stuck between Mercury and Mars. If you have something that you know you and your partner need to talk about, but aren't quite sure how to go about it, then your intuition may be telling you that it is better to forget it altogether.

**Libra (9/23-10/22)**



It's fine to be selfish with your time today. Only

accept invitations to events worthy of your appearance. Your friends will understand if you reserve your evening hours for someone you've been meaning to get to know a lot better.

**Scorpio (10/23 - 11/21)**



Your passion to find a soulmate could be too

intense for causal dating. Instead of continuing this frantic search for finding The One, concentrate on discovering how much fun you can have with the person who thinks you're pretty cool.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)**



If you are entertaining some very inflexible views

about a certain issue, then it may be better if you could try and bend them a little. You can keep this charade up ad infinitum, and nothing will change. But if you can bear to alter your attitude on just the smallest of details, this could make quite a difference.

**Capricorn (12/22 - 1/19)**



Friends are excited to help you find your next big relationship.

All you have to do is ask. Be open to the idea of a blind date, and don't get too fussy when pals want to make all the arrangements. Trust them with your heart.

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## Chinese Zodiac



**Year of the Rabbit**  
(2/16/99-2/4/20  
2/3/11-2/22/12)  
The rabbit represents hope.

People born under this sign of the rabbit are gentle, sensitive, compassionate, amiable and modest. They tend to have strong memories, but lack meditative abilities and often waste money.



**Year of the Dragon**  
(2/5/00-1/23/01  
1/23/12-2/9/13)  
The dragon

enjoys high reputation in Chinese culture. People under this sign are lively, intellectual, energetic, and excitable. They are often leaders and try to go for perfection, but they are impatient and arrogant at times.



**Year of the Snake**  
(2/6/89-1/26/90  
1/24/01-2/11/02)  
The snake

carries the meaning of mystery. People born under this symbol often have an even temper and communication skills. They possess gracious morality and great wisdom, but are very likely to be jealous, suspicious, and tend to overdo things.



**Year of the Horse**  
(1/27/90-2/14/91  
2/12/02-1/31/03)  
The spirit of the horse is

recognized to be the Chinese people's ethos- making efforts to improve themselves. People born under the horse have great communicating skills. They are cheerful, perceptive, and talented, but they cannot bear too much constraint.



**Year of the Sheep**  
(2/15/91-2/3/92  
2/1/03-1/21/04)  
The sheep

is among the animals that people like most. People under the sheep are tender, polite, filial, clever, and kind-hearted. They have special sensitivity to art and beauty. On the downside, people under the sheep are often worriers who are shy, pessimistic, moody, indecisive, and over-sensitive.



**Year of the Monkey**  
(2/4/92-1/22/93  
1/22/04-2/8/05)  
The monkey

is a clever animal; usually compared to a smart person. Those that are born under the monkey are lively, flexible, quick-witted and versatile. They love moving about and sports, but can be jealous, suspicious, cunning, selfish, and arrogant at times.



**Year of the Rooster**  
(1/23/93-2/9/94  
2/9/05-1/28/06)  
The rooster is

almost the epitome of fidelity and punctuality. Roosters are deep thinkers considered to be honest, bright, communicative, ambitious, capable and warm-hearted. They have strong self-respect and seldom rely on others, but are selfish, caustic and too outspoken.



**Year of the Dog**  
(2/10/94-1/30/95  
2/10/94-1/30/95)  
The dog is man's

friend who can understand the human's spirit and obey its master, whether he is wealthy or not. One born in the Year of Dog has a straightforward character. In their career and love, they are faithful, courageous, dexterous, smart and warm-hearted but are irritable and usually bothered by unwarranted anxiety.



**Year of the Pig**  
(1/31/95-2/18/96  
2/18/07-2/6/08)  
Though the pig is seen as

sloppy and stupid, pigs are very intelligent creatures. Studies have shown that pigs are more intelligent than dogs. People born in the Year of the Pig are honest and frank, chivalrous and gallant, but are hot-tempered, impulsive, and don't have good communication skills.



**Year of the Rat**  
(2/19/96-2/6/97  
2/7/08-1/25/09)  
Though people in the

west consider the rat a pest, it is praised in China. It ranks first on the Chinese zodiac. People under the rat sign are usually smart and wealthy and will work for success, but are usually timid, and lack concentration and stability.



**Year of the Ox**  
(2/19/97-1/27/98;  
1/6/09-2/13/10)  
The ox is

persistent, simple, honest, and straightforward. People born in this year are probably honest, industrious, patient, and cautious, and do things steadily, but are obstinate and poor at communication.



**Year of the Tiger**  
(1/28/98-2/15/99  
2/14/10-2/2/11)  
Tigers are

considered brave, cruel, forceful, and terrifying, and are the symbol of power and lordliness. People born in the year of the tiger are tolerant, staunch, valiant, and respected, but are over confident and traitorous, which may result in unsuccessful communication and a lack of cooperation with others.

**Bob Shiska**

## Slavery is a Worldwide Scourge

Bernardo Tirado

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The Thirteenth Amendment was created in order to abolish and prevent slavery; but even today, people are still being sold and used as slaves all around the world.

Shyima, a 10 year-old girl, was adopted from her poor village in Egypt by a wealthy Egyptian couple that lived in California.

After she arrived in California, she realized her life would most likely never be the same again. She was adopted to be part of their family, but was treated like a slave. She awoke early in the morning in order to do labor and often stayed past midnight finishing chores she was forced to do.

According to a study done by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) the most common sources for trafficked people would include China, Albania, Bulgaria, Thailand, Nigeria, Moldova, and the Ukraine.

After the traffickers have gathered their victims, it is common for the enslaved people to end up in Thailand, Japan, Turkey, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Israel, and even the United States.

Human trafficking has been a problem in the United States. It's been recorded that every state in the United States has had human trafficking.

California is ranked number one in human trafficking with many of the southern states following right behind.

Another study done by the UNODC says that it is estimated that around 2.5 million people are victims of human trafficking. It is said that most of these victims are women and younger girls who are often forced to work as sex slaves.

Another common form of human trafficking would be forced labor.

Often, men who are trafficked would be forced to work in factories, farms, or any place that needs laborers. Often, these men are forced to work in harsh and dangerous conditions.

There are a number of ways for a person to get lured into the situation that could have them trafficked. Often, people will give their victim a promise of a good job in a foreign country.

There are times when someone will falsely propose marriage to their victim, only for them to abduct their victims and have them trafficked.

There are times when the trafficker could abduct their victim and have them sold, but there are other times when the person being sold could have been sold by a boyfriend, a husband, a wife, or even their parents.

A slave will often be sold to someone willing to pay the price and not tell anyone where he or she bought the slave.

Not only will the slave be sold, but also the owners will make sure that the slave can't have any contact with family members, friends, or anyone who can save them.

In order to help stop human trafficking, the FBI participated in the Human Smuggling Trafficking Center (HSTC) created in 2004 by the Secretary of State, Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Attorney General.

The HSTC is an informational center where analysts, investigators, the CIA, the FBI, and the Department of Homeland Security analyze the information.

The Thirteenth Amendment was passed in 1864 to abolish slavery in the U.S. but sadly slavery still happens around the world.

## Finals Schedule

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