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A NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Dear readers,

We hope you would enjoy the first edition of our English school magazine Campus Times.

As the editorial team, it has been our pleasure and privilege to bring together talented people from at our school. Each page is filled with our dedication. This magazine represents the passion and hard work of everyone involved. From the comics to articles, every page is well thought of and the productive late nights we spent. We hope that as you read through these pages you feel a sense of connection and inspiration. While writing these articles we aimed to include as many different topics as we could. We hope everyone can find something for themselves in here.

Ultimately, a heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who has contributed their talents and time to here. We know being a student is a hard and time consuming job. Happy reading, many more volumes lie ahead!

With warm regards,

The Editorial Team

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SPECIAL THANKS TO

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF:

YIĞITCAN KARAGÖZ



We would like to thank Mr. Yiğitcan Karagöz, who is our English teacher and also our advisor for the magazine. Working with him was easy as he has an eye for details and dedications to making sure everyone feels involved. He encouraged us to come up with every single idea and help shape them into something we are all very proud of. This magazine is what it is because of the endless brainstorming hours on our task and he was with us every step of the way. We appreciate Mr. Yiğitcan's effort and support while preparing this magazine, which gave us a plunge to develop this magazine.







Elif Topaç

I draw (sometimes)
Star Wars enthusiast 😇
I also hope you enjoy reading my comic (and the article on Kirby) :D



Ece Onmuş

Things I Like:
-Long rants about movies
-Collecting vinyls
-Sad songs
-Books
You'll likely find me in the hallways or in 11-C, talking about something (probably with way too much enthusiasm), feel free to say hi!



Zeynep Kalfaoğlu

Hi everyone, before you start reading I would like to share a couple of details about my life. I like to write and draw. I play volleyball and I sing. That's when I feel the happiest. Also I love science fiction. You can find me in 11/C if you want to talk about anything, hope you enjoy the journal!



Mine Selek

I like music.



Selen Uslu

I am a person who normally is not very good at writing, but who dared to participate in this magazine by writing. (Despite all the complexity, we had a lot of fun preparing the magazine, I hope you like it.)

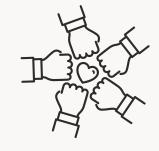


Nehir Çilengiroğlu

Hii!! I am Nehir Cilengiroglu from 9A, the one who wrote about coral reefs, and I just wanted to say a couple of things about myself. So, I really like the ocean as you can tell and it is really important to me so i wanted to share it with you guys through the article I wrote for this journal. Love you guys!!









Duru Yılmaz

Hi! i'm just a prep student.



Ece Öztürk

Hi! I'm a 11th grade student. Here is a reminder for you:

Some people are just a pit stop for you to make up your mind but they just waste your time. You are on top!



Bade Ünlütürk

I like to sleep.

I sometimes draw and write.



Ada Altun

I am a small artist that is trying to grow.



Tuna Korkmaz

One of the youngest conductors in the world.



Yağmur Karadaş

I have doing kickboxing for 2 years. I like to draw and my favorite color is black. My favorite food is french fries.



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METU **PERSPECTIVE**

SPORT

Written by: Ece Öztürk

 Balancing sports and academics require smart planning and discipline. First, students should create a weekly schedule that includes both study time and practice sessions. Prioritize school assignments and break them down into manageable tasks to avoid last-minute stress. Using any free periods or shorter breaks for studying or reviewing notes can also help. Then, communication with teachers and coaches is crucial. Let them know about your schedule, and they might offer flexibility or additional support.

Sports Advice From The Students:



encouraging me. Fitness is generally a mental sport that requires serious discipline. That starts with mental discipline. In my opinion if there is no mental discipline that sport is meaningless. Thanks to my discipline I have never had a difficulty during my sports life. Sometimes I get questions regarding my balance of work and fitness. I never had a problem with this because school always comes first to me. I am always happy to help out my friends who wants to start sports. Aras Baysal



The reason I started sports was because of the influence of social media and my friends. My current idol is Cris Bumsted who is the person that discipline is one of the most important sources of success. You cant become successful without discipline. My balance between sports and school is training less when exams are close. reccomend doing easy exercises to get your body in shape. -Aykan Ergin



Time management apps or even simple to-do lists can help stay organized. It's also important to set realistic goals, both academically and athletically, so vou can track progress overwhelming yourself. Finally, don't forget the importance of rest and selfcare—getting enough sleep maintaining a balanced diet will help you stay focused and energized for both school and sports.

Weekly Sport Challenges!

Do 10 push -ups , 10 squats and 10 jumping jacks . You have 5 minutes to finish all right where you are standing. GO!!

Memorial Corner: From Gonca Gazez

 It was my first year as a teacher. It was the first time I had gone on a university introduction trip with my students. On the third day of the trip, we were all very tired. Our bus stopped at a rest stop on the way back. One of my students had an urgent need, so we rushed to catch the bus and got on. We sat in the back so as not to cause any discomfort. It was empty and dark inside. We had fallen asleep... When we woke up, we found ourselves in Istanbul. The days without mobile phones were like this...

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PAST LIVES

a film about childhood love and uncertainty

Written by: Ece Onmuş

Short Summary:

Past Lives is Celine Song's feature debut that touches on love and how it changes shape as one matures. It follows Nora Moon, a Korean writer who immigrated to Canada as a child and currently works in New York. We watch glimpses of her life as 24 years pass. In the meantime she reunites with her childhood sweetheart (Hae Sung) and gets married to an American man (Arthur).

My Opinions on the Film:

What are my ratings?

Theme: ★★★★

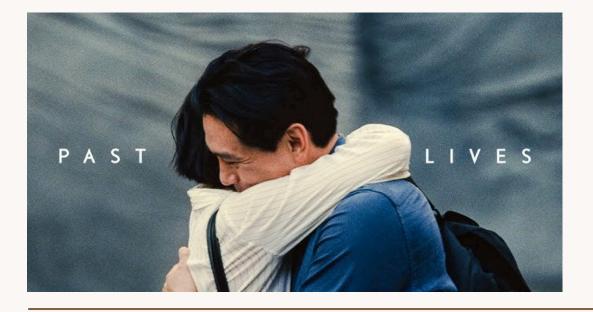
Character Development: ★★★

Plot: ★★★★

Cinematography: ★★★★★

Past Lives is a tender movie that reminds us about our what-ifs. We reflect on our past experiences as we watch Nora. This is the reason why the movie connects with its viewers so easily. The characters are more than just characters. They are people you can bump into at the coffee shop or the local movie theater. What makes them so intriguing is how their complexity lies in their humanness. Even though Nora is in the center of our story, the occasional appearances of Hae Sung gives depth to the story. The inconsistent nature of their relationship shocks the audience as 12 years suddenly pass. Nora's life goes through changes such as marriage. Hae Sung finishes school and military service.

And most importantly they are mature.



"What if this is a past life as well, and we are already something else to each other in our next life? Who do you think we are then?"
-Hae Sung

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Lastly, the component that makes us feel all of these emotions with the characters is the amazing cinematography. It captures everything they see so beautifully you get lost in the city with Nora and Hae. Nora's scenes with Hae and Arthur are presented delicately, you can almost feel the difference between those two relationships which supports the storytelling perfectly.

All in all, Past Lives is a film that resonated with me in many ways. I agree that this is the start of a potentially remarkable career for director Celine Song. The movie is now available in all online platforms so make sure to check it out!



"You dream in a language I can't understand. It's like there's this whole place inside you I can't go."
-Arthur

"It's like planting two trees in one pot. Our roots need to find their place."

"Maybe we were a bird and the branch it decided to rest on one day." -Nora



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ARECIPE FOR CANNED TUNA LAVASH (2 servings / 15 min preparation time)

a delicious, delightful, deluxe lavash

Written by: Bade Ünlütürk

Ingredients

- · 2 pieces of Lavash
- 280g Canned Tuna
- 1 tomato
- 1 cucumber
- 1 red onion *
- Mustard
- Mayonnaise
- Labneh
- · 1 tea spoon of ground salt
- 1 tea spoon of ground pepper



Fig.3. Canned Tuna Lavash

Instructions

- Open your Canned tuna and drain it. Later transfer it to an empty bowl. **
- 2. Wash your tomato and cucumber. Cut your cucumber in rondelle style (cylindrical discs), make sure it isn't too thin or thick. For your tomato, dice (small squares) them.
- 3. After peeling your red onion, cut them in julienne (crescents) style.
- 4. Put all the ingredients in the bowl where Canned tuna is.
- 5. Add two table spoon of mayonnaise to the bowl.
- 6. Add a teaspoon of ground salt and a teaspoon of ground black pepper to the bowl.
- 7. Mix the ingredients.
- 8. Get your lavashes and cover them up with a thin layer of labneh.
- 9. Spread mustard on the lavashes. (Your desired amount of mustard)
- 10. Spread the ingredients equally on both lavashes and fold them.



Notes

- *You can also use regular onion.
- **Preferrably a big bowl where all the ingredients could fit.

TECHNOLOGY INEDUCATION

Written by: Selen Uslu

- Students can now learn from anywhere, thanks to online platforms. Whether at home or in school, they have access to videos, quizzes, and digital lessons. Instead of heavy books, many students use e-books and find information quickly online.
- Communication has also improved with technology. If a student has a question, they can easily message or email their teacher after class, helping them stay connected and supported even outside school hours.
- In addition, technology fosters collaboration among students.
 Group projects can be managed seamlessly through shared documents and virtual meetings, allowing students to work together regardless of their physical locations. This digital interaction not only enhances their learning experience but also prepares them for the increasingly interconnected world.



- Educational apps make learning more interactive and fun.
 Students can play games that help with subjects like math, languages, or science. This motivates them to study more and enjoy the process.
- Technology in education is also preparing students for future careers. Many jobs require strong computer skills, and by using technology in school, students are building those skills early.



- Moreover, personalized learning paths can be created using technology, allowing students to learn at their own pace. Adaptive learning systems cater to individual strengths and weaknesses, providing tailored exercises and resources to help each student reach their full potential.
- In essence, the integration of technology in education not only enriches the learning experience but also equips students with essential skills for the modern world, making it an invaluable component of contemporary education.
- Furthermore, technology encourages collaboration among students. Through online platforms and tools, they can work together on projects, share ideas, and learn from each other's perspectives, fostering a sense of teamwork and communication.
- As a result, technology provides access to a wealth of resources and information. Students can explore topics in-depth, conduct research, and find up-to-date materials that enhance their understanding beyond traditional textbooks. This access to diverse sources encourages critical thinking and a more comprehensive grasp of subjects.



my most listened albums this year

Written by: Ece Onmuş

Like every Spotify user when Spotify wrapped is announced I excitedly check it. Below are my most listened and probably most liked albums. These albums had a huge impact on me and my listening habits so I hope you enjoy them as well.



1-Stick Season by Noah Kahan

Stick Season is the third studio album of Noah Kahan. It is 55 minutes long and contains 14 songs. It also has an extended version which has collaborations with different artists for each song. His signature indie-folk sound captivates the listener and evokes a nostalgic feeling. Each song tells a vulnerable story that is supported by his incredible lyricsm. Overall the album talks about endings, grief, healing and finding yourself again.

"All lights turned off can be turned on"

"I'm terrified that I might never have met me"

2-Hozier by Hozier

The self titled album is Hozier's debut album and also debatably his best album. It is 53 minutes long and contains 13 songs along with fan favourites like 'Like Real People Do' and 'Work Song' He has a more indie rock sounding approach to blues, often adds guitar riffs and drums to his songs. Because of his all over the place sound it is hard to define him by one specific genre. The album has interesting themes like nihilism, living life with love and contains many religious reference. Hozier has also mentioned Dante's Inferno had a huge impact on his writing in this album.



"No better version of me I could pretend to be tonight"



3-Sprained Ankle by Julien Baker

Sprained Ankle is the debut album of Julien Baker. She is known to have incredibly emotional and personal songs with very few instruments that lets her strong voice shine through. She has a calm but rock inspired sound that isn't easy to get into but exteremly rewarding once you do. The album is painful with the way it talks about very intimate things that Baker has gone through and requires a certain amount of emotional connection to fully appreciate.

"Give me everything good, and I'll throw it away"



HERE'S THE TRUTH ABOUT KIRBY: HE'S NOT JUST CUTE. HE'S NOT JUST PINK. HE'S NOT JUST A ROUND BALL OR A MIDDLE AGED LAWYER. KIRBY IS, IN FACT, THE MOST POWERFUL BEING IN ANY UNIVERSE. NO, I MEAN IT'S REALLY IN HIS LORE. KIRBY HAS POWERS THAT PUT EVEN THE STRONGEST HEROES AND VILLAINS IN ANIME, VIDEO GAMES, AND MOVIES TO SHAME.

WRITTEN BY: ELIF TOPAÇ

So, the most famous thing about Kirby? His inhaling ability. Kirby doesn't just eat his enemies for a snack-he absorbs their powers. All their powers. If someone's stronger than Kirby, all he has to do is inhale them, and bam-now he's just as powerful, if not stronger. This wasn't even part of his original setup. When Kirby first appeared in Kirby's Dream Landin 1992, he could only inhale and shoot enemies as starshaped bullets. But just a year later, in Kirby's Adventure, he gained the ability to copy his enemies' powers. Sword skills? Fire blasts? Electric shock? He can do it all. With each game, Kirby's power has only grown, and the things he can inhale and defeat keep getting more ridiculous.



PINTEREST, (N.D.), IMAGE LINK, RETRIEVED FEBRUART 10, 2025, FROM <u>INTR-SIZ/FIRATIZIGIORRS05</u>

Hypernova? Kirby's power to inhale with near-infinite force? Yeah, he has that too. He can inhale entire walls, rows of enemies, and shoot back even bigger, more powerful projectiles. In Return to Dream Land, Kirby's inhaling skills became an industrial-strength nightmare. If Kirby swallows you in this mode, you're not just toast—you're cosmic dust. Meta Knight and King Dedede, once his rivals, now ally with him because they know better than to fight Kirby alone. He's that powerful.



When it comes to villains, Kirby's resume is stacked. He's taken down some of the most intense bosses across the entire gaming multiverse:

- Galacta Knight Destroyed planets.
 Still couldn't handle Kirby.
- Marx Reborn as a dark, chaotic being. Kirby beat him without a second thought.
- Star Dream Soul Capable of interdimensional travel and solarsystem destruction. Nope, not a match for Kirby.
- Void Termina The literal source of all chaos. Kirby defeated him while staying cute.

And don't think Kirby's powers stop there. In Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Kirby destroyed the Subspace Gunship, a massive ship captained by Bowser and Ganondorf that wiped out Meta Knight's battleship in a single shot. Kirby took it down with a single move on his Warp Star and shrugged it off like it was nothing. In fact, when Tekken's Kazuya Mishima came into Smash and tossed characters like Mario into a volcano, Kirby barely even flinched. Mario? Ganondorf? Please.





But Kirby's universe-bending powers don't just end with his inhaling abilities. In Planet Robobot, he's able to hop into a giant mech suit and give it his copy abilities. Imagine Kirby with a robot the size of a building, swinging around giant swords, shooting lasers, and demolishing everything in his path. Fast forward to Kirby and the Forgotten Land, and now he's inhaling cars and becoming those cars. "Carby" is real, and yes, he will run you over if he wants to.

Kirby's stomach? We don't know what's in there, and honestly, that's probably for the best. He can swallow infinitely—his stomach might even be its own dimension or maybe even a black hole????? Perchance???? He can keep whatever he swallows as a little star, save it for later, or shoot it as a deadly projectile. In Squeak Squad, he casually defeated the lord of the underworld, Dark Nebula, just because he thought the guy stole his cake. To Kirby, it was just a minor inconvenience.

Are you still not convinced? It doesn't matter. Kirby's record speaks for itself. Superman? Swallowed. Thanos? Eaten. Godzilla? Yeah, right. Just because you like a character doesn't mean they stand a chance against Kirby. He has plot armor that could protect him against any writer, any creator, any villain. HAL Laboratory even makes Kirby games harder by cutting his health bar in half for "hard mode." Why? Because otherwise, Kirby would flatten every enemy without breaking a sweat. Easy.

So let's be real: Kirby could swallow your favorite character whole, take their power, and still have room for dessert. That cute little "poyo" is the last thing you'd hear before Kirby cracks a planet in half, punches a meteor across galaxies, or saves the universe again just because he wants his snack back. Kirby isn't just a pink puffball; he's a cheerful, terrifying Eldritch horror. The most powerful being in all of media—and the strongest baby you'll ever meet.



Can Kirby beat Goku? Yes. Can Kirby beat Superman? Yes. Can Kirby beat Chuck Norris? Yes. Can Kirby beat Naruto? Yes. Can Kirby beat One Punch Man?

So,

Can Kirby beat Galactus
Yes.
Can Kirby beat Sephiroth
Yes.
Can Kirby beat Master
Chief?
Yes.
Can Kirby beat Ditto?
Yes.
Can Kirby beat Faker?

Can Kirby beat Mewtwo?
Yes.
Can Kirby beat Godzilla?
Yes.
Can Kirby beat Thanos?
Yes
Can Kirby beat Dr. Strange?
Yes.
Can Kirby beat Darth Vader?
Yes.



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SPACE TODAY / UPDATE ON THE LATEST SPACE NEWS

Written by: Zeynep Kalfaoğlu

OCTOBER 2024 EDITION

The cosmos continues to be a source of fascination, wonder, and groundbreaking discoveries. This month, space exploration saw a series of important events, from missions pushing technological boundaries to tantalizing discoveries about our universe. Let's dive into the highlights of what's happening beyond our planet.

James Webb Space Telescope Uncovers a Distant 'Galactic Whisper'

In its quest to unravel the mysteries of the universe, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has once again proven its power. Astronomers recently used JWST to discover the faintest and most distant galaxy ever recorded, located over 13.4 billion light-years away. This ancient galaxy is providing insights into the early days of the universe, soon after the Big Bang. The telescope's unparalleled resolution is allowing



What Did Hubble See on Your Birthday?

Hubble explores the universe 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. That means it has observed some fascinating cosmic wonder every day of the year, including on your birthday.

(Google "What Did Hubble See on Your Birthday?" and discover your's!

The Hunt for Exoplanets Continues

The search for planets outside our solar system is intensifying. NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) continues to discover new worlds, some of which may be in the habitable zone of their stars. These exoplanets are potential candidates for life, and astronomers are eager to study their atmospheres. The upcoming James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) will play a crucial role in examining the chemical compositions of these distant planets and determining if they might support life as we know it.

The Push for Mars Exploration

Mars remains the ultimate goal for human exploration. NASA's Perseverance rover has been collecting samples on the Red Planet since its landing in 2021, paving the way for future missions to return Martian material to Earth. Meanwhile, SpaceX is pushing forward with its Starship project, which aims to land humans on Mars in the 2030s. These missions, along with international efforts from Europe and China, are bringing humanity closer than ever to becoming an interplanetary species.

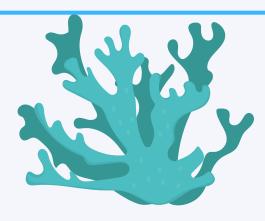


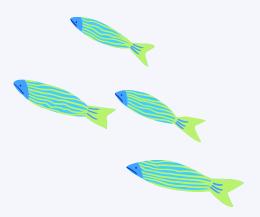
Beautiful. Colorful. Lively.

Coral Reefs

written by: Nehir Çilengiroğlu

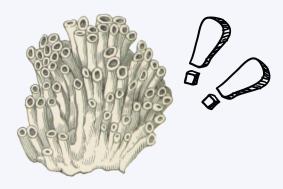
As we all know, many coral reefs in the world are in danger which is caused by climate change and many other factors. Coral reefs are home to approximately 90% of the marine life. That's why they are so important to our world. With their wonderful ecosystem and colorful world it always amazes us. But unfortunately, it is us that caused this kind of situation.





But how? Some institutions including NASA show that, mainly climate change and other human actions, including pollution leads to a global decline in coral reefs. Gabriel Grimsditch, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) marine ecosystems expert, mentions that, "Coral reefs are one of the most sensitive ecosystems globally to the ravages of human activities," "They are especially vulnerable to climate change and warming ocean temperatures, and mass coral bleaching and mortality events are predicted to increase in frequency and intensity as temperatures continue to rise."

14% of the world's corals were lost between 2009 and 2018 according to the "Statues of Coral Reefs of the World 2020" report, UNEP, the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN) and various international partners. Without drastic action to limit global warming to 1.5 Celsius, 70-90% decrease in live on coral reefs by 2050 may occur.



So, we should take actions before it is too late to save the coral reefs. We must be decisive on helping them. We should make donations, raise awareness. If you cannot do that, at least pick up trash from a beach nearby. We should protect one of our most beautiful ecosystems. For our and the world's sake.











Eating Healthy with Eggemen Teacher (Ft. Esma Teacher)





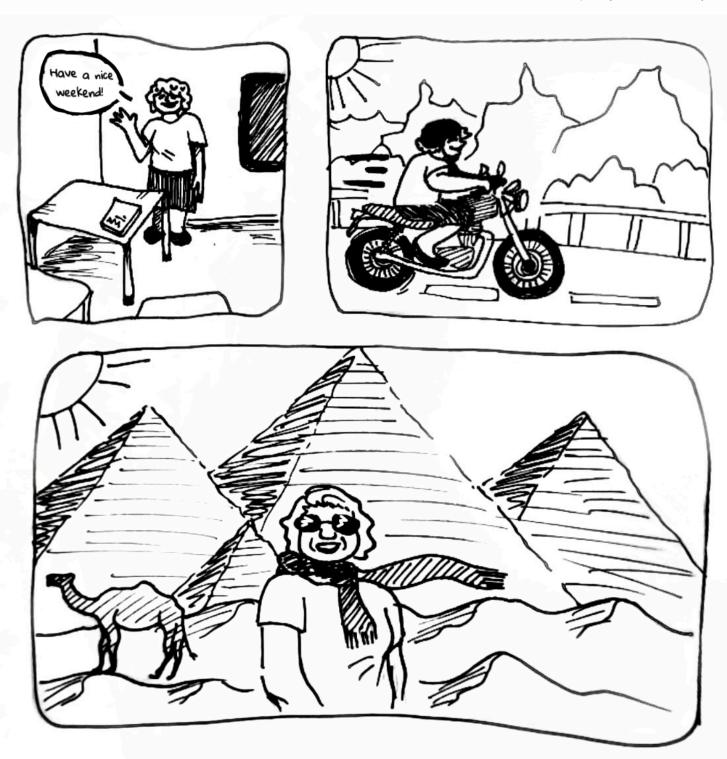




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"SERMIN HOCA GOESTO CORN"

Exceptionally accurate translation by Elif Topaç



Mine Selek



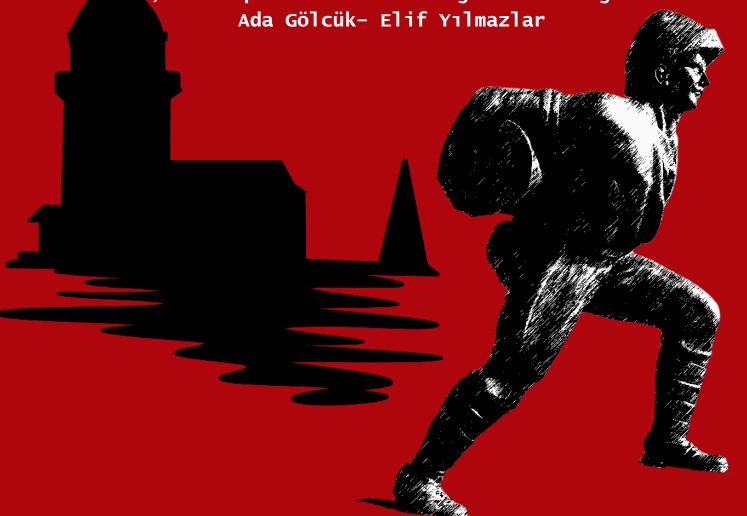
"THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT YOUR FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT."







On October 29, 1923, the Republic of Turkey was established as an independent state. The Republic represents the sovereignty of the nation. With the declaration of the Republic, the people began to elect those who would govern the state. This day holds great significance for the Turkish nation, as it symbolises numerous innovations and independence. For this reason, this important day is celebrated with great enthusiasm, and the founder of the Republic, Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, is remembered with respect. Alongside the establishment of the Republic, significant social changes were made, highlighting gender equality. For instance, women were granted the right to vote and run for office, and their education was encouraged. Therefore, the Republic also holds great meaning for women.





Gentlemen, these detailed descriptions, which have occupied you for so many days, are, after all, merely a report of a period of time, which will henceforth belong to the past. I shall consider myself very happy if I have succeeded in the course of this report in expressing some truths, which are calculated to rivet the interest and attention of my nation and of future generations.

Gentlemen, I have tried to show, in these accounts, how a great people, whose national course was considered as ended, reconquered its independence; how it created a national and modern State founded on the latest results of science and technology.

The result we have attained today is the fruit of teachings which arose from centuries of suffering, and the price of streams of blood which have drenched every foot of the ground of our beloved Fatherland.

This holy treasure I lay in the hands of the youth of Türkiye. O Turkish Youth! Your first duty is ever to preserve and defend the National independence, the Turkish Republic.



That is the only basis of your existence and your future. This basis contains your most precious treasure. In the future, too, there will be ill-will, both in the country itself and abroad, which will try to tear this treasure from you. If one day you are compelled to defend your independence and the Republic, then, in order to fulfill your duty, you will have to look beyond the possibilities and conditions in which you might find yourself. It may be that these conditions and possibilities are altogether unfavorable. It may be that the enemies who desire to destroy your independence and your Republic represent the strongest force that the earth has ever seen; that they have through craft and force, taken possession of all the fortresses and arsenals of the Fatherland; that all its armies are scattered and the country actually and completely occupied.

Assuming, in order to look still darker possibilities in the face, that those who hold the power of Government within the country have fallen into error, that they are fools or traitors, yes, even that these leading persons may identify their personal interests with the enemy's political goals, it might happen that the nation came into complete privation, into the most extreme distress; that it found itself in a condition of ruin and complete exhaustion.

Even under those circumstances, O Turkish child of future generations! It is your duty to save the independence, the Turkish Republic.

The strength that you will need for this is mighty in the noble blood which flows in your veins.

M. K. Atatürk

From "The Speech", October 20, 1927



1. Winston Churchill (British Prime Minister):

"Atatürk's death left a vacuum not only in Turkey but also in the world. He was a great leader who brought his country to modernity and progress with remarkable determination and foresight."

2. Franklin D. Roosevelt (U.S. President):

"The name of Atatürk brings to mind the towering figure of a man of great vision and leadership. His work for peace and the advancement of his people has set an example for all nations."

3. Jawaharlal Nehru (Indian Prime Minister):

"Atatürk was a source of inspiration for oppressed nations. He proved that it was possible to resist and win against colonial forces and inspired other countries in Asia and Africa in their struggles for independence."

4. Lord Kinross (British Historian):

"Atatürk is the only leader in the world who made such a radical transformation of his society. He was both an intellectual and a soldier, and the reforms he brought to Turkey have been enduring and significant."

5. Time Magazine (1938 Obituary):

"When he died, he was compared to Peter the Great, Catherine the Great, and Napoleon. He brought Turkey into the 20th century with his reforms and vision."



I don't know why, but for a long time, I've been trying to write to you, yet every time, I can't bring myself to do it. My hands tremble, I sweat, and sounds echo muddled in my ears. I wonder, how can one describe the Republic? How can it be portrayed in words?

I'm in a place like paradise, and today is Tuesday. Butterflies are fluttering; spring has come. I'm writing these lines, driven by the voice of the giant in my heart—a giant with blue eyes.

Today, I will tell you about yourself... You are beautiful, unbound by chains, having broken every one of them. You have tended to your wounds and are filled with the tenderness of a mother cradling her child. All the children are hand in hand upon you, smiling, happy! A pristine page lies before you. Everything is in its place. The workers are happy, the teachers are happy, the students are happy. The streets smell of freedom.

There's an old apartment building on one of those streets. It's worn out, showing signs of all it has endured—its paint peeling, iron rusted, and walls cracked. You'd pass by without a second glance. Then, a light flickers on: a young person reading a book, brimming with ambition. Another light: an old man lighting a cigarette as he reads his newspaper. And yet another light: a young woman getting ready for work. Suddenly, that old apartment radiates light, and in each room, a spark of hope appears. Every room becomes a "future" for it. From the outside, it's nothing special, but inside, it holds a world, and those within are content.

There are no more wars, no more death, no more sorrow... Everything is lush and alive. Parks are filled with children, playing to the sound of songs. With their bags in hand, they're eager to learn. They run for the revolution, all with the same voice in their hearts—a voice that will never be silenced, making them strong. Roses bloom across the land, telling stories to the clouds, which gaze down tearfully. There is no "I," no "you," no "they"; now, there is only "us." We are the colors of a radiant rainbow, each distinct, yet it is this difference that makes us who we are.

I think... and it takes me a long time to reflect. And I say that the Republic is you; the Republic is me. I am reborn in every hope, I grow stronger with every hardship. I am alive! My past is the promise of my future.

When you read these words, you will understand my feelings, my fears. Perhaps you'll find it confusing, or maybe you'll think I've exaggerated. But the fact that you will arrive someday—that alone is enough for me!

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