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## Attractions in the Washington DC Area



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# Asian-Pacific American Month is May

Jasmine Wung and Joanne Chen

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was established in 1978 and celebrated the first week of May. This date was chosen because two important anniversaries occurred during that time: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in America on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (by many Chinese laborers) on May 10, 1869. Congress voted to expand it from a week to a month long commemoration and in May 1992, May was permanently “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month”

During May 6, 2012, there were many activities occurring in Washington DC known as “Family Day.” This was the schedule:

- 11:45 AM~ **Opening Lion Dance**- The Washington Chinese Youth Club performs a traditional dance of the Chinese culture.
- 12 PM~ **Remarks by Konrad Ng**- Ng is the director of the Smithsonian Asian Pacific Program.
- 12:15 PM~ **South Asian Dance Performance by Dhroopad**- Dhroopad is a volunteer organization in the DC Metro area.
- 1:00PM~ **Spoken Word and Poetry Performances**- These poets and writers assemble based on their cultural identity.
- 1:30 PM~ **Storytelling with Mokihana**- Mokihana read a James Rumford’s story The Island-below-the-Star, and she also taught children hula motions and an original chant.
- 2:00 PM~ **Book Reading & Signing with Sushimita Mazumdar**- Mazumdar is a book artist, writer, and educator who encourages the passing of cultural heritage.
- 2:15 PM~ **Filipino American Dance Ensemble by MHC**- This ensemble is composed of many talented youths.
- 2:45 PM~ **Closing Lion Dance**



<http://westlawinsider.com/constitutional-law/eastlaw-wong-kim-ark-and-the-children-of-illegal-immigrants/attachment/asian-american-theme-month/>

# Popular Washington D.C. Attractions!

With summer upon us, we wanted to share some of our favorite Washington D.C. attractions. A lot of youth will have a lot of spare time, so they may want to visit some of these places. Furthermore, often times, relatives may visit during the summer, and these could be wonderful places to people to.

## The Air and Space Museum

Andy Jin

The Air and Space Museum in DC is the attraction to be at! The museum has many different airplanes and space exhibits. They recently added a retired space shuttle, the “Discovery”, to the museum. It is interesting to see how astronauts eat and sleep. The food on the spacecraft has to be in one big piece. The ice cream that they have is actually kind of like soft candy. To eat it, you have to add water. I would hate to eat that type of food every day. In the front entrance of the museum you will see a big airplane. You can go in the cockpit. The Air and Space Museum has many different exhibits. Some of the exhibits on display are the Wright Brothers’ invention of the first airplane, the “Jet as Art” exhibit, and a celebration on the Centennial of Marine Corps Aviation. There is a wide variety of collections to enjoy, ranging from discussions on aircrafts to exhibits on space science. Finally, there is an IMAX movie theater. The theater plays many different short films about aviation and space. Right now, they are playing Air Racers 3-D, Hubble 3-D, Rescue 3-D and To Fly. The Air and Space Museum is marvelous.

<http://airandspace.si.edu/collections/discovery/>



## Harper’s Ferry Catherine Dang

Harper’s Ferry is a preserved place of historical importance due to the role it played in the American Civil War. The Battle of Harper’s Ferry was fought there, as well as several other Civil War incidents. I visited it once on a school field trip for science. We were testing the streams in Harper’s Ferry for macroinvertebrates and chemistry. The first thing I noticed was how clean and pure the water was – there was literally nothing in it except rocks and macroinvertebrates. Harper’s Ferry is a very beautiful, scenic place.

There are many museums and exhibits there to discuss the history of Harper’s Ferry. The most notable events that occurred in Harper’s Ferry are John Brown’s raid of Harper’s Ferry, an incident that was a catalyst for the Civil War, and the surrender of US Federal forces to Confederate troops, the largest surrender of US forces before World War II. For people who enjoy the outdoors, there are many recreational activities including fishing and boating. You can also hike the Appalachian Trail, which offers fantastic picturesque views along the way. For adults, there are several wineries that allow you to have a few samples.

Overall, whether you want to read about history, hike, boat, look at the scenery, study the environment, or anything else in between, Harper’s Ferry is the perfect place for you.



<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/63/HarpersFerryRiverPanoramic.jpg/800px-HarpersFerryRiverPanoramic.jpg>

## Petersen House and Ford's Theatre

### Ashley Lin

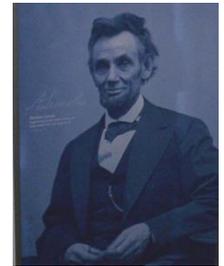
On 10<sup>th</sup> Street and E/F Street in Washington, D.C., are the Ford's Theatre and the Petersen House. Now, you probably don't know about these places, as I didn't last year, but both places have historical significance. The Ford's Theatre was where President Abraham Lincoln was shot, and the Petersen House was the house where he died. Many may think that there's nothing interesting about a place that someone died, but here there's a lot of history behind it.



A replica of the bed  
Lincoln died in.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1865, President Lincoln, Mary Todd Lincoln, and two other guests were having a great time watching a play in Ford's Theatre. Suddenly, John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln in the head, ran out the theater, and fled to Maryland. Lincoln was carried into the Petersen House on the other side of the street. The bed there was too small for him, so he was laid diagonally across the bed. President Lincoln died on April 15, at 7:22am.

I went to the Petersen House during spring break this year. When we went in, we walked through the front and back parlors of the house, as well as the room that President Lincoln died in. The house was dark and gray, making it seem like a sad environment.



When we went up an elevator (obviously added later), we came to a room which had audio information on the situation, as well as other information posted on the walls. There was also a model of the train car that President Lincoln's coffin was transported in. One of the coolest things, though, was an actual reproduction of when John Wilkes Booth was killed. If you peeked inside a hole in a "shed" in the wall, you could see light and shadows of soldiers on the other side. History was coming back to life!

As we walked out the door, I knew I learned a lot about President Lincoln, and now I'm very interested in finding out more about his assassination. It was a very important event, especially after the Civil War. America mourned for its lost president. The Petersen House is a very interesting place, and I encourage you to go there sometime!



A whole staircase of books  
on Abraham Lincoln!

## Memorials and Monuments

### Shawna Dougherty

The monuments and memorials are great places to visit while you are in Washington, DC. The War Memorial (officially named the "District of Columbia War Memorial") is a very famous tourist attraction to visit. Its purpose was to commemorate the 26,000 citizens of Washington, DC who served in World War I. Written in the base of the memorial are 499 names of Washingtonians who lost their life while fighting in World War I.

The Washington Monument is also an amazingly famous tourist attraction. It was built as a memorial to George Washington, the first president of the United States. The Washington Memorial is the most prominent landmark in Washington, DC because it stands as the centerpiece of the National Mall. It stands 555 feet and 5 1/8 inches high. Fifty flags surround the base of the monument symbolizing the 50 states of America. Visiting the monument is an activity that the whole family can enjoy. Washington, DC is a wonderful place to visit!

<http://www.visitingdc.com/images/washington-monument-address.jpg>



## Holocaust Museum

### Jasmine Wung

The Holocaust was the mass murder of Jews under the German Nazi regime from 1941 to 1945. "Holocaust" derives from the Greek *olos*, meaning "whole", and *kaustos* or *kautos*, which means "burnt". The Nazis believed Germans were racially superior and that the Jews were an alien threat to the purity of Aryans. Nazis also attacked other groups for a variety of reasons, such as different political, ideological, or behavioral views. This included gypsies, the disabled, homosexuals, and Jehovah's Witnesses.

A living memorial to the Holocaust, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum provides a powerful lesson to the citizens of America. It teaches millions of people each year about the dangers of unchecked hatred and power. It also emphasizes how fragile freedom is and how democracy should be preserved.

The first time I visited the Holocaust Museum was when I was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, so I didn't really understand why the atmosphere was so grave and serious. But my friend who recently went said, "That museum brought me to tears and I was shaking. I lost all control of my emotions." The Holocaust Museum is a particularly emotional experience. At the end of the tour is a tribute to all the heroes and veterans who risked their own lives to save others.

The Museum also brings to life the horrors the Jews endured during World War II. They have put together a collection of artifacts from that time, such as diaries, clothes, and art. Perhaps the most memorable highlight of a visit is the giant pile of shoes. Those shoes were taken from the Jews before they were gassed. They clearly illustrate just how many people died during that terrible time.

While the Holocaust Museum may be emotionally wrecking, it is extremely educational and definitely worth a visit the next time you're in Washington D.C.

<http://travel.webshots.com/photo/1260988964060799672xKQbWC>



## Natural History Museum

### Michael Chen

Do you know about the Natural History Museum in Washington DC? There are many fun places in this museum that inspire curiosity, and it allows you to discover and learn about the natural world through its unparalleled research, collections, exhibitions, and educational programs.

One of these places is the dinosaur hall. It displays many dinosaurs bones and sculptures. It tells us that dinosaurs lived everywhere on Earth, including around Washington, DC. Another place is the ancient creature hall. It displays models and pictures of prehistoric sea animals. There is a Butterfly hall on the top floor. I haven't been there yet, so I don't know what it's like. It must be fun!

For me, the most amazing place is the Ocean Hall. It is the National Museum of Natural History's largest exhibit, providing visitors with a unique and breathtaking introduction to the majesty of the ocean. It shows many sea animals, live or dead. Also, it has shows, videos to watch, and the newest technology allows visitors to explore the ocean's past, present, and future.

In conclusion, the museum is a fun place to go. You will never feel bored, and you will learn stuff that you might not get in the classroom.

<http://www.visitingdc.com/images/natural-history-museum-washington-dc.jpg>



## National Gallery of Art Susanqi Jiang

The National Gallery of Art is a national art museum in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., and it is located in the National Mall. The National Gallery of Art is famous for housing one of the best art collections in the world, with priceless paintings from all over the globe, from many diverse time periods. Thus, it is a huge hot spot and favorite site for appreciators of art, history, and culture. Being an artist myself, every time I visit Washington, D.C., the National Gallery of Art is among one of my favorite places to go.

There are a wide variety of things on display in the collection galleries and Sculpture Gardens, ranging from European and American paintings and sculpture, to works on paper, photographs, and other decorative arts. The permanent collection of paintings spans from the Middle Ages to the present day, and they represent a wide range of eras. To me, the strongest collection is the Italian Renaissance collection, which includes two panels from [Duccio's \*Maesta\*](#), the great [tondo](#) of the *Adoration of the Magi* by Fra Angelico and Filippo Lippi, [Giorgione's \*Allendale Nativity\*](#), Giovanni Bellini's *The Feast of the Gods*, the only Leonardo da Vinci painting in America "*Ginevra de' Benci*", and works by Titian and Raphael. I feel this is the strongest section of the gallery, with a rich, large diversity and variety of artists, pieces, and time periods represented. However, the other European collections include examples of the work of many great masters of western painting, including a version of *Saint Martin and the Beggar* by El Greco, and works by renowned artists such as Matthias Grünewald, Cranach the Elder, Rogier Van der Weyden, Albrecht Dürer, Frans Hals, Rembrandt, Johannes Vermeer, Francisco Goya, Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, and Eugène Delacroix, amongst many others.

The National Gallery of Art's Sculpture Garden is the most recent addition to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. Completed and opened on May 23, 1999, the location provides a novel outdoor setting for exhibiting a number of famous pieces from the Museum's sculpture collection. The collection of sculptures and 3-D art is not as rich and diverse as their painting collections, but includes amazing works like the *Chalice* of Abbot Suger of St-Denis, and a great collection of work by Auguste Rodin and Edgar Degas. The sculpture garden has a collection of sculptures admired and esteemed by artists, historians, and collectors across the globe.

Other personal favorites include the second of the two original sets of Thomas Cole's famous series of paintings called *The Voyage of Life*, and the original version of *Watson and the Shark* by John Singleton Copley.

I have gone to Washington D.C. many times, and although the nation's capital is filled with the world's most important historical sites, the National Gallery of Art remains a personal favorite of mine. Many people around the world enjoy and appreciate the artwork and art history that it offers. The National Gallery presents a window in which we can experience the history and cultures of different time periods, through the complex and rich artwork of each era.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:National\\_Gallery\\_of\\_Art\\_-\\_West\\_Building.JPG](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:National_Gallery_of_Art_-_West_Building.JPG)



## Spy Museum

Derek Chu

If you are looking for a career as a spy, then you should go visit the spy museum. It is the only spy museum in the entire USA. You can learn about spies from the World Wars to spies in Japan almost 1500 years ago, when there were still samurai. In the spy museum, it is not all reading and watching. If you are 12 years old or higher, you can actually crack a safe like a spy would in real life. If you aren't that old, there are still many things you can do like investigations, scavenger hunts, learning about many famous spies, and much, much more. You will be able to see the tools that spies used, like guns and invisible ink lettering. It is almost impossible to be bored there!

If you're a person that loves games, then the spy museum is perfect for you. In the spy museum there is a game where you are a double agent that must create a disguise before going on your mission. My favorite game is when you are doing target practice. You have a fake gun and must shoot down all the targets to become a spy. If you don't complete a round in a certain amount of time, you lose.

If you're a person that would rather listen than look, you can also do that at the spy museum. At the spy museum there is a 10 min. audio program. So you can just close your eyes, sit down, and learn about past spies. If you're feeling lost, you can always find a guide that will lead you through the museum while explaining about artifacts or missions.

If you're bored and live in the DC area, come to the spy museum. I guarantee it will blow your mind.

<http://www.raynakay.com/spy.jpg>



## FBI Headquarters

Joanne Chen

The FBI Headquarters looks like an average office building. There are multiple rooms and cubicles, and the walls are all white, bland, and boring. Since there was a tour, the building was set up to be more attractive to children.

The first room we came upon was a room where mug shots and fingerprints are taken of criminals. I volunteered to take a mug shot, and as a joke, I put on a huge smile, with both of my thumbs up. Fingerprinting is so easy now. It is a shame how fingerprinting does not use the old-fashioned method of ink anymore, but scanning peoples' fingerprints is a lot more convenient. This room is very depressing and plain, and the only thing that will remind the criminals of happiness are the pink handcuffs around their wrists!

The second room we went to was just an ordinary meeting room. There, their foreign languages team discussed the importance of learning different languages. The foreign languages team gave out crossword puzzles, word searches, and a piece of paper (for the team to help write your name in Arabic, Japanese, etc.) to everybody. I was the oldest child there, so the team mainly talked to me about my future. They kept stressing and encouraging me to continue learning and speaking Chinese, because it will help me find jobs in the future.

Our final stop was my favorite because we got the chance to get hands-on with the FBI equipment. I got to learn how to get fingerprints off of objects, play with a seemingly toy car, wear their heavy equipment, and pet some of the K-9 unit dogs. While I was playing and with all their equipment, I was also trying to act like detectives, agents, and profilers because I am a huge Criminal Minds and CSI fan, which are shows that follow a group of profilers or detectives as they solve crimes. Overall, I was really happy that I got the opportunity to see what happens behind the scenes and off the streets in Washington DC, and I would do it all over again.

## Mount Vernon

### Eva Fulton

Mount Vernon sounds like some kind of mountain, doesn't it? It's not, though. It was the home of George and Martha Washington from the time of their marriages in 1759, to General Washington's death in 1799. While it is a National Historic Landmark, it is actually maintained by the Mount Vernon's Ladies' Association, who bought and repaired the house in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



There are a lot of things you can do there. You can go on walking tours of the mansion, see a sixteen-sided threading barn, explore their pioneer farm site, take a ride on a sight-seeing cruise, or see a mini-film called "We Fight to be Free". Kids can also solve an adventure map and receive a prize. You can have lunch or dinner at "The Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant".

I think it is special because it not only about George and Martha, but it also has a memorial for all the slaves that worked for them. My experience was really nice and unique because I've never been to a place like Mount Vernon. It was also an adventure to me because I had an adventure map and we had to find certain places to find the answers of the puzzles, I had great time and I really enjoyed it.

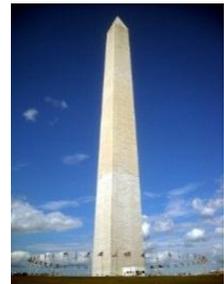
If you like history, or if you're a big fan of George Washington, then this is your place to go.

<http://ivebecomemymother.blogspot.com/2011/08/mom-and-daughters-trip-mt-vernon.html>

## Interviewing My Friend on their Favorite Place in DC

### Shawn Zhao

I interviewed my friend Steven's family for their favorite thing or place about Washington D.C. Even though they were in the same family, I wanted to see if they had the same answers. It turns out that two of the family members share similar opinions, while one does not.



**"What is your favorite place in D.C.?" and "Why do you like it?"**

Interviewee 1: Steven is a 9-year-old boy. His favorite place in D.C. is the Washington monument. It is his favorite because he thinks it stands out, partly because of how it appears: it's pointy, and the bottom is dark and the top is lighter.

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c1/WashingtonMonument-Washington,\\_D.C..jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c1/WashingtonMonument-Washington,_D.C..jpg)

Interviewee 2: Lucy is an 18 year old girl. She says the Potomac River is her favorite place because of its beautiful natural landscape. Furthermore, the cherry blossoms are held there every year.



<http://luxefinds.com/LuxeLiving/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/cherry-blossom-festival-basin-washington-dc.jpg>

Mrs. Yang's is a 46-year-old woman. Her favorite place is also the Potomac River. She thinks it is beautiful, has fresh air, and she also enjoys the cherry blossoms there.

<http://www.runwashington.com/uploads/images/magazine/2009/March/WRR%20147/cherryblossoms.jpg>



# GAMES

With summer upon us, we wanted to share some of our favorite games as a way to pass free time.

## Pokemon

Andy Jin



My favorite hobby is playing Pokémon games on the DS. The DS is compatible with Gameboy games and DS games, so it can play all generations of Pokémon. The games are awesome because they usually have some Pokémon from other generations. My favorite generation is the 5<sup>th</sup> generation because they have 3-D graphics and totally new Pokémon, so you don't know what to expect. The 4<sup>th</sup> generation is pretty good too. They have the Pokémon follow you around. My favorite team is Leavany, Typhlosion, Flygon, Swampert, Abracadabra, and Umbreon. Legendary Pokémon are amazing! My favorite legendary Pokémon team is Reshiram, Zekrom, Luigia, Deoxys, Articuno, and Verizion. When I have free time I watch Pokémon walkthroughs on the game to help me. The walkthroughs help me when I am stuck. In the walkthroughs they use some Pokémon that they like, but I use the Pokémon that I like. To improve the game, they should give the Pokémon better names. Also, they should create a wider variety of Pokémon starters. The game makers should make the Pokémon battles have more realistic characteristics, like 3-D graphics. They should make more types of Pokémon, like wood, plastic or leather type. The items are good, but I think they need a different variety of items. There should be more berries that you can collect. I think they should have the bottom screen of the DS be the map of the region that you are in. Overall I think it is an outstanding game!

## Temple Run

Ashley Lin



Temple Run is an app that can be downloaded onto iPod touches, iPads, and Androids. Since August 2011, millions of people have downloaded it. When it was released to Android, it was downloaded 1 MILLION times in 3 days! Many people are addicted in trying to beat their high score.

This game is based on a very interesting story. Your character is running from a group of monkeys because they have stolen an idol from the temple. You try to go as far as possible before you die. To jump, you swipe your finger up; to duck, you swipe your finger down; and to turn, you swipe your finger right or left. Along the way, you try to get as many coins as you can. The red and blue coins are worth two and three times as much as a regular coin, respectively. There are bonuses, such as invincibility and boosts. There are a several ways you can die. You can crash into a tree, get burned by fire, fall off the edge of the road, or get caught by the monkeys that are chasing you.

Temple Run is a really fun game already, but one suggestion I have is to not change the road terrain, and just leave it at the paved road. In my opinion, it can be distracting to the player when the scene changes so quickly. Another way to make it better is to add more dangerous bonuses, so people can take risks in trying to get them. I would also add bonuses for tricks that you do. That would be so cool to try out!

Even though I've only played it a few times on my friend's iTouch, Temple Run is a game I would like to play every day. For me, playing any game on an iTouch is fun; but for other people, I think they like to play it because they feel an urge to try to do better than their own high scores, and it is also a fun way to spend your time when you're bored. So whether you're a child or an adult, this game might appeal to you!



<http://iamjoe.wordpress.com/2012/01/24/temple-run/>

## Hide-and-Go-Seek

Eva Fulton



... 7,8, 9, 10! Ready or not, here I come!

Annie! Selina! Where are you? Oh, yeah, they're *not* going to tell me where they are because we're playing Hide-and-Go-Seek!

Hide-and-Go-Seek is a great, fun, game for kids of all ages. It's a fun game because you can see how long it takes the "seeker" to find you in your hiding spot. Also, you find new hiding spots, and that's good because if you're not playing Hide-and-Go-Seek, but you need to hide from a person or a group of people, you can hide in the same spot if you find a good one.

Here is how to play:

1. Pick someone to be the "seeker".
2. The "seeker" counts to 10 and other players find a place to hide.
3. The "seeker" tries to find other players (Players already found can help the "seeker" find other players.)
4. After all players are found, the first player that was found is now the "seeker".

I like this game because I like seeing how long it takes the "seeker" to find me. I'm sneaky and I have a good eye.

[http://www.thecollegesolution.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/hide\\_and\\_seek1.jpg](http://www.thecollegesolution.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/hide_and_seek1.jpg)

## Just Dance

Jasmine Wung

Just Dance is the silliest game ever created. It is somewhat similar to Dance, Dance Revolution. Just Dance incorporates arm movements and even more motion. They're all family friendly songs that include something from each era. There's something in the track list for everyone, from Katy Perry to Kiss. The game is simple. You chose a song, then after a countdown, you see a silhouetted character on the screen dancing. Dance with them.



Half the time the sensor won't pick up the movements so you just end up screaming at the TV, "I DID THAT. WHY DIDN'T I GET A PERFECT?!" However, when you're dancing with your friends, everyone looks like a fool and you're having too much fun laughing at each other to care. Just make sure you pull the curtains close: outsiders may not be so forgiving.

<http://www.videogamesblogger.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/just-dance-3-screenshot-four-player.jpg>

## The Sims

Joanne Chen



"The Sims" is a game where you can create a make-believe life or recreate your own life. You can customize your Sims any way you would like to—he/she can be a slob, criminal, girl-next-door, or an athlete. I find The Sims a very fun game because I have complete control over a person's life. I can map out my dreams and easily get the job I want. After a few days of work, I would get promotions effortlessly and soon have enough money to buy my dream house and start a family. The best part is: I can do all this in an hour. [http://wikicheats.gametrailers.com/images/d/dc/The\\_Sims\\_Logo\\_01.png](http://wikicheats.gametrailers.com/images/d/dc/The_Sims_Logo_01.png)

## Angry Birds

Michael Chen

Angry birds is an app game on the iPad, iPhone, or iPod touch. It is a very fun game. This game consists of angry birds trying to defeat pigs. The multiple levels makes the game interesting and fun. I like this game because it's fun and exciting. It feels awesome to make high scores. It's also relaxing. I could forget all my stress when I play.

This company has also made plushies (stuffed toys) to go along with the game. Also, sticker books and T-shirts have been made. You play this game by pulling back on a slingshot and letting go. There are 8 kinds of angry birds. I think this game is good for your brain because you have to concentrate. The right angle and the right amount of force is need to help you beat the game. I recommend that you play this amazing game!

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/2/2d/Angry\\_Birds\\_promo\\_art.png](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/2/2d/Angry_Birds_promo_art.png)



## League of Legends

Derek Chu

If you're a person that loves playing with friends on the computer, then League of Legends is perfect for you. League of Legends (LoL) is a free computer game that is loved by almost everybody. You can play with your friends or just by yourself.

The structure of the game is different from many other games. For example, in LoL you play mini games. The more often you play the mini games, the more times you will get certain bonuses. Each mini game lasts from twenty to fifty minutes. Another example of how LoL is different from other games is that, in the game there are 2 levels, your main level, and your game level. The difference between the 2 levels is that your main level doesn't reset after every mini game, but your game level does. The result of each mini game will decide how much experience your main level gets. As your main level gets higher and higher, you will get more bonuses in each mini game. Every mini game or round, you will choose a champion (character) to fight as for the rest of the game.

Your goal is to slay your enemies and destroy your enemy's nexus. The moment one team has destroyed the other team's nexus they win. To destroy a nexus you must first destroy the enemy's turrets. To destroy a turret you must repeatedly attack it until it gets destroyed. Be careful, the turret can attack back, so you do not want to go and attack the turret by yourself. You would first want to send your minions that spawn from the nexus to take damage while you attack it. When you have destroyed your opponent's turrets then you can attack their nexus. You don't have to let your minions go first since the nexus won't attack at you. The difference between one champion and another is that they have different abilities which will give them different roles to play. For example, if one champion had many healing abilities he could be a support option for champions that need a lot of healing. League of Legends is a very exciting game that should be played by everyone.

<http://gotgame.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/lol.jpg>

**Video Game Survey  
by Catherine Dang**

**Video Game Interviews  
by Shawna Dougherty**

Game	# of People	Ages	Genders
Team Fortress 2	4	11, 16, 16, 16	1 female, 3 males
Sorry!	2	11, 11	2 females
Soccer	2	11, 11	1 female, 1 male
Tetris	2	14, 46	2 females
Table tennis	1	53	1 male
Dota 2	1	16	1 male
FIFA 06	1	16	1 male
Trouble	1	11	1 female
Capture the Flag	1	11	1 female
Monopoly	1	11	1 male
Plants VS. Zombies	1	11	1 female
Football	1	11	1 male
The Game of Life	1	11	1 male
Sims 3	1	11	1 female
Minecraft	1	11	1 male
Terraria	1	11	1 male
Temple Run	1	11	1 female
Fallout 3	1	11	1 male
Other	12	eleven 11's, one 16	5 males, 7 females

**Interview 1 – Ruth Agregawi, age 11, female**

1. What is your favorite video game?  
The Sims 3 for the 3DS.
2. Why?  
It's fun to live virtual life to its fullest.
3. Would you recommend this game to other people?  
If they are mature enough, you know? Not to little kids.

**Interview 2 – Lillian Agregawi, age 10, female**

1. What is your favorite video game?  
Super Smash Bros. Brawl for the Wii.
2. Why?  
I like that there are cartoons and you can say that you are exercising but you are really making your animation exercise.
3. Would you recommend this game to other people?  
I personally like the game, but if you are girly, don't buy it.

**Interview 3 – Areya Campbell-Rosen, age 12, female**

1. What is your favorite video game?  
Doodle Jump for the iTouch.
2. Why?  
Because it is addictive. I think that the doodle jumper is cute.
3. Would you recommend this game to other people?  
Yes, because it's fun.

# Poem Sharing

## shooting stars

by Susanqi Jiang

Before grandma passed  
she told me why she fell in love with  
The Universe.

She and Grandpa waited for  
Sudden Shooting fairies  
To come and slice through  
the black cluttered canvas.

And when grandpa died  
She watched for darting stars  
Alone.



She said that shooting stars  
those stunning flashes of light-  
brief glimpses of eternity-  
were people tracing their way  
To heavens' shining gates

and that grandpa was a star  
waiting for her underneath  
The translucent murky blanket.

Grandma said she would be  
One of those fleeting, escaping stars  
Tracing her way to grandpa.

Tonight  
I look up into the freckled night sky  
see a quick flash in the heavens-  
Vanished in a second-  
And know grandma's on her way.

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