



Features

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Unsure of Your Identity? Take This Self-Quiz

By Susan Grantier

The year is 1990. Some people say that the 60's are making a comeback. Once again it's time for love, peace, and harmony, right? Wrong. Don't fool yourselves, folks. Sure, many of us bee-bop around in our tie-dyes, micro-minis, peace symbols, go-go boots, fringe leather jackets, and long hair. But outward appearance isn't everything. The style is there; the attitude isn't.

I think I can speak for most of us "children of the eighties". We were raised in a fast-paced world where greed dominates and status is everything. It seems that we are very label conscious, easily bored, and in search of a cause to support. Before you become offended, consider this: it's not really our fault. Oh, and did I mention? We also tend to blame other things for our problems.

When I say "It's not our fault", I'm asking you to consider the environment that we grew up in. MTV. Fast food. Ronald Reagan. Computers. Inflation. Labels, labels, labels. Microwaves. Car phones. VCRs. Everything was better, but not necessarily bigger. We live in a world where there is fierce competition to be the best. To look the best. To have the best.

Children of the 60's (the hippies, at least) had a strong sense of love and a fierce loyalty towards what they believed in. They took a stand on those things, whether it was nuclear bombs, civil rights or the Vietnam War. Their voices were heard around the world.

If you're not sure whether or not you are a certified "80's child", take this self-quiz. Answer honestly.

- 1) A new student arrives at school. Do you:
 - a. Wonder what they are like, and speculate among your friends about that person.
 - b. Immediately go up to them and introduce yourself.
 - c. Quickly scrutinize their clothing, determine the brands, compare it with your own, swiftly conclude that you are dressed better, and proceed with your daily activities.
 - d. Walk right past them. You didn't notice.
- 2) Volunteers are needed to help sort garbage for recycling. Do you:
 - a. Sign up. Many of the earth's resources are depleting.

- b. Sign up. This will look really good on a college application.
- c. Sign up. The person you like just signed up—maybe they'll notice you knee-deep in garbage.
- d. Not sign up. You weren't paying attention when they made the announcement.
- 3) The radio interrupts your favorite song to announce that fighting has broken out in the Middle East. Do you:
 - a. Change the station.
 - b. Gasp "Gee, that's too bad!" then change the station.
 - c. Stop everything and genuinely feel bad about the whole thing. Then change the station.
 - d. Write a fiery letter to your congressman.
- 4) A friend asks you to go to a benefit concert that supports animal rights. Do you:
 - a. Accept. The music will probably be good, and it's for a good cause.
 - b. Decline, while reminiscing about that 200 pound buck you shot last week.
 - c. Decline. Then lock yourself in your room

- d. Decline. A new "Simpsons" episode is on tonight.
- 5) Your cousin buys you "Freedom Rock" for Christmas. Do you:
 - a. Burn it. (Freedom of expression)
 - b. Turn it up, man! The music is pretty groovy and you kind of like it.
 - c. Invite your friends over to make fun of it.
 - d. Get a refund, and put the money towards a subscription to "Fortune" magazine.

Here are the results.

- 1) If you answered a,c, or d - you're 80's material.
- 2) If you answered b,c, or d - 80's!
- 3) If you answered a,b, or c - ditto.
- 4) If you answered b,c, or d - 80's child.
- 5) If you answered a,c, or d - accept it, you were raised in the 80's.

Do You Believe in Ghosts?

By Kristi Johnson

Even though this is Thanksgiving season, I have a unique, but frightening ghost story to tell! Everyone has seen the movie *Three Men and A Baby*, right? Well, did you happen to see a shotgun and ghost in the window in a certain scene? Well, it's there! In a scene towards the middle of the movie, the camera will pass by a certain window, and if you look closely and quickly enough, you will see a shotgun standing upright in the window. A couple of seconds later, it passes the same window and there is a boy, yes, a young boy standing in the window.

Now, you may have already guessed that this is not supposed to be in the movie. It was said that before the movie was filmed, a little boy was playing with a shotgun and killed himself. The

movie was supposedly made in the same room. According to the most popular rumor, the boy's mother was watching the movie and noticed her son in the window!! Pretty weird, wouldn't you say? She then reported it to studio officials who then reported it on *Entertainment Tonight*, as well as on other "gossip" type television shows.

I have to admit that I saw the movie and the ghost. I was scared to death. Some people think that it is a fake and that the whole thing is a studio publicity stunt to stimulate sales of the video tape. Others think it is just one of those unexplained things that happen. Whether or not you believe me, you must get the movie and watch the part for yourself; then you can be the judge.



Find the arrow and you'll see the "ghost"!

Exams...What Good Are They?

By Kristi Johnson

EXAMS! I think we all agree that they are definitely the pits. All they do is stress you out, while trying to cram for them. Nine times out of ten exams drop your semester grades that you worked so diligently for.

Some teachers love to make the exams, oh, about 250 questions or so to fry your brain within those 2 hours of heck. Let's face it, exams do nothing but make our lives a miserable, stressful burden, so why not do something about it?!

Starting for the 2nd time (or 2nd semester) this year the school has the policy of 3 or fewer absences, no exam. If you despise exams as much as I do, you will bring your buns to school to exempt those horrible, impossible tests.

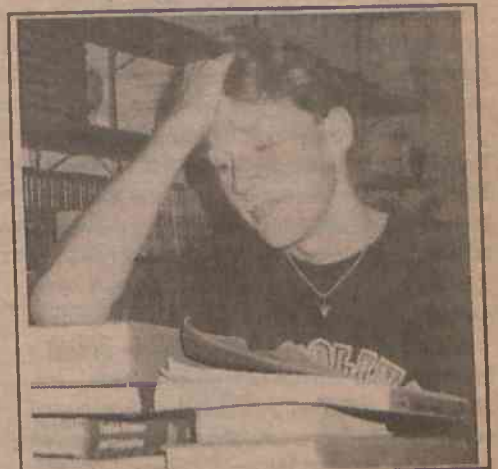
I was curious to see about how many people were serious about exempting their exams. Out of 30 people asked, approximately 20 are still under the "3 absences or less" column.

This year, teachers are wanting to provide movies or some sort of entertainment to keep these kids from disturbing the other kids taking the exam. I think that this is a very good idea because we have better things to do besides sit quietly for two hours with nothing to do! I mean, if we are going to be present almost everyday for a whole semester, we deserve some entertain-

ment! Maybe the AHS staff should discuss that one next Monday at the staff meeting.

Just remember students, if you are lying in bed, (not really sick) and you don't want to go to school, think about the hours of studying at the end of the semester, and get the heck up! Trust me, I know what I'm talking about.

If you have a great opportunity like this, take advantage of it while you can. It can make your life so much easier.



Jeremy Talbert looks forward to exams.

Give Thanks!

By Mysty Blalock

November is a unique month because it is when we think of all the things we are thankful for instead of all the things that go wrong. Here are some things AHS students are thankful for.

- Jill Huneycutt - Teachers that curve grades
- Angela Stewart - Getting a pay check
- Scott Nahrgang - Nothing
- Mrs Grigg - All my wonderful students
- Paige Newton - My Camels & "The Mist"
- Marcille Smith - I'm graduating in May
- Jennifer Scarboro - Parties
- Travis Morehead - Heather
- Karen Stubbs - The Senior Class of 1986
- Courtney Owens - Chris Rollins (thanks alot)
- Stephanie Latta - Mr. Gibson
- C. Atwater and A. Dennis - Mommy and Daddy
- Julian McRae - Concerned teachers
- Jill Smith - Parents
- P.J. Hinson - Phillip's wonderful love
- Susan Dixon - Jody Poole
- Wendy Smith - Jerry Smith
- Chris Wilder - Jasmen Marina
- Kevin Sides - Being a rebel



Mrs. Grigg and her wonderful students



Angela Stewart- Thanks for the money!