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History of Detroit Lions

Aislee Thrall

Have you ever wondered what the Lions were like a long time ago? In 1934 the Lions won their first championship. A couple of years later they got the most famous football player ever playing for the Detroit lions, Barry Sanders.

Barry Sanders was the most famous Lions football player who ever played for the Detroit Lions. Barry started playing for the Lions in 1989 and he ended in 1999. Barry played a total of ten seasons. Barry had a early retirement due to losing passion for the game and wanting to stop before his body gave out.



Here is another fun fact about the Lions back in the day. The Detroit Lions were called the Portsmouth Spartans. They were not the most popular team.

The lions have had the same basic uniforms since 1934. Then in 2005 they were introduced to their iconic black uniforms. In 2017 they changed their logo with a black outline on the lion.

As you can see the Lions have some crazy history, like when they changed their uniforms and when they had one of the best football players that ever played for them. They've won four pre-Super Bowl NFL Championships (1935, 1952, 1953, 1957) but have never reached or won a Super Bowl, even with legendary players like Barry Sanders.

What's Under the Christmas Tree this Year?

Harrison Van Horn



Have you ever wondered what you might get for Christmas? If so, this is the perfect article for you. The anxiety of not knowing what could be inside the brightly wrapped wrapping paper could drive the whole world crazy. The fact that it could be almost anything in there, such as toys, electronics, clothing, and more.

TOYS



One of the most common toys for Christmas 2025 will be a LEGO set. Lego sets have a very large range of themes and age ranges. Whether a child buys a LEGO set or an adult buys one, there will always be something for someone. The specific most popular LEGO sets are 3 in 1 sets. These types of LEGO sets are where you can make three different LEGO sets that all use the same bricks. Another one of the most common toys for Christmas will be fidget toys. Fidget toys are a relaxing way to let off some steam after a long day. It's a great way to chill. They are also great for people with sensory issues, like when people have problems with physical touch.

ELECTRONICS

A popular electronics for Christmas 2025 will be the Nintendo Switch 2. In addition to the classic Nintendo Switch, there is no question that the Nintendo Switch 2 will be in very high demand. With the games that come with the console, such as Mario Kart World and Pokémon Legends Z-A, it makes it a must-purchase electronic. The next most common electronic will be Air Pod Pro 3s. Air Pods are an amazing pair of headphones that have great sound quality and noise cancellation, which means that they can block sounds that don't come from the headphones. Although one of the more expensive items on our list, they are worth every penny.



CLOTHES

Although there is no specific piece of clothing that will be the most popular, one of the most popular pieces of clothing is UGGS (boots). UGGS come in a huge variety of styles, such as sneakers, crooks, boots, and platform shoes, and of course, classic. UGGS have spiked in popularity compared to recent years, but I bet you didn't know that the UGGS company was founded in 1978 by an Australian surfer in Santa Monica, California. The second most popular piece of clothing for Christmas is Christmas-themed pajamas, like sweaters. Ugly Christmas sweaters are a staple of the Christmas season. Nothing is more embarrassing than when you get an ugly kitten sweater for a Christmas present.





The Mysteries of Snow

Amelia Radle

You have probably seen snow before. But

do you *really* know about it? Before you start reading a ton here are some quick main facts you need to know about snow.

- Snow falls here in many places in Michigan.
- Snow is formed when water vapor freezes into ice crystals.



Lake Weather

Have you ever wondered why snow is very common here in Michigan? It is because of the great lakes! This is the process:

1. First cold air moves over warmer waters.
2. When the air is moving over the water, the air picks up moisture.
3. This heat makes air unstable which then makes the air rise and form into clouds.
4. Wind carries the clouds downwind and the moisture freezes and then you have snow.
5. The clouds build up and by the time they reach Michigan, they're huge.
6. Heavy snow falls.

That is how and why we get so much snow each year.

Animals

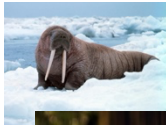
There are many animals that live in places with snow. The top 10 that live in snow are...

Polar Bears: Polar bears have black skin but white fur, and they have a blue tongue! Their fur is super thick fur that keeps them warm.

The Snow Leopard: They have a thick fur coat, wide paws that act as snowshoes, and a long bushy tail for balance and warmth.



Emperor Penguins: **They live 18-20 years in the wild. They survive with their waterproof wings**, their blubber, and they have a special blood that runs through their feet to prevent heat loss.



The Walrus: They can grow up to 11 feet and can weigh over 1 ton! They survive with their blubber to keep them warm.

Snowy Owl: Most owls sleep all day and stay up all night but not the snowy owl. They are mostly active during the day. They have very fluffy feathers which gives them heat



Caribou: Caribous would rather be in the cold than the heat because of bugs. Caribous are known to run several miles to just get the bugs off. They have thick fur, wide hooves that act like snowshoes, and a special nose that warms the air before it reaches their lungs.



Beluga Whale: Beluga whales can swim backwards! They survive with their thick blubber in cold waters.



Arctic Fox: Their fur can color change! In the winter their fur is white but in the summer it is brown/gray. Their fur is super fluffy and their fur blends in with the snow which makes them camouflage.



Harp Seal: Harp seals can live up to 30 years old! Their thick oily fur and thick blubber help them survive



Arctic Hare: The Arctic hare does not hibernate like other rabbits. They have thick white fur that keeps them warm and hides them.

Fun facts!



- Snow is not white, instead snow is translucent.
- The biggest snowflake recorded was 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick.
- Each winter about a septillion snowflakes fall.
- There are 12 sided snowflakes although they are very rare.
- Snow is dirty. (Snow is from lakes and oceans.)

Un-brrr-lievably funny winter jokes:

Where did the snowman go dancing? *The snowball!*

How do snowmen read their texts? *With an icy stare!*

How do you make a cake for a snowman? *With lots of icing!*

What is a snowman's favorite tea? *Iced tea!*

What bites but doesn't have teeth? *Frost!*

How did the snowman get to work? *By icicle!*

What do snowmen do on the weekend? *Chill out!*

What do elves learn in school? *The elf-abet!*

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? *Nothing. It was on the house!*

What do they sing under the ocean in winter? *Christmas corals!*

Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting? *They drop their needles!*

Glossary

Downwind- The direction wind is blowing or moving.

Prevent- To stop something from happening.

Ton- 2,000 lbs

Translucent- An object lets some light in but you can't see clearly through it.

Septillion-1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000(24 zeros.)



Chocolate-Peppermint Crinkle Cookies

Will keep you on Santa's nice list

Wesley Rogers



I found an amazing cookie recipe that will definitely get you on the nice list (if you aren't already). They are called Chocolate-Peppermint Crinkle Cookies and are very good. The recipe is Nut-Free so more people can enjoy it. The recipe is from All Recipes, credit to the Celestial_Isarina.

Ingredients

- 1 cup white sugar
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 3 teaspoons peppermint extract, or more to taste
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ¼ cup confectioners' sugar



Directions

- Mix white sugar, cocoa powder, and oil together in a large bowl until well combined. Beat in eggs and peppermint extract until well blended. Mix flour, baking powder, and salt together in a separate bowl; stir into cocoa mixture until combined. Mix in chocolate chips until incorporated.
- Cover dough and place in the freezer for 1 hour; alternatively, refrigerate for 3 hours or longer.
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
- Remove dough from the freezer and portion out rounded tablespoons. Form into balls with clean hands. Roll each ball in confectioners' sugar and place on the prepared baking sheets.
- Bake in the oven after preheated
- until a toothpick inserted into the center of a cookie comes out mostly clean, about 20 minutes.

I hope you enjoy this wonderful recipe!



Christmas Traditions Around the World

Kooper Fannesbeck

In America, many people celebrate Christmas, but around the world, others celebrate in different and unique ways. Some people might not even celebrate because of their beliefs; some of these traditions might fascinate you.

Boun Natale - Italy

Italy's version of Santa Claus is a whimsical witch called La Befana, and she is known as the magical witch. Kids hang up stockings, and she will fill them with small gifts and sweets. Her quest is to find the baby Jesus; her nice gifts show her kindness.



Tió de Nadal in Catalonia - Spain



In Catalonia, Spain their tradition is called Tio de Nadal, and their version of Santa is the Caga Tio also known as the poop log. I know it may sound silly but the Caga Tio log appears in homes on December 8 and for the rest of

the month the families will take care of it (giving it food, a blanket, water etc.) The reason they call it the poop log is that in the morning, you would lift up the blanket and find candy or raisins as if the Caga Tio were to poop it out. Then the families do something a little weird, on Christmas Eve, the families will beat the Caga Tio with a stick and place him in the fire for warmth.

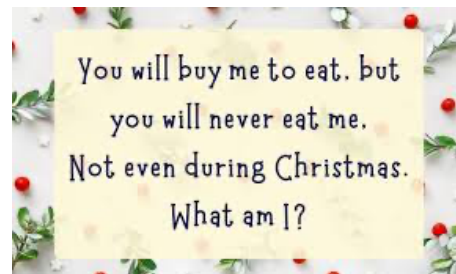
Weihnachten - Germany



Over in Germany, on December 5th, kids will put their boots or shoes either next to their fireplace or outside at their front door, hoping that St. Nicholas or Sinterklass would fill them with small treats such as chocolate, candy, or nuts. But in the older days of Germany, they would use wooden shoes because wooden shoes were used regularly for farmers. They would use these because they were cheap, easy to make, and they were sturdy.

KFC Dinner - Japan

Imagine having take-out on Christmas! In Japan for Christmas, they like to celebrate with a nice KFC Christmas dinner. They order these meals beforehand, making a special twist on the Christmas dinner.



War Facts

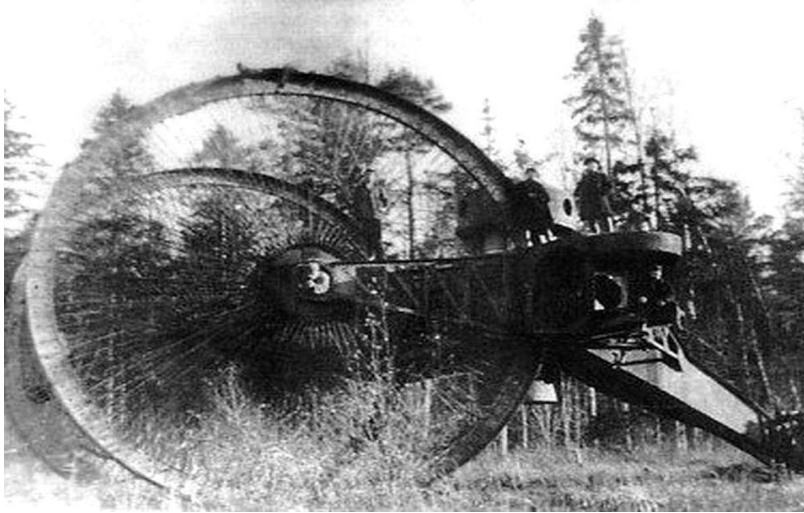
Wesley Greenlees

The Mark 5 is one of the very first tanks in the world.



People in the tank would get hot food by wrapping food in tin foil and put over the hot engine. To get water they used water cans for showers. Toilets was a bucket they had to dump out of the tank. For weapons they had two cannons and five machine guns with speeds of 5 mph

World War 1 Russian Wheel of War



In 1915 there was a problem. The Russians could not think of a design for a tank so a Russian named Lebedenko made the tsar tank also known as the Russian wheel of war with a fascinating design. It had a pantry for food and water came from the rain for showers and toilets. for showers there would just be a bucket they would dump over themselves. It was 26 feet tall, it held a crew of four. It only served in five combat battles because the trenches was hard

on the wheels and it would get stuck allowing planes to shoot at it. Japan also used this same model.

This is Wesley Greenlees and you can tell me what you think my next war mission should be. My home room is Mrs. Sabin.

Revolutionary War Facts

Ella Luibrand

Causes: First, the reason why the Revolutionary War was started was because England had to pay for a war. And the men who worked in government didn't want England to be paying, so they thought it would be fair to tax the colonists. The people in the New World would have to pay taxes and have taxes on items that were frequently used. This later caused the Stamp Act and the townsfolk wouldn't get to have a say.

Timeline:

The Sugar Act (1764): This was one of the first tax laws Parliament passed, placing a tax on sugar, molasses, and other imported goods.

The Stamp Act (1765): This law put a tax on all sorts of paper items like newspapers, legal documents, and even playing cards. The colonists were angry because they had no representatives in the British government (Parliament) to vote on these taxes, leading to the protest slogan, "No taxation without representation!"

The Boston Massacre (1770): Tensions in Boston were high with British soldiers stationed in the city. A clash between a crowd of colonists and British soldiers resulted in soldiers firing into the crowd, killing five Americans.

The Boston Tea Party (1773): In an act of protest against the Tea Act (which gave a British company a special advantage in selling tea), colonists disguised as Native Americans snuck onto British ships and dumped 342 chests of tea into the Boston Harbor.

The Intolerable Acts (1774): To punish the colonists for the Boston Tea Party, the British government passed harsh laws, which the colonists called the "Intolerable Acts". One of these laws closed the port of Boston, stopping ships from coming or going.

Battles of Lexington and Concord (1775): The first shots of the war were fired at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts. Paul Revere and other riders famously warned the colonists that the British soldiers were coming. These battles marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

These events made the colonists so angry with the British government that they decided to fight for their freedom and create their own independent country.



Revolutionary Jokes

Q: Why did British soldiers wear red coats?

A: So they could hide in the tomatoes

Q: Why couldn't George Washington fall asleep?

A: Because he couldn't lie!

Q: What did the American colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party

A: Tea-shirts!

Q: What did one flag say to the other flag?

A: Nothing, it just waved

Christmas Around the Globe: Interesting Traditions

Mae Avila



There are so many different Christmas traditions from around the world. Here's some traditions I found some of the same as those in Kooper's article. Maybe one of these are your traditions.

La Befana, Italy has an interesting tradition. In Italy, Children leave their shoes out for gifts to be put in their shoes. Befana, a nice witch comes on Christmas Eve and puts them in the shoes for the kids. Then, the kids wake up on Christmas morning to find gifts in their shoes.

In Japan, On Christmas, the family gathers around the table and eats KFC. They eat buckets of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and much more.

The original idea for the campaign came when a foreign customer who visited KFC in Tokyo on Christmas day said, "I can't get turkey in Japan, so I have no choice but to celebrate Christmas with Kentucky Fried Chicken". That sounds so yummy.

Austria has a even more interesting tradition. The Krampus is a horned figure who is said to accompany Santa on visits to children on December 5th, before the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6. That is a very interesting tradition.

In Portugal, this tradition is called Madeiros de Nata. The people there light large bonfires lit in town squares, especially in Northern Portugal after midnight mass, fostering community gatherings

Those were some interesting Christmas traditions. Maybe one of those was your traditions. Merry early Christmas!

