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- If you are a local president, please submit your contact information (email and/or phone number) to the president ASAP by email

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View Our New Website!

Look at our amazing
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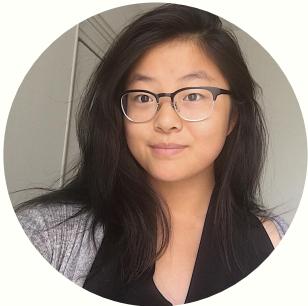
Important Dates:

November 2nd - Yale
Certamen
November 16th -
Board Meeting
December
5th - Classics Day @
Boston University
April 3-
5th - State Convention @
Sturbridge Conference
Center

Meet Your

Q & A

1. How many States/Nationals attended.
2. Favorite thing about your office.
3. Favorite mythological creature
4. Favorite candy! (In the spirit of Halloween!)
5. Fast fact about yourself
6. Describe yourself in 1 word



Jess Schnitzer - President - BLS

- 1.5 States, 4 Nats
2. UNLIMITED GAVEL POWER
3. Phoenix
4. Kit Kats
5. I can say the alphabet backwards and name all the states alphabetically
6. Snazzy

Lia Van Der Lind - 1st VP - BLA

1. 3 States, 3 Nats
2. Being able to connect with local chapters (follow massjcl on instagram!) and planning Classics Day!
3. Pegasus
4. Twix (y'all should bring me some!)
5. I'm fluent in Spanish
6. Hungry :)



Chloe Phely-Bobbin - 2nd VP - AMSA

1. 4 States, 2 Nats
2. SPIRIT! And getting people excited about this amazing organization!
3. The sphinx
4. Sour patch kids
5. I have a pet dog, and a pet fish.
6. Spirited

OFFICERS

Nora Penni - Secretary - Barnstable

- 1.2 States, no Nationals yet!
2. Staying connected with all the officers through the minutes
3. Phoenix
4. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
5. I grew up on a farm!
6. Ambitious



Alex Chou - Treasurer - BLS

1. 3 States, 2 Nationals
2. Counting money but not getting to keep it. JUST KIDDING! I love working with the rest of the board to plan spectacular fundraisers!
3. Manticore
4. AirHeads
5. I have distal hyperextensibility (a.k.a hitchhiker's thumb)
6. Prepared



Luc Azar-Tanguay - Parliamentarian - BLS

1. 4 States, 3 Nationals
2. Leading voting fellowship at Nationals
3. Febris
4. Jolly Ranchers
5. A squirrel named Robert lives on the fire escape outside my room.
6. Tall :)



Sara Rhouhate - Historian - BLA

1. 3 States, 3 Nationals
2. Taking (Meme) pictures of everyone
3. Hippocampus
4. Twix
5. I'm half Moroccan, half Korean
6. Nocturnal

Georgia Wilson - Publications Editor - Maynard

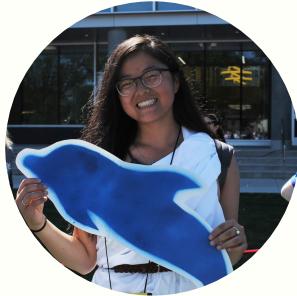
1. 4 States, 2 Nationals.
2. Learning more about the local clubs and slowly driving myself insane with small graphic design details
3. Chimera
4. 3 Musketeers
5. I have had 4 concussions! (Explains some things if you ask me!)
6. Tired



Madylen Bedard - Technical Coordinator - AMSA

1. 3 States, 2 Nationals
2. Looking through the archives of past minutes, publications, and officers
3. Sphinx
4. Pumpkin Reese's Peanut Cups
5. I am the youngest of 6 kids
6. Spontaneous!

NOTA



Jess Schnitzer
Mass JCL President

Hey MassJCL!

Horace's phrase "ab ovo usque ad mala" is usually associated with the course of a Roman meal, describing the eggs they would start with, and the fruit that they would end with. But, today I will be using them to describe the MassJCL year. In this simile, the apple would be National Convention, a cumulative event of the entire year, and the eggs would be this very event, Kickoff! Now, it's no Homeric simile, but it's my attempt to invite you to sit with us at this "dinner table" or to join us for another amazing year of JCL. Kickoff is true to its name, we are kicking off (or rather catapulting) into a year that is sure to be filled with friends, learning, and unforgettable memories. Whether you're a certamen all star or you thrive at the arts or other things, I hope you can find yourself a place in the JCL family. There is always a seat at the table for more.

E corde,

Jess Schnitzer, MassJCL President 2019-2020

Georgia Wilson
Mass JCL Publications Editor



Hey Mass JCL!

It has been a wild ride publishing my first Forum Factorum, full of learning curves and new experiences. In this publication, I aimed to capture your interest, make you think, and make you laugh. I sincerely hope I achieved that goal.

Kickoff is an event unique to Mass JCL, and is an experience dedicated to getting to know your fellow JCLers, and starting the year off right with the camaraderie that can only be found here, in the JCL. Seize this event. Make new friends, memories, and have a great time!

E corde,

Georgia Wilson

BENE

THE JCL: ITS LEGACY AND EFFECT

Looking Back on a Life in the JCL and a Final Nationals

By Carina Layfield, Former Mass JCL President

In 2014, I attended my first National Convention at Emory University. The theme that year was "omnium enim rerum principia parva sunt," a Cicero quote meaning, "for the beginnings of all things are small." At the time, I don't know that I really thought much, if at all, of the quote. But by the time I reached my senior year of high school, I had come to realize how true those words are. In reflecting on the time I've spent in JCL, how what started as an opportunity to compete against others in certamen, turned into a six year long personal odyssey during which I made some of my closest friends, it's crazy to think back to how it all started. How the beginning of it all, was built upon small decisions. The choice to try certamen, to attend States, to apply for a BLS JCL officer position, to attend Nationals. Each individual decision, no matter how small, was a piece of a larger puzzle, and now with my time in JCL over, I have a completed picture. Senior year is a year of self-reflection. And as the year passed and States ended, I began to ready myself for my last National Convention (as a JCLer). This year nationals was different. I wasn't competing in that many contests, but I tried my hand at english oratory. I wasn't leading the MassJCL board, but it was exciting to pass the torch. My highlight at nationals was giving the opening remarks for the third general assembly. Speaking in front of a crowd of 1500+ people can be intimidating, but was incredibly cool as well. Although I am sad to have ended my time in JCL, I'm looking forward to helping out in SCL. Wherever I go in college and beyond, I'll be sure to remember that the little moments are only the beginning of something larger.



Club Updates



AMSA

At the first meeting of the 2019-2020, we had our club elections. Our new presidents are Maddie Bedard and Chloe Phely-Bobin. The 1vp is Olivia Deckers, and the co-2vps are Connor Woodsmall and Divya Andrews. Our historian is Lily Peck, the technical coordinator is Kelcie McDonald, the editor is Keerthi Balaji and Engineer is Skyla Chaves. Most recently, we had our first service project where we made origami cranes for cancer. Our 2vp, Divya Andrews showed how to fold them for those of us who didn't know how to make paper cranes. In addition to this service meeting, we also had our first officer meeting, and an informational meeting for possible new members.



Photo Credits: Lily Peck, AMSAJCL
HistorianCaption: AMSAJCLers make cranes for cancer at our latest service meeting.

BLS

August/September (What we've done):

Sixie Orientation (8/21): During orientation for our school's new students, we sent JCL members to answer questions about adapting to BLS student life. In addition, we promoted JCL.Annual Book Wrapping Event (9/6, 9/9, 9/11): BLSJCL offers to wrap books for inexpensive prices and sells fabric book covers. It's a way of introducing new students to JCL. We volunteered at the Boston Heart Walk, (9/7) and at the Boston Local Food Festival (9/15), and had our Extracurricular Fair (9/24, 9/25): BLSJCL held a station at the school fair, encouraging others to join and recruiting a large number of students.

October (What we're planning):

First General Meeting (10/3): The local officers introduce themselves and give a rundown of what BLSJCL does during the year. Roslindale Parade (10/6): BLSJCL will march in the parade, decked out in purple, gold, and JCL merch. Volunteering at HONK! Music Festival (10/12-13) Armilustrium: Our kickoff for our Yankee Candle Fundraiser. We'll be playing the price is right with the Yankee Candle Catalog, with pizza and prizes available. Novice Certamen Scrims: Introducing seventh and eighth graders to the world of Certamen through competitions.

Maynard

Maynard JCL had a busy start to the year! Our officers, who were elected in the spring worked hard over the summer during board meetings (largely taking place at our local ice cream shop) to prepare, and in September our whole chapter assembled for the first time this year. The meeting was attended by both returning members and many new faces, including sixth graders who are beginning to take Latin this year.

We have already had our first fundraiser of the year, for which we set up a booth at our town celebration Maynard Fest on October first. Our chapter sold birdhouses, bird feeders, and other crafty items made by the middle schoolers, and offered face painting. A huge amount of our members came to help and we made over five hundred dollars! Our chapter is already planning another fundraiser in the form of a Halloween dance for the fourth and fifth graders in Maynard that will take place on November first, the day after Halloween. We are looking forward to Kickoff at the end of the month, and a great year!



TIP

Want to see your school featured here? Send an update of your school's activities to editor@massjcl.org for the next issue in order to win an extra point in the publications contest!



One of our Co-Presidents and State Editor Georgia Wilson, Parliamentarian Hannah Waring, and dedicated member Fiona Brown Standing behind our Maynard Fest booth.
Photo Credits: Gracie Gilligan



This Doesn't Make Sense (Or Dollars)

A look into how budget cuts have affected Latin programs and the JCL- and why similar patterns are emerging across the country.

By Reena Singhal, WJCL Publications Editor

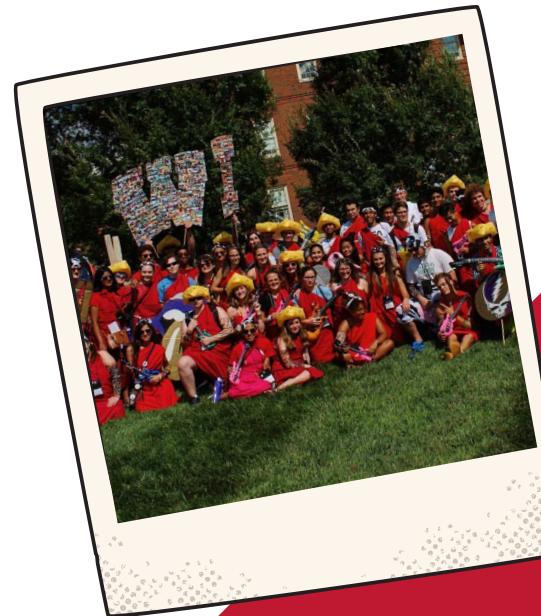
The Wisconsin Junior Classical League is a fairly active delegation, however, as is true for many states, that has not kept Latin programs in our state from struggling or shutting down due to budget cuts. In the past few years, Wisconsin has had schools leave our delegation due to their programs shutting down or no longer being able to attend state convention, an especially prominent problem among smaller WJCL chapters. As they have fewer people in their program, when schools face budget cuts they can often justify shutting down the Latin program with the argument of a lack of interest.

Although budget cuts don't always result in the closure of Latin programs, they can have drastic negative consequences for them.

After talking to a Latin teacher at a private high school in the WJCL with a fairly active Latin program, she explained some of the issues her club has to face, "We do have to raise funding for our Latin club, we sell our buttons and things ... that's the money we use for spirit at state, that's the money we use to help buy the supplies for the scrapbook, and t-shirts."

She expressed that if her club were not able to sell buttons and other items throughout the year to turn a profit, she believes that their chapter would be greatly hurt. But many chapters in Wisconsin don't sell things at state or nationals to try and turn a profit, and may not have the funds to pursue any such projects.

Many times these extra costs can end up falling on the students. Paying for rising convention prices, a bus to get there, and materials for convention can be a lot for students and teachers alike.



The Latin teacher I spoke to also pointed out this issue, she stated, "I fear our numbers are going to go down this year. That's a lot of money, I mean it's a lot of money for me".

This is part of the vicious cycle we see both in the WJCL and NJCL; costs rise resulting in fewer people attending, which leads to the costs needing to be raised because fewer people are attending. There are scholarships, full and partial, offered in order to try and allow some of these passionate students to attend convention, but there is just simply not enough to allow every student who wants to go a chance to.

There is also the ever-pressing issue of loss of interest in Latin and the Classics, especially in the case of some public high schools. During the interview, the teacher brought up that, "A lot of kids would rather take a language that you speak. That's a bigger problem in public schools, selling Latin. That this is a worthwhile class and it will help you speak foreign languages" and how this can have the greater issue when it comes to budget cuts because, "when they choose to make cuts they never cut sports, they cut music and the arts and foreign language, and especially in classes where the numbers are already low."

They never cut sports, they cut music and the arts and foreign language, especially in classes where the numbers are already low.

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The interview finished with this teacher saying, "I don't know where it's all going to go, I worry about the future. I don't know where the future is going to take us". All of this may paint a grim picture for the future of the WJCL and classics as a whole. But it's not all as dark as it may seem; the WJCL still has many amazingly strong and active programs. As a matter of fact, at last year's convention, one of our chapters brought over 70 members, more than they have in a long time. We still don't know where the future is going to take us, but we can hope that with growing interests in topics like mythology and other classically related subjects, Latin may not be lost after all.





SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



A Quick Q and A With 2 Mass JCL Sponsors



IN THE NUMBERS:

2 YEARS AS A
JCL SPONSOR

2 STATE
CONVENTIONS

0 NATIONAL
CONVENTIONS

Mr. Banta, Maynard JCL

Q: Favorite JCL memory?

The last round of the Catapult Competition during last year's Fall Kickoff, when our Hercules III.0 launched a shot 45 feet into the air! To this day I still dream that I was at the wall of Rome and that shot cleared it!

Q: What makes you want to stay a part of this organization?

It's fun! I feel just as much excitement and awe that I experienced when I was in High School back in the late 70's.

Q: What would you say to students who are skeptical about joining the JCL?

Open your minds while you're still young enough to use your imagination. There are 2000 years of time tested awesomeness involved, you have to find it and work at it, it won't come and find you.

Q: Why/how did you end up being a sponsor?

After I accepted my job at the Fowler School, the Superintendent said, "One more thing..." Like I don't live for this stuff!

Q: Favorite Mythical creature?

Cerberus! As a dog lover..... no contest.

Q: Favorite Candy?

Whatever Mr. Hales has hidden in his desk!

Mr. Hales, Maynard JCL

Q: What is your favorite JCL memory?

The first time experiencing the unbridled concussion of the Spirit Competition and chanting at my first Convention. The sustained cacophony was frighteningly awe-inspiring.

Q: What makes you want to stay a part of this organization?

Well, it's surely not dealing with Banta on a daily basis! JCL is something that definitely has to endure in Maynard, and if I hope I can play a small roll in that continuing than I will be happy. Seeing what a small group of sixth graders began back in 2015 to what it has grown into spanning two schools has been inspiring. Also, someday I have to actually win a gladiator duel!

Q: What would you say to students who are skeptical about joining the JCL?

That there are so many things that fall under the umbrella of the Classics - you can find anything that interests you through JCL.

Q: Why/how did you end up being a sponsor?

There was a need to keep something good going at Maynard Public Schools. I had to 'pinch-hit' during the 2018 Mass JCL Convention for the Chapters founding Sponsor, and was hooked after what I saw - the enthusiasm, camaraderie, competition, and energy of a community coming together in celebration of the Classics. So, I volunteered to Sponsor the following year to keep the legacy going, and continue to this day to assure Banta doesn't besmirch that legacy :)

Q: Favorite Mythical creature?

The Centaur. I always come back to the centaur, as it combines being human, with the powerful untamed wildness of a horse galloping free.

Q: Favorite Candy?

Anything that has chocolate in it . . . and if I can't get Calliers milk chocolate from Switzerland, I'll settle for a Right Twix.



IN THE NUMBERS:

2 YEARS AS A JCL SPONSOR

2 STATE CONVENTIONS

0 NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

WANT TO SEE YOUR SPONSOR HERE?
Nominate them by emailing
editor@massjcl.org



Certamen Update

From States to Nationals

Louisa Hemr - BLS

In July, seventeen Massachusetts students competed against teams from across the country in the National Junior Classical League competitive certamen championship at the NJCL convention in Fargo, North Dakota. The Advanced team was comprised of Luc Azar-Tanguay, Ashley Chou, Ethan Clark, Ben Ehrman, Claire Fu, Dante Minutillo, and Danny Nguyen, all from BLS. Alex Chou (BLS), Mills Dennison (Duxbury), Joshua Emokpae (BLS), Sara Rhouate (BLA), and Jack Trapanick (BLS) made up the Intermediate team. Owen Butler, Louisa Hemr, Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, Mathew Mabington (all of BLS), and Anna Zoltowski (Duxbury) rounded out the Novice team.

Massachusetts headed to Fargo with high expectations after a strong performance in 2018, including a national championship for the 2018 Advanced team. All three teams played well in the first three days of preliminary competition with each team advancing to the semi-finals. The Intermediate team fell there to a competitive New Hampshire team and took fourth place nationally. The Advanced and Novice teams advanced to the final round of the competition. The defending champion Advanced team faced very strong Texas and Wisconsin teams. Texas emerged victorious with Wisconsin taking second and Massachusetts taking third. The Novices faced strong Virginia and Texas teams in their final round and trailed Virginia at the half. Led by Kyler Hoogendoorn-Ecker, the team mounted a comeback and emerged as 2019 national champions with Virginia and Texas taking second and third. Kyler led all Novice scorers and was named Most Valuable Novice Player for the tournament.

The Massachusetts teams were grateful for the support of their coaches who dedicated more than half of their summer to help them prepare. The coaches included Beth Moguel (BLS, Novice Coach), Dustin Brownell (BLS, Intermediate Co-Coach), Michael Cowett (Duxbury, Intermediate Co-Coach), Francesca Fontin (Advanced Co-Coach), and Michael Howard (BLS, Advanced Co-Coach). These teams could not have achieved the success they did without their support.

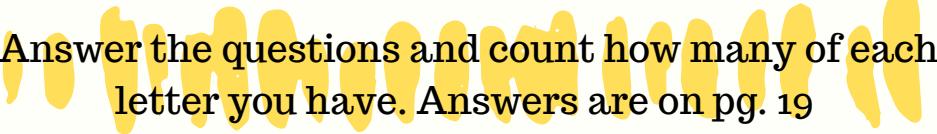
Massachusetts is looking forward to the upcoming certamen season and a triumphant return to national competition next summer at the University of Richmond!



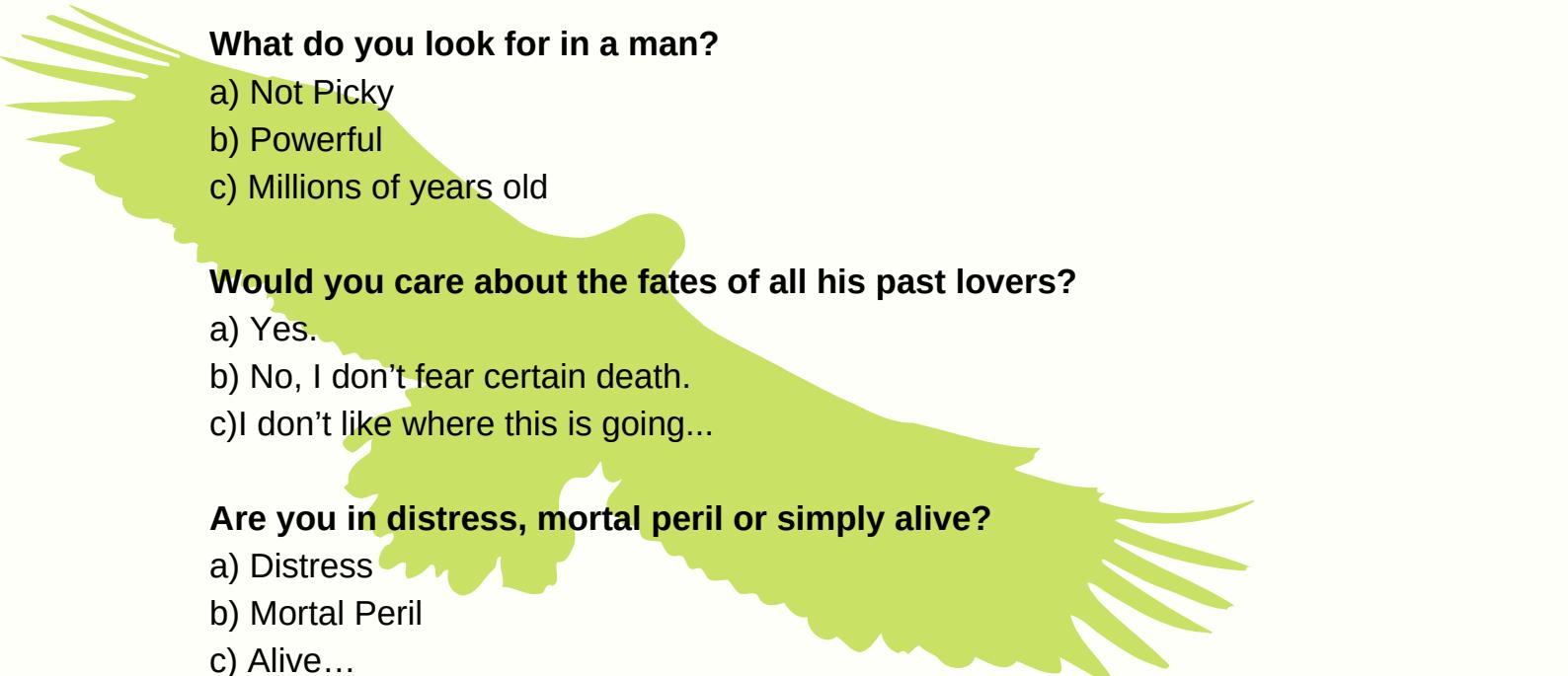
CLASSICAL

Quiz

Would Zeus Date You?



Answer the questions and count how many of each letter you have. Answers are on pg. 19

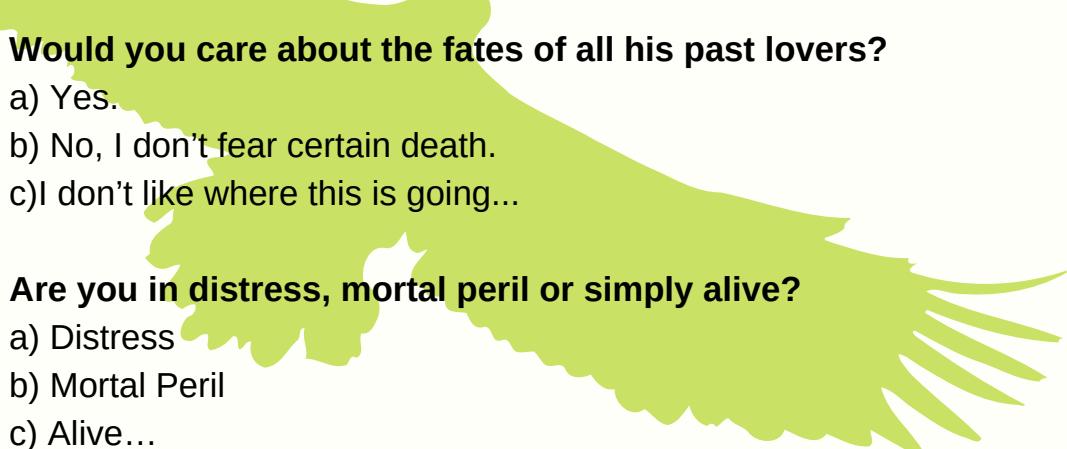


What do you look for in a man?

- a) Not Picky
- b) Powerful
- c) Millions of years old

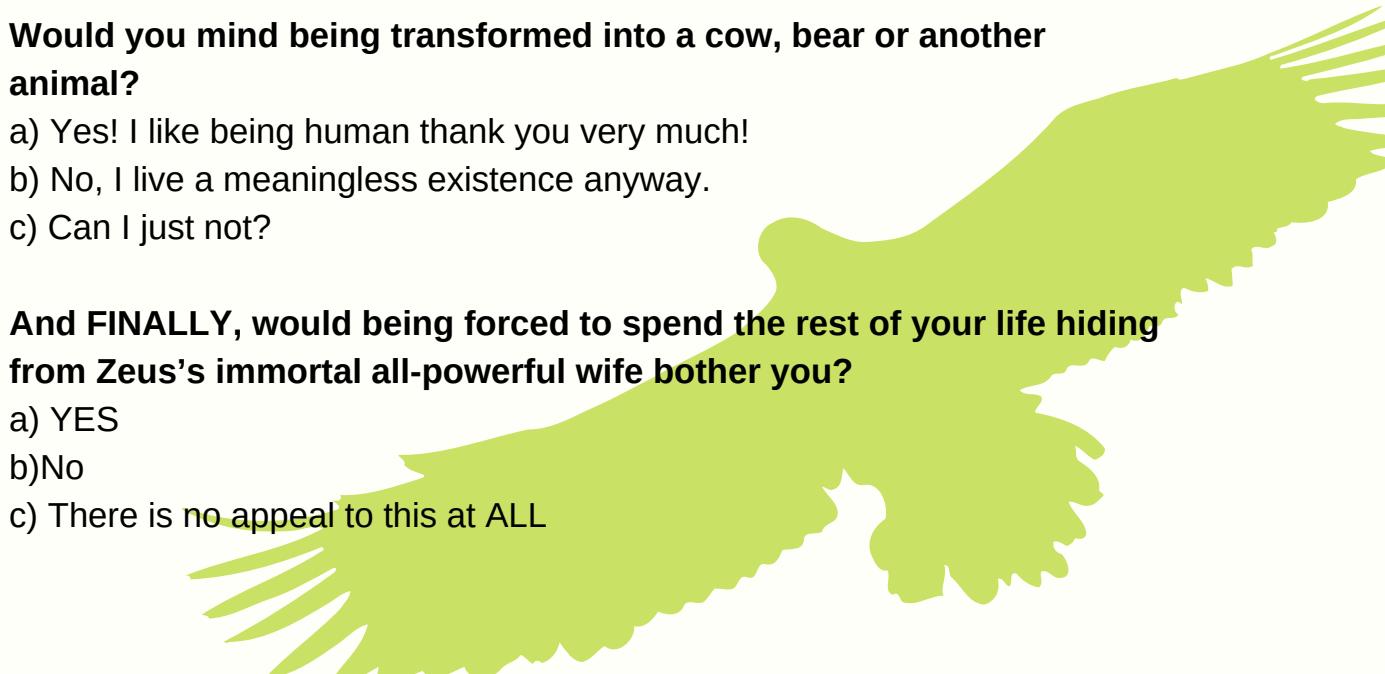
Would you care about the fates of all his past lovers?

- a) Yes.
- b) No, I don't fear certain death.
- c) I don't like where this is going...



Are you in distress, mortal peril or simply alive?

- a) Distress
- b) Mortal Peril
- c) Alive...



Would you mind being transformed into a cow, bear or another animal?

- a) Yes! I like being human thank you very much!
- b) No, I live a meaningless existence anyway.
- c) Can I just not?

And FINALLY, would being forced to spend the rest of your life hiding from Zeus's immortal all-powerful wife bother you?

- a) YES
- b) No
- c) There is no appeal to this at ALL

MEME CORNER

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Submit Classics or JCL
related memes to
editor@massjcl.org

A Kickoff To Remember

Sophia Smith, Maynard JCL

I attended my first JCL Kickoff 4 years ago as a 7th grader. Our school had just created our chapter the year before but hadn't had time to attend Kickoff. That year we had about 15 members, all sixth and seventh graders. As always, it was held at Mount Greylock, which is 2 hours away from our tiny school. So, early in the morning, we piled into cars driven by parent volunteers, and headed out on our way. We couldn't have been more excited. After what seemed like an eternity of screaming and laughing, we arrived at the school, and quickly carried our makeshift mini catapults (which we were admittedly a bit too proud of) off to registration. Our day of fun had begun!

A few games were played at the first assembly then the activities began, where we all jumped at the opportunity to decorate pumpkins. We had a blast and met so many funny people from other schools. After that, it was time for making posters! Our chapter was NOT the largest and was made up of all middle schoolers so our favorite cheer was "potestas parvulorum", or "little people power" as we called it. We always spelled it wrong on our posters, but we laughed it off and admired our handiwork anyway. Soon enough, it was time for the mini catapults. None of them went that far, but one of the marshmallows hit our teacher, which gave us all a good laugh and landed that catapult in third place, with another member of our club securing first. Even those who didn't win had fun!



Then FINALLY, it was time for the large catapults. It was the moment we had all been waiting for, even though we didn't have a catapult to our name. The day was dreary and rainy but despite that, people from every school piled out of the school to watch. At one point it became so cold that people were sharing coats, and most of us ended up in a "large umbrella hut", as we called it. People from every school were gathered together in the freezing cold, sharing jackets and umbrellas to watch the iconic catapults and trebuchets. We had the time of our lives. Upon finishing up the catapults and having our last assembly we said goodbye to our new friends and headed home. It was an experience I will never forget, and a great start to the JCL year. The feeling of comradery and welcome that we found at this event is a large part of what motivates me to stay active in the JCL today.

Cradles To CRAYONS



- at home, at school and at play. " We encourage local chapters to hold drives throughout the year and either find local drop off centers through the Cradles to Crayons website or bring donations to MassJCL events. Donations will be accepted at each major event starting with Classics Day in December.

Items are collected through drives and corporate donations and are then packaged in KidPacks by volunteers in the Cradles to Crayons warehouse, The Giving Factory, which is located in Boston. These KidPacks are made to fit a local child's needs/wants and then are distributed through service partners working with the organization. Local chapters are encouraged (but not required, as the journey to Boston is very long for some schools) to volunteer here as part of the spring edition of the monthly service themes, which can be accessed at bit.ly/201920service!

Salvete and χαίρετε!

Did you know that 268,185 children under the age of 12 in Massachusetts live in low-income or homeless situations?

For the duration of the 2019-2020 school year, MassJCL will be holding a drive benefiting Cradles to Crayons. This organization, a Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago-based non-profit, "provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive –

As fall and winter are fast approaching, the most needed items for donation in Boston as currently listed on their website are boys shirts & pants, sweaters/sweatshirts, hats & gloves in child's large/adult small, and books (8-12 year old).

A full list of acceptable donations can be accessed on the Cradles to Crayons website, but other items commonly needed are toys (excluding stuffed animals), diapers, art supplies, and clothing/shoes. I can't wait to see what all of you accomplish throughout the year! Good luck, and as always, feel free to email me at 2ndvp@massjcl.org with any questions.

E Corde,
Chloe Phely-Bobbin, Massjcl 2VP

Kickoff Playlist

Find it on Spotify at
MassJCL Editor

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

Marvin Gaye, Tammi Terrell

Not Today

Twenty-One Pilots

Beautiful People (Feat. Khalid)

Ed Sheeran

I See A Victory

Kim Burrel, Pharrell Williams

Johnny B. Goode

Chuck Berry

Greedy

Ariana Grande

Love Her

Jonas Brothers

The Man

Taylor Swift

Ob-La-di, Ob-La-da (live)

The Beatles

Go the Distance

Roger Bart - Hercules (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)



Quiz Results

If you answered mostly A's:

Congratulations! You would have managed to attract the immortal god of the sky! Or perhaps should I say condolences... Never mind! I'm sure everything will work out fine!

If you answered mostly B's:

Congratulations! You would have also... Is anyone else sensing a pattern here??

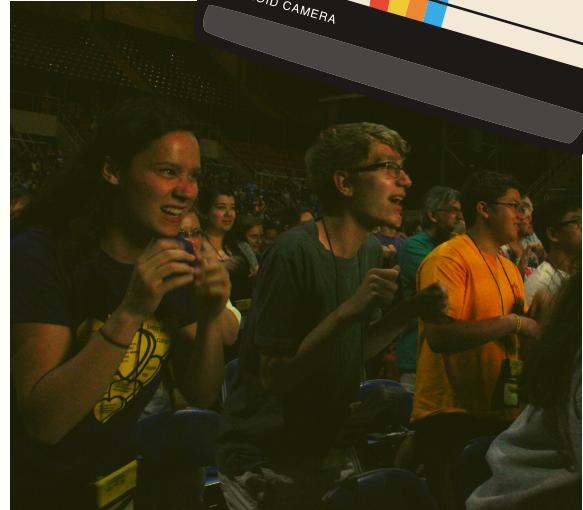
If you answered mostly C's:

Congratulations... You know what I'm just going to cut to the chase on this one and be frank: The almighty Zeus would date anything that moves. So, my sincerest condolences, and I hope you live a happy life before Hera finds you...

And Many More
Songs!



MASS JCL



MOMENTS

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Maximas!*

And to
Merrimax
Mechanics!