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Locul I - Viulet Maria

clasa a 8-a

Scoala Gimnaziala Nr. 49

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A world without rules; to me it's an abstract concept, it thrills me as much as it scares me.

The freedom of doing whatever you want whenever you want to is certainly an appealing thought. That is what makes me feel like it would be better, letting go and embracing the feeling of absolute liberty, being able to break free and to make the world your own. But alas, the chaos that would ensue scares me too much to risk it all.

The loss of all rules would also result in the loss of the little rationality the people of this world have left.

To be honest I despise rules so I don't force people to do what I, myself don't, but as much as I dislike them I admit that they are necessary to keep the world in a debatably peaceful state of being.

Does that mean I believe all rules are necessary? No definitely not, some rules are simply ridiculous; but others set the boundaries that many people in our society need.

Would people live a happier life with rules gone? That I cannot answer, but to me a world without rules would be a broken world.



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Locul II - Calin Andrei

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We probably all wished at some point that our world would be free. Free in the sense that there will not be any rules or restraints to our actions or decisions.

We are of course talking here about anarchistic freedom, and not liberal freedom.

When we read the works of anarchistic thinkers we can observe their hate towards the political regime, established order and conventional morality.

As the philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau famously put it: "Man is born free, but he is everywhere in chains". Or is he?

There is one simple reason why a world without rules would be impossible. That reason is the so-called "freedom paradox", and it goes like this: in a society without rules some people could use their superior strength and unlimited freedom to steal the freedom of weaker individuals. This world would be a horrible one, without exaggeration.

If we want to avoid this kind of "order" we will have to embrace the present state of affairs. It's far from being perfect, but it's the best option we have got. I think that we have to accept it, otherwise we will succumb to a world without rules.



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Locul III - Serban Ioana

clasa a 6-a

Colegiul National Constantin Bratescu

Constanta

OUR PERFECT WORLD. In a world with no rules everybody would think of wars, chaos, people being murdered because nothing could stop them.

In schools, if any, children would go crazy and teachers would not be able to cope with them. Sounds like our reality already, doesn't it?

Again, people would pollute nature endlessly, Planet Earth would no longer be a place to live. BUT, if we were to start again and people were kind, honest and gentle, we wouldn't need rules since everyone would respect everyone, even if they were completely strangers.

Think about how you would feel in a store where there would be no cameras to stalk you and no scan codes on the products because no one would steal! This would be a perfect present tense.

We can already start doing something in our nowadays world, in our tiny environment, if we have hope and trust in ourselves.

A song that clings to my mind is John Lennon's "Imagine" that shares exactly what I mean. The fact that he thought about this before, gives me hope that I am not alone and there are people who think like me. "And the world would be as one".



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Mentiune 1 - Balan Adina Maria

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Scoala Gimnaziala Nr. 5

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A World with No Rules

Have you ever dreamed about a world with no rules? Have you ever imagined a planet where one could do anything they'd ever wanted, without any restrictions or consequences whatsoever?

Well, if such a world could ever exist, would it really be a blessing or rather a curse? Rules have been put in place since the dawn of mankind in order to organize, protect and lead human society.

Throughout history, there have been billions of rules and not all of them were good, just and useful. On the contrary, in early ages, people often imposed on their fellows rules that were abusive in every possible way.

But fortunately, rules evolved at the same time as human society did and nowadays rules are meant to ensure social order, safety and security, justice and equity, as well as freedom for all those who observe the rules. In my opinion, a world with no rules would be chaos.

Actually, if rules suddenly disappeared, it would be the end of the world, as we know it.

Therefore, I strongly believe that we need rules in our lives, in order to provide us guidance and protection all along the way.



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Mentiune 2 - Albu Ioana

clasa a 7-a

Colegiul National Emil Racovita

Iasi

The wind is blowing down the street, spreading the smell of burned tyres all around me. Cars drive frantically, almost colliding, and all I hear is the screeching sound of wheels and the honking horns.

I am standing by the bus station waiting for the bus. I look up, the large Human Rights Institute drawing my attention with its carved message on the front wall: "Live your lives today. No apologies. No rules". It's as if it was carved in my own head. I know it inside out, I see it everyday.

The bus is late as always and especially now with the protests. The case of Emma Smith, a shopkeeper who was killed while trying to defend herself during a robbery, has brought people in the streets. The criminal wasn't arrested. Robbery and murder always happen.

After The War, the Human Rights Institute eradicated all the rules. People don't agree.

While waiting I hear people shouting "Justice for Emma Smith!"

An explosion. Car sirens. It happens every day. I crawl into some nearby bushes, watching all the chaos.

We were taught at school not to stand up against the government. It offered us freedom. So I am waiting for a good time to sneak away and go home. It is all I can do. This is the world we live in.



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Mentiune 3 – Nicodim Eliza

clasa a 8-a

Scoala Gimnaziala Liviu Rebreanu

Bacau

No school, no jobs; the notion of time? Inexistent. That means here is no bedtime hour and most importantly, no wake up hour (what a sweet escape!).

In this ideal world, every individual does whatever he wants, whenever and wherever he wants to do it.

There are zero restrictions; some people act normal but they are very rare; most of them behave more immorally than ever. That's how the king of this world wants them to behave.

Are you wondering what the king's name is? Read carefully through the lines and you will find it out.

His motto is "two plus two equals five because TH3Re @RE NO RU|3\$!". It's written EVERYWHERE. Why? Because he wants to. And no one can stop him.

Spelling or grammar rules? Driving instructors? Mercy? Absolutely. Not. Danger is standing at every corner.

The few good people left, who are aware of the fact that the entire world falls to pieces are desperately trying to change something. Do they succeed? They aren't even close to that.

At the first sight, this rule-free world may appear "ideal", but it has a dark side, too. And it's certainly larger than the bright one.



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Premiul Juriului pentru Originalitate:

Catuneanu George - Matei

clasa a 7-a

Liceul Teoretic International de Informatica

Bucuresti

In our modern times the world we live in is structured on an ever branching set of laws that prohibit illegal actions and overall enforce some basic moral principles, therefore molding our communities into a reputable society. However the thought of a world without rules is quite appealing because our brain refuses to acknowledge some essential abominable factors.

A world without rules seems as the utmost level of a Utopian development for the human race, like an utter assumption that us, people, have become wise and emphatic enough to abolish rules. This society would know everyone's needs, finding a way to fulfill them. That's a perfect scenario.

Yet, perfection is supposed to be impossible to attain. Our world needs rules to keep its people safe and to prevent anarchist movements, that will undoubtedly stop progress. Without rules, people would slowly discard all their knowledge and return to their old primitive and belligerent ways of conflict and war.

As theft, racism, discrimination, and even crimes still exist, a world which lacks rules will deliriously convey a sole genuine message: we, human beings, haven't yet reached that inner zenith of wisdom, kindness and peer empathy! Rules keep us alive!



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Premiul Juriului pentru Originalitate:

Predatu Anca

clasa a 8-a

Scoala Gimnaziala nr. 18

Timisoara/ TIMIS

Let's imagine that once, there were two people who had found an island and they established that there were no rules.

They moved on the no-rules-island and people started to follow them there, thinking they would be free. When the number of locators was still small everything was alright, but after a while people started to do mean things, stealing and disrespecting others' goods.

They tried to fix this and somehow rules appeared naturally. It is all about people's mind and the way they act that makes rules necessary.

Manners are also rules. They are something natural, the things that make us humans. It is up to every particular person if they respect them or not, but there are consequences for everything.

Rules are the decisions we make when we have a choice, the decisions that our superiors make for our good.

A world with no rules would be a devastated world.

Imagine everybody stealing, killing, destroying things because they just felt like it; imagine every man not assuming their actions, nor the consequences the others have to suffer because of the.

A world with no rules isn't a place where you can live peacefully.



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Premiul Juriului pentru Originalitate:

Mustateanu Clara

clasa a 7-a

Scoala Gimnaziala Marin Voiculescu

Giurgiu

The perfect world does not exist and it may never will.

Maybe the world we have now is a good one, but it's far from perfect. The only thing we can do is work to make our world a little better, because there is yet no way for it to be flawless.

Some wish for rules to disappear, for an anarchy, a lawless world. Without rules, anyone could do what they want, but is that really a desirable thing?

People would be able to commit crimes without consequences. The whole concept of "justice" would vanish. The world would change drastically. Society would cease to exist. And without society, gradually, we'd get back to acting maybe worse than in prehistory. And when we'd forget completely that rules ever existed, that's when we'd begin to evolve, to try and make a new society, which involves rules.

So in one way or another, we'd always get back to living by a set of laws. That's what keeps our humanity, what makes the mankind. Because the truth is, instead of removing rules, we could change them to the better.

Rules are what keeps this world standing and anarchy is what could possibly destroy it.



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Premiu Special:

Caramavrov Tudor

clasa a 7-a

Scoala Gimnaziala Sfintii Constantin si Elena

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A world with no rules!

I have no rules. In my world I like to imagine that everything is allowed.

One day, in my world, a drunk man arrested a police officer, because he arrested a duck that was his brother.

Another day, animals escaped from the zoo and destroyed a jewelry store but did not pay for anything because they were still animals. Prisoners escaped from their cells... and began teaching at schools about useful things that will actually help kids in real life! Politicians have started protesting because they cannot make laws anymore! Football is now combined with boxing.

When someone is about to get a goal, they beat the goalkeeper in a boxing ring to see if they will get it or not. Even the sun and the moon do not respect the rules!

Trump now builds the wall alone because builders are no longer required to work. It can get annoying because five to ten Mexicans jump over the wall daily so he has to put them back. I have no rules.

In my world I like to imagine that everything is allowed because I paint.

Everything is possible when I paint because my imagination has no limits.



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Premiu Special:

Bolca Briana

clasa a 8-a

Colegiul National Vasile Goldis

Arad

HIDING. A world with no rules sounds great, doesn't it? But if we think it through, it might not be as good as we imagine.

Rules are meant to bring harmony in society among people from different cultures, with different traits, with dissimilar thinking patterns.

No rules would mean no control. Thus, the chances to act in an unfair way would increase and this could lead to chaos.

The Legend of King Gyges has it that a shepherd in the service of the ruler of Lydia found a ring that gave him the power to be invisible. He used this power to seduce the Queen and kill the king. By acting dishonestly, he became King of Lydia.

The lesson this legend teaches us is that if people had the opportunity to be invisible, they would use their power to serve their own purpose. The same would happen in a society with no rules.

If people knew they would not have to bear the consequences of their actions, they might act irresponsibly.

In a world which is upside-down, the process of finding the guilty person would turn into a chaotic and meaningless hide-and-seek game.



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Premiu Special:

Filimon David

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Scoala Gimnaziala Alice Voinescu

Drobeta Turnu Severin/ MEHEDINTI

How would the world be without rules? Since immemorial times, humans have used rules to live in communities. But still, we all want, sometimes, a world without rules.

Why? In the Romanian language there is a word: "faradelegea", which in English means "without law", but, the sense of the word is: bad deed, crime, criminal offence etc. All the symbolism of this word refers to the fact that, in the absence of rules, people do immoral, violent and antisocial things.

On one hand, a world without rules means that every individual can do whatever he wants, but, on the other hand, freedom means not to take other people's freedom.

How can these two aspects harmonize? By the appearance of rules.

For as long as we can remember, every living being, who lived in communities, needed a system of rules which could allow coexisting. In addition to all that, one might say that an ideal world is not a world without rules, but rather one in which people can accept these rules, integrating them in their own system of morals and not perceive them as some obligations, but rather to see them as principles.

If we manage to do this, everything in our society would happen according to free will and everyone would be free.



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Premiu Special:

Ravdan Denisa Anamaria

clasa a 7-a

Colegiul National Alexandru Ioan Cuza

Galati

I think that a world where everyone has their own rules can force people to think about what is right and wrong for themselves. It will become full of chaos, because we simply are thirsty for more territory (by wars), much knowledge (by our advancement in technology) and more intimacy.

People also need other people because we can't do everything by ourselves, therefore different people with different skills are needed.

I believe that if the world suddenly lost all its governments and became territorial and full of chaos that eventually it would come back a form similar to how it was before.

Payment systems would be recovered because people need to give something in return for the help from others, governments would be established to keep peace and people of similar cultural beliefs would cluster together creating states and even countries again.

This is just how humans are built. We are amazing, intelligent, strong, and fragile species. We cannot survive on our own and we need to be together. Even though we are greedy and selfish in many ways, our natural instincts are to come together and unite to survive which is a stunning thing.



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Premiu Special:

Bogdan Robert Ioan

clasa a 6-a

Scoala Gimnaziala Nr. 128

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Imagine that our world is made only of LEGO bricks, of different colors and sizes.

All the amazing constructions like the Pyramids being made a long time ago based on very strict instructions developed over time by smart people, but also all the amazing landscapes (Niagara Falls) or the incredible human body, animals or flowers built by God/Mother Nature. All of them seem to be based on The Rule (golden ratio/divine proportion).

Things are not at random in our world, there are no coincidences, everything is interconnected otherwise our world could not function properly. There is the day and there is the night.

Imagine now that all these rules will suddenly disappear. A LEGO world without any instructions. We have the LEGO bricks but what can we do with them? Can we build something as spectacular as the Eiffel Tower? We can try of course, but can we succeed? Many of us will give up and built instead something easier.

We and our world can function without rules but I'm afraid for a short period of time... and in case a rule does not work well so two specific LEGO bricks don't match, we can improve it, can't we?



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