

World History as I Know It
By Luke

The last ice age is said to have ended over 6000 years ago. The people of the world formed tribes and different cultures developed. The five things it takes to make a civilization are: food production, writing, organized religion, and organized government. The first of the major civilizations were the Sumerians in Mesopotamia and the Egyptians in Egypt. According to the bible, in about 2150 B.C. **GOD** told Abraham to leave Mesopotamia and go to Canaan, present day Israel. Abraham lived there for a couple hundred years until a drought came. Abraham left Canaan with his tribes and went to Egypt and lived well for a number of years, that was until Ramseses II made them slaves. About 1250 B.C. according to the bible, **GOD** told Moses to go back to Canaan. It took them 40 years (They must have had really bad maps). When they got back to Israel, they lived pretty well until the Phoenicians came in about 1000 B.C. and attacked everybody along the Mediterranean. For protection, the Israelites chose their first king named, Saul, who then defeated the Philistines and reclaimed Israel. The next king was David who expanded the Jewish lands. Then King Solomon who built Solomon's temple in Jerusalem, the capitol. The Jews enjoyed relatively good lives for several centuries.

Later in 589 B.C. the Babylonians invaded Canaan and destroyed Solomon's temple, sacked Jerusalem, and took the Jews back to Babylon as slaves. While the Jews were there, they compiled the first five books of the bible, the Torah. In about 539 B.C. the Persians conquered the Babylonians and all of their lands. They also allowed the Jews go back to Israel. Upon their return to Jerusalem, they rebuilt the temple.

About 300 B.C. the Greeks came in and conquered the Mediterranean world. While Greece had control, the Jews prospered under their control and began to speak Greek and most forgot Hebrew. Then in about 100 B.C., the Romans came in and took control of the whole Mediterranean world. After about 140 years of roman rule, the Jews started to revolt. The Romans lost patience with the Jews and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. dispersing all Jews to all parts of the world. Then the Palestinians continued to populate all of Canaan/Israel. Following World War Two, the allies allowed the Palestines to be pushed aside and resettled the Jews in Israel. This action fueled the fires of the Middle East wars that are being fought today.

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SPORTS

The White Sox win!

By David

The White Sox won the World Series last week. They beat the Houston Astros four games straight. In the last game, in the last inning, the White Sox were ahead 1-0. The Astros had the batter at the plate ready to hit the ball; he hits a foul into the stands, the shortstop runs, falls in the stands, but catches it for the second out. The next batter steps up to the plate, he hits a hard grounder past the pitcher, the same shortstop catches it, he throws it to first, the White Sox win the Series! Last Friday, Chicago threw a huge parade for the White Sox. It is exciting for the White Sox fans because it is the first time they won a World Series in 88 years.

Entertainment

Wally McDoogle Book Review, "My Life as Crocodile Junk Food"

BY MARK SAKOWSKI

Jamie is Wally's friend. He is smarter than Wally. Wally was lucky in "My Life as Crocodile Junk Food." I guess they call it that because there is a crocodile in it. Remember "My Life as Alien Monster Bait?" If you liked it, then you will like this one. George saves Wally's life from the crocodile. George has a pet monkey, but the monkey gets eaten. Wally was mad about that. I like this book because it was funny.

FAMILY NEWS

Corn Maze Adventure

by Mark Sakowski

I went to a corn maze with David, Granddad, Laura, and Luke. Luke got lost and Granddad was mad, and he was going to go home without Luke, but then Dad came to find Luke. Then Granddad Laura, David, we got hot chocolate then we went home. The corn maze was big, fun and muddy. I got stuck in the mud, and then I fell in the mud. When we got home without Luke, we took a shower. Luke got home about 12:00 then he took a bath and we went to bed.

Weather

by Laura Sakowski

From October 15, 2005 through October 31, 2005, there were three cloudy days, six rainy days, and seven sunny days in Oulu, Wisconsin.

It was unseasonably warm on Saturday, October 29th and Sunday October 30th, but I know that winter weather is on it's way. When will the snow arrive? Since snow in November is not uncommon for this area, I say that we should receive some snowfall within the next thirty days.

GLOBAL NEWS

Iraq Update

BY DAVID SAKOWSKI

The Iraqi People have accepted the new Constitution. 73% Of the people voted yes. Since the voting, the car bombings and killing have continued; one of the car bombs was disguised as a cement truck. It is believed that one of the U.S.A. troops shot and blew up the truck before it got to a major hotel. More than 2000 soldiers have died in the Iraq War. We hope that the Iraqis will start defending themselves so our troops can return home. We hope to end this war soon.

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