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## Story 1

### Famous people on Snapchat and TikTok

By: Abbie Kremer

Two of the most popular social media apps right now are Snapchat and TikTok. Both are used every day by people everywhere. They are both used by boys and girls of all ages around the world. There are some people on both apps that are more popular and are viewed by millions of people.

Some of the most popular people on TikTok right now are Charli D'amelio and Chase Hudson (lilhuddy). Both have millions of fans and are two of the famous TikTok users right now. Charli started gaining fans this summer when she posted a video of her using a sound that was popular, and being used a lot, with her sister Dixie. Since then, she has continued to gain followers and now has over 18 million. Chase started to get popular soon after that when he joined the Hype House with Charli and they started posting videos together. The Hype House is a place where many popular people on TikTok live together in one house. Chase now has gained over 9 million followers.

## Today's Headline

### Your Face or Dance Moves?



Some of the people with the most viewed stories on snapchat are Justin Bieber and Kylie Jenner. Justin is a very popular singer right now and gets 4.5 million views on his story. Kylie is a model, has her own makeup company and is on multiple TV shows. She also gets 4.5 million views on her story every day.

These are some of the most popular people on Snapchat and TikTok right now. They are the main people that users look at when they get on the app. So, the next time you get on one of these apps these are the people you'll want to look at for the best videos on the app.

### TikTok vs. Snapchat(facts)

Written By: Marissa Zahneis

Snapchat and Tiktok are two of the most worldwide apps right now that teens use. Some people think people use Snapchat more but actually TikTok is used way more. Yes, both apps have millions of users but TikTok has blown up over the last year because of it being a new app and teens being able to start on a new, updated platform. TikTok also allows everyone to share their thoughts, feelings and what's going on in their life.

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TikTok has over 500 million active users while Snapchat only has 210 million users. Snapchat stories also disappear after 24 hours and you cannot like, or comment on the post unless you slide up on the post. TikTok, on the other hand, has a comment section for every video, and you can like the video too. TikTok also allows you to keep your posts up until you decide to delete them.

TikTok does have some drawbacks due to all the users. These drawbacks include the app running slow, getting hacked more and privacy settings not being as strong. Therefore, this app tends to get hacked more than Snapchat because their privacy settings are not as secure as Snapchat. TikTok also got fined \$5.7 million due to illegally collecting personal information from children under the age of 13.

In all, TikTok and Snapchat have some drawbacks, but both apps are great ways to express yourself. I would recommend checking your account daily to make sure you are not getting hacked or anything else along those lines. Also, I recommend Snapchat more than TikTok due to all the restrictions and Snapchat also runs faster because there isn't as many users.

## Interviews

Written by Alyssa Simpson

There are many questions about what the more popular social media app is, Snapchat or TikTok. As of 2019, research shows that Snapchat has 210 million daily active users versus TikTok which has 500 million active users worldwide.

I interviewed multiple social media users that have downloaded Snapchat and TikTok for entertainment, texting, and creative purposes. We talked about how old they were when the app was downloaded, hours that were spent on the social media app, and many more questions.

When I asked students about the age that they downloaded these apps, they gave me a variety of answers. TikTok's range was from age nine to thirteen; Cloe Ballard age 9, anonymous student age 10, Lucas Knippenberg age 12, and Matthew Bujak age 13. On the other hand, Snapchat's range was from ten to twelve; Gavin Shorten age 10, Abbie Kremer age 10, Breiah Lange age 12, and Tyler Williams age 11. With these results we can tell that TikTok is downloaded at a younger age than Snapchat.

I also interviewed them about the hours that they spend on these apps, and if they used them every day. Everybody who I interviewed that used Snapchat said yes because they do things such as sending "streaks", texting people, and looking at their friends' stories. The range of hours that they spend on these apps include Abbie Kremer with eleven hours, Gavin Shorten one hour, Breiah Lange three hours, and Tyler Williams four hours.

## What Side will You Choose?

Everybody who I interviewed that they used Snapchat everyday because they do things such as sending "streaks", texting people, and looking at their friends' stories. Meanwhile, the TikTok users that I interviewed were not on it as much, but when they were, they watch it for a good laugh, to share creativity, and look at things that they might be interested in. These students had hours consisting of an anonymous student with nine hours, Matthew Bujak with zero to one hour, Lucas Knippenberg with one hour, and Cloe Ballard with four hours.

On the other hand, there are distractions that come with these apps. On Snapchat, there are many students getting distracted by these apps. When working on something, they must finish a message before they can go back to what they were working on, or they might get an alert that they must check. Unlike Snapchat, TikTok has less distractions. But users may occasionally get distracted by a TikToker whose video they want to look at or a follow request that they want to accept.

There are many cons to these apps, but there are many positive things that you can do with them. On Snapchat, you can connect with friends and talk to them. On TikTok, you can share your creativity with others. Both apps are great, but it's for you to decide which one is better.

## Snapchat vs Tiktok- Pros and Cons

By: Emma Russell

The apps Snapchat and Tiktok have pros and cons. They are fun to use, but they can take up a lot of your time. You can also make new friends and talk to your friends, but they can be used to make fun of people.

Some of the negative things of Snapchat and Tiktok are they have negative impacts on people, and they can be addictive. Snapchat can cause negative mental impacts on people. It can cause anxiety and depression. Tiktok can be used to make fun of people. People can be bullied, and it can have a negative impact and cause depression. These apps can both be addictive. It takes away a lot of your time when snapping people back and forth and when you try to make the perfect video.

Both these apps can take up a lot of your time and cause anxiety and depression. They both have negative affects to them that can hurt people and make them depressed.

These apps can also have positive things such as connecting with friends and they are entertaining. On Snapchat you get to connect with friends and family. You get to share what you've been doing and talk with their friends and family. On this app you also get to text and put captions on your photos you take. Tiktok serves as a great form of entertainment. You get to dance, be creative, and make videos for friends. You can also become famous on this music video app. If you don't want to be famous, you can have a private account and only let certain people follow you and see your videos.

Both these have positive effects and they can be fun to use to connect to friends and for entertainment. Both these apps have positive and negative things. People can be bullied by other people on these apps and cause them to have depression. You can also connect with friends and family and have a good time talking to them. Make sure to have fun using these apps and don't let these apps make you have anxiety.

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## What and how are some ways to gain followers on Snapchat and Tik Tok?:

By Angela Garrett

There have been different theories to gaining followers on social media. Some of the most common ones are the ones that everyone is trying. One way that you can gain followers on Snapchat is by downloading your Snap code and making it your profile pictures. Which means you'd make sure that your snap code is downloaded and then you would go to your settings and make it your profile picture. This makes it easier for people to add you. Which means you to gain followers. Another thing you could do is post your username for Snapchat on other social medias and tell people to go add you.

There are lots of ways to gain followers on TikTok. You could always do a duet with famous influencer to gain followers. Or you could buy your followers. What this means is there are certain apps that you can download. After you choose one and download it type in your information then pay money to gain hundreds or even thousands of followers. There is an alternative way to gain followers without having to pay for them. You would just simply need to download an app then it'll give you options to pick from different kinds of apps to download. When you have selected and download one you must play it for a certain amount of time. After you have done this you should have gained the number of followers that you wanted.

These are just a few easy ways that you can gain followers on your Snapchat and TikTok. On the bright side they're only a few easy steps so, it makes it a quick and easy process. If you really want to gain followers, I recommend that you try some of these tactics. It's worth it to try these if you are really trying to gain more followers. You should give it a shot because, you wouldn't be losing any followers just trying to expand them.



## College Basketball

Written by Nate Elliott

There are a lot of good basketball players out there. There is Cassius Winston from Michigan State, Vernon Carey from Duke, and Jordan Nwora from Louisville. Every year at the end of the college basketball season, one player is picked to win college basketball player of the year. The big question is, who is going to be the Naismith college basketball player of the year?

According to ESPN's Andy Katz, the leading candidates for Naismith college basketball player of the year are Cassius Winston, Vernon Carey, Jordan Nwora, Markus Howard, and Devon Dotson. Cassius Winston is averaging 18.9 points, 6.3 assist, and 2.1 rebounds per game. Meanwhile, Vernon Carey is averaging 18.4 points, 9 rebounds, and 2 blocks per game. He also has 8 double doubles in 15 games this season. Jordan Nwora is averaging 20.9 points, 7.7 rebounds, and 1.4 assist per game. Markus Howard is averaging 26.8 points, 3.2 assist, and 2 rebounds per game. Devon Dotson is averaging 18.4 points, 4.2 assist, and 3 rebounds per game.

These 5 players are all extremely talented players, however only 1 can win. According to ESPN's Andy Katz and Jeff Goodman, Vernon Carey is the front runner for player of the year. They talked about his ability to score, and to get all those double doubles. Yet, they also talked about his ability to put up big numbers in only 24 minutes. On the other hand, Medcalf of ESPN thinks that the senior Cassius Winston will win Player of the year. To me, I look at statistics, and if I were to pick who would win today, it would be Vernon Carey. He only plays 24 minutes per game and is putting up the same numbers as Cassius Winston who plays 36 minutes per game.



## Get Your Sports News Here

### Information about the Wildcard and the Superbowl!

Written by: Lucas Knippenburg

The 2019 Wilder card had eight teams involved including the Titans, Patriots, Vikings, Saints, Bills and the Texans. The winning teams were the Texans, Seahawks, Titans, and the Vikings. The winning teams of the wildcard then proceed to the tournament. After the tournament there should only be two teams left. Those teams proceed to the Superbowl and go head to head for a Superbowl Ring and bonus money.

The teams that are going into the Superbowl are the chiefs and the 49ers. The chiefs have won 12 games and lost 4 and the 49ers have won 14 games and lost 2. The Superbowl is the last game of the NFL season. It is based on the winners of the AFC and NFC game. The winners of the Superbowl will receive a Superbowl ring and some extra money.

This Superbowl will be Superbowl LIV. The Game will be held at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Garden FLA. It will be on February 2. The kickoff will be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Eastern.

The Chiefs haven't been in the Superbowl since 1969 and the 49ers haven't been in the Superbowl since 1994. So, this is going to be a very exciting day for both teams! I think the 49ers are going to win the Superbowl, but the chiefs are going to be a pretty hard challenge. So its going to be a heck of a game!

### Soccer for Life

By Avery Boes

Soccer is a very hard and very stressful game, but it is also very fun. I am in love with the sport, all I want to do is play soccer 24/7. I play for the middle school team and I also played for a travel team. I absolutely hate getting up early, but for soccer, it is completely worth it. Me and my family wake up at 5 and get ready, then head out the door at 6. We have to drive all the way up to Ohio, so it takes a while to get there. Usually we stop to get doughnuts on the way. When we get there, my team starts warming up then gets ready to play. My heart starts racing and I get very nervous. I give a lot of assist though out the game and then we take the win. Once the game is over, we go out to eat somewhere close to the field because we usually have to be back for another game in an hour. Once we eat and pay the check we head back to the fields for another win and do it all over again until we win the tournament.

After travel season is over middle school starts up and I couldn't be happier. My team and I practice every day after school except for Fridays. The practices are so much fun. We usually do some drills and then scrimmage, which is my favorite part. Usually I score 5-6 points during scrimmage then practice is over. Then sometime during the week it's finally game day and I am hyped. We all get to the field and start warming up. Then the game starts, I go center front line and Brody, my partner in crime, goes right. The ref blows the whistle and the game starts. People are chasing after the ball while its flying through the air and rolling around on the ground. The fans go wild as players get closer and closer to the goal. Players are falling and rolling on the ground on the wet field, making their jerseys drenched in dirt. As we run up and down the field, mud spraying from our cleats making it fly into the person behind us. I then pass the ball to Brody and he takes the shot right to the high left corner making it 1-0. The crowd goes wild as all of us give Brody high fives as he runs down the field. The game goes unsored and then ends with 1-0 meaning we won. We all say our goodbyes and go home for the night. Then practice is the next day and we do the same thing over again and again until the season is finally over, which is the worst and saddest part.

Can't wait till high school to have a new and exciting soccer experience.



## College Football

Written by Gavin Shorten

I think NFL teams might want to take him because of his amazing year at LSU with him throwing for 60 touchdowns and having a perfect record at 14-0. Joe Burrow is very talented, and I think he has what it takes at the next level and I have proof to back up my theory. This season he threw 5,105 yards and only threw 6 interceptions. Joe Burrow received the Heisman trophy on his last year of college. Joe Burrow is supposedly getting drafted first pick to the Cincinnati Bengals. One advantage of getting drafted to the Bengals is that he is close to his hometown and could see his family often.

Joe Burrow this season led the LSU Tigers to their first conference championship since 2011. Joe Burrow's stats in the championship game were amazing; he threw for 463 yards with 49 passing attempts. He threw 5 touchdowns and only got sacked 5 times. Hopefully we can see him do this next year against the top players. (ESPN)

My opinion on the whole thing is I think he will do pretty good in the NFL but I think he's not going to be as good and I feel like he will get drafted first round pick to the Bengals but there is no one to help him do great. . . like there was at LSU. He had other great people on his side to help him but at Cincinnati they are a couple people but in football it can't just be one person; there has to be 11 on the field. This was what I think will happen: Joe Burrow, see you guys next time.

## The National Basketball Association MVP thoughts

Written by Caden Gilmore

This is the start of the NBA season and it is going so well so far. Since it's the start, no one really cares about the MVP (Most Valuable Player) candidates and the other awards such as Defensive Player of the Year, 6th Man of the Year, and Rookie of the Year. I have been keeping track of these awards so far this season and I think that they're some very good potential players for this year's Most Valuable Player.

The MVP award is an award that shows the world who the most dominant basketball player is in the NBA that year. Many people have won MVP such as LeBron James, Stephen Curry, and Russell Westbrook. Those are just a few out of the 68 MVP awards given and lots of the people who won it, won them multiple times. This year is going to be a fight for the Kia MVP award. The top five are Giannis Antetokounmpo, James Harden, LeBron James, Luka Doncic, and Anthony Davis. "Giannis is averaging 29.8 points and 12.8 rebounds; James Harden is averaging a whopping 37.2 points with 7.5 assists and 6.2 rebounds a game. LeBron James is averaging 25.4 points, 7.7 rebounds and 10.9 assists a game. Luka Doncic is averaging 28.8 points, 9.8 rebounds and 9 assists. Last, but not least Anthony Davis is averaging 27.1 points, 9.4 rebounds and 3.2 assists." (nba.com)

With all these players with these impressive stats, surely, we all have our opinions on who's going to win it right? Well, I think it will be James Harden because of these amazing stats he's putting up. I doubt anyone in the NBA this year will put up more than 37 points with the assists and rebounds. James Harden is an underrated MVP candidate and he should at least win it this year. He's had many 50-point games this season and surely, he could have many more to come with the way he is playing. Anyways, the MVP award is something that these players take seriously, and I hope when it comes times for you to vote for them, you make the right choice.

## F-ball and B-ball



Written by Wayne Birmingham

Minecraft has been around since 2009 and it's still a thriving game. On average 91 million people play Minecraft monthly. In my opinion, Minecraft is a wonderful game. There are unlimited options on Minecraft. You can build whatever you want, there are no instructions on what to build. You can play with your friends and you can play offline.

On Minecraft, you can travel through different worlds, find fortresses, and an Ender dragon. On the start map, you can find temples in all the terrains and you can find villages. In the villages, there are villagers that you can trade with to get different goods, and you can use their homes as your own. In the temples, there are traps, but at the end of the temple, the loot is usually worth it. I would give Minecraft five stars.

Here are some ratings: Stars= \*

Lilly Akin \* \* \* \* \* "If you don't play it, You're stupid."

Davian Cole \* \* \* \* \* "I agree with the last comment. Minecraft has unlimited possibilities, and you can play with your friends."

Seth Weaver \* \* \* \* \* "I love it; Best game ever!"

Kayden Burton \* \* \* \* \* "It's a great game! Baby Zombies are annoying though."

Gavin Clark \* \* \* \* \* "Minecraft is awesome! You can build dirt houses, and you can murder turtles!"

## Why it is all Happening?

Written by Vanessa Woodruff

Many may know that The US and the Middle East have been in conflict for quite a while now. It has been all over the news lately, but why? Is it the fault of the US or the Middle East?

There have been many wars and conflicts that have taken place over the years. All sorts of different countries fight in wars and are in conflicts. The most prominent conflict in today's media is the conflict between the Middle East and the US. The problems between the US and Middle East date back to the late 1950s. In July 1958, Marine landing in Beirut, Lebanon began America's seemingly endless wars in this region.

Iraq and America have been in war since 2014. The Iraq Body Count project documents 183,348 - 205,908 violent civilian deaths as of April 2019. There have been 460,000 deaths in Iraq as result of the war including more than 60% of the deaths directly attributable by violence. The number of deaths isn't set because everyone is not in agreement of how many there have been. Recently US President Donald Trump authorized drone strike at Baghdad International Airport, killing Commander of Iranian Forces Qassim Suleimani.



## Conflict in the Middle East

There have been multiple attacks on the Middle East authorized by Trump. American troops have been over in the Middle East for a long time. The Prime Minister of Iraq Adel Abdul-Mahdi has asked US President Trump to withdraw American Military from Iraq. There are most likely many more conflicts to come between the US and the Middle East. As of now none of the wars and conflicts in the Middle East show any signs of stopping anytime soon.

### End it Once and for All

Wars are a huge controversy; you're either against it or for it. Although, wars can end conflicts many people die or are injured. What's the point of putting people in danger, just to end a conflict?

Communication between the US and the Middle East would help end the war and bring justice. Both the Middle East and the US should have a heart to heart. Since, the beginning of the wars they have shown no signs of stopping. But hopefully they will end soon and not that many other people will be killed or injured.

Throughout the many years of the wars in the Middle East many innocent people have been injured or murdered. This is all happening because of disagreements between two countries. Killing and hurting people isn't going to end or solve anything, it's just going to make things worse. There needs to be a serious discussion between the leaders of each country. Over the multiple years of battle neither the Middle East nor the US have really gotten anywhere so, why not end it all than destroying innocent lives.

There has been a constant craze of events leading up to America's and the Middle East's conflict. The Conflict has been spurring for 50 years, it should be stopped before it gets out of hand. Recently President Trump has issued an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. This agreement would allow Israel to get what it has sought to get over these decades and give the Palestinians a state with limited sovereignty. This of course outraged the Palestinians and they declined the agreement. So, this leads to the question, "What will end the conflict?" well as of now no one knows, but hopefully it will end soon.

Written by Cody Whisman

The Iranian government is unhappy about the U.S. killing one of their commanders. After they found out the US Military killed one of their commanders they retaliated by bombing a military camp with hundreds of U.S. Soldiers. Luckily though, no one was hurt in the bombing. But, Iran still isn't very happy about what happened.

The Iranian people on the other hand don't agree with their government and are protesting. The Iranian government shot down a Ukraine International Airlines jet which most of the passengers were Iranian Citizens, all the passengers on the plane died.

The U.S. is ready to support the Iranian people in protesting against the government. They want to help the Iranian people as much as they can. The Iranian people want the U.S. to help them to overthrow who is in their government.



Written by Mindee Nicholas

Comics and manga are two types of books that people like to read. Manga is more popular throughout the world; comics aren't as popular, but superhero comics are the most popular comic. A comic is more of an American book, and a manga book is more based on other countries most commonly Japan. We are going to tell you about all the different things that come with comics and manga.

I have my own experiences with manga. I first figured out about Manga from one of my friends who said that they were a good type of book to read. She has read multiple manga books, so I listened to her and went to the library. I looked around the library and found the manga section there I found several different types. The one that I seemed most interested in was a manga called Naruto. It is about a person named Naruto who has a dragon sealed up inside him and he was not allowed to be put in a group with the rest of the kids who were in his class, so he was put in a different group with kids who were trouble makers like him. He was in a group with Sasuke Uchiha and Sakura Haruno. So I checked out the book and I opened it up like I would a regular book, but the title page was not there like it would usually be, so I tried to open it the other way and the cover was where the end would be. Therefore, you read the book from right to left, not left to right. I read the book and after I did the only thing, I checked out from the library for the rest of the school year was Naruto books wanting to know what happens to Naruto and his team next. I really enjoyed reading the Naruto books considering that you read them backward. When I first read Naruto, I was confused because of the way that you read them because I wasn't used to reading books backward. After a while you get used to reading the book backward. People kept thinking that I was reading the book backward because it is read from right to left instead of from left to right. Manga and comics are both good ways to read a book in a shortened version.

Manga and comics have many similarities but few differences. The major difference between the two is that when you read manga you have to read the book from right to left instead of from left to right. There are many similarities such as that both types have action in them. Manga is a type of book that you can get from multiple places for example you can buy them from Barnes and Nobel. You can also get comics from multiple places such as the library or most bookstores. There are multiple different genres of Manga just like there are with longer books. If you read manga most of them are based from action but there are other options for people that like to read other types of books such as science fiction. Although manga is more popular than comics, comics such as batman and superman are the most popular type of comic along with the other superhero comics. People do have their preferences on what they like to read. It is a fact that reading manga, or a comic is a good way to improve visual literacy and to relieve stress, plus it is also fun to read.



## Comics and Manga



Written by Ethan Ahaus

Does the way we read a comic or manga affects the information we receive? It has to do with the person who is reading it. If you're the type who wants everything explained and upfront then you are more of a comic person but if you try hard and analyses the details you can read a manga perfectly, or the person who wants to solve it and explain it in their own words. But when people think of comics, they think of how you read it and how the comic looks. The same with manga. And they also should be treated as equal arts and not a lesser form of art.

Comics are good for learning new vocabulary but saying the word or phrase and the pictures explain what that word or phrase means. Comics usually are in color so you can get a full picture of what everything looks like, however, manga is complete balck and white, so your imagination must fill in the color and looks of things. All comics have a main character, but that character depends on the book. Comic characters are mostly cartoony and have either a semi-serious or funny tone, so this is great for little kids, teens, and, young adults. Manga characters are more realistic and have a serious and sometimes funny tone, perfect for mature teens, and young adults. We also read comic books like any other book left to right, that's how when was thought. But Manga is read from right to left, so new readers might get confused about what way their trying to read. So, if you're going to read a manga just read it backwards.

Comic and manga are both good styles of art and should be treated as so. Comic and Manga readers are basically having the same interests. Manga has good and bad qualities and so does Comic. Yes, it's more common to read comics but at least try to read one manga. And if you read manga try to read one comic. See what out there, explore the unknowns of the comic and manga, and have fun with both.



