The Torch TSJCL

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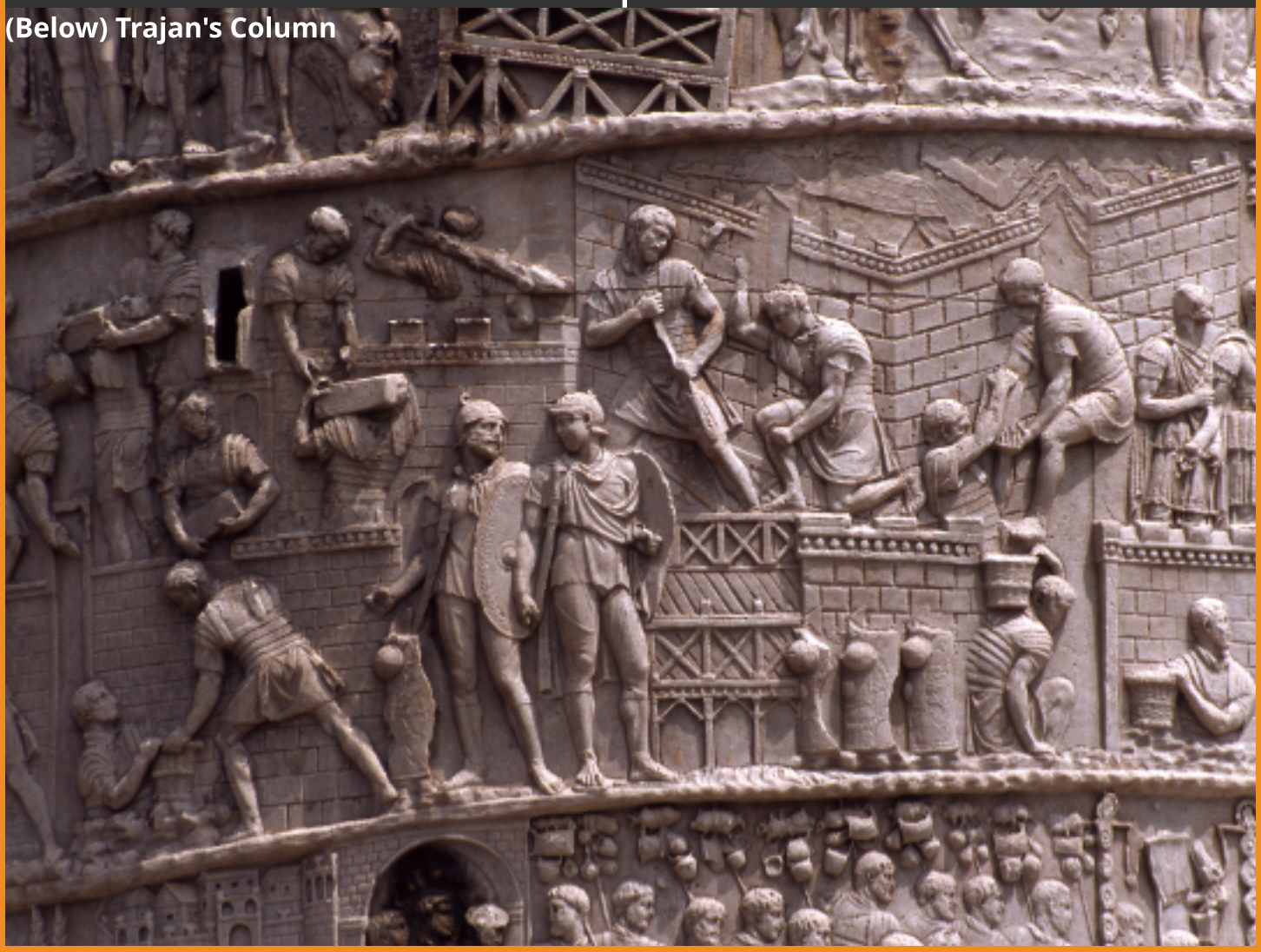


The TSJCL Officers take an official photo

On Saturday, January 12th, the TSJCL state officers gathered together at Anderson High School in Austin, Texas, hoping to review judging sheets and plans for State convention.

Around 10:30 am, the meeting convened, and each officer reviewed the changes they had made to their judging sheets. These edits consisted of grammatical corrections, updates to reflect the current year, and adding penalties for failures to comply with the rules.

This year, the TSJCL convention will feature the Inside Books Community Service project, and increased emphasis on developing Spirit, and a State Convention coin war.

Want to join us? Go to https://goo.gl/forms/JUQmfeRNhJM87itg1 and submit your information to find out more about applying for office!

Substantial Changes:

-There will be 6-7 food trucks for dinner, and all meals will provide gluten free and vegan options.

-instead of one large common area, each school will receive a homeroom where students can store their belongings and relax

-there will be an increased emphasis on developing Spirit

-bring educational books for the community service project!

An Intro to Anderson

Where is the TSJCL headed for State Convention?

NOVELS

ANDERSON
TROJANS
Visit https://www.flickr.com/photos/tsjcl/albums to see more!

Program of Works

The amendment up for vote at State Convention:

Bylaws Amendments 2019

Article III states:

“ARTICLE III – QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS AND AREA CHAIRPERSONS

The current legislation:

Section 1. All state officers and area chairpersons must be enrolled in a Latin or Greek course during their term of office. In the case that a student has completed all levels of Latin and Greek offered by his/her school, a Classical Civilization course is an acceptable alternative.

Section 2. The President, First Vice-President and the Second Vice-President may not hold the same position twice.

Section 3. No chapter may have more than one elected officer.

Section 4. No chapter may have more than two officers on the Student Executive Board.

Section 5. All candidates for office shall have written permission of their parent/guardian and their teacher/sponsor for their coming term of office.

Section 6. All candidates for office shall represent the TSJCL chapter of which they intend to be a member during their term of office.

Section 7. All candidates for elected office shall be present at the State Convention and must have attended at least one previous State Convention.

Section 8. All elected and appointed officers shall be in grade nine or higher at the time of their election or appointment to office. Area chairpersons shall be in grade seven or higher at the time of their election or appointment to office.

Section 9. Members-at-large are not eligible to hold any TSJCL office.

Section 10. Candidates for President shall have attended at least one previous National Convention at the time of candidacy.

Section 11. Candidates for Treasurer shall come from a chapter whose sponsor has previously sponsored a TSJCL officer or area chairperson.”

The Proposed Amendment:

Parliamentarian Ashley Xie would like to add the following passage adapted from the TSJCL Officer Handbook:

"Section 12. If there is a state-of-emergency for an office, the application process will be announced. No nominations shall be accepted from the floor."

Rationale:

Officially addressing the state-of-emergency clause in the constitution may benefit to clarify procedures in states-of-emergency, especially since the TSJCL state-of-emergency clause differs from other JCL organizations. Additionally, it was recommended by a past TSJCL parliamentarian.

For example, NJCL has the following in Article V of their constitution:

"Section 3. Qualifications: To be eligible to run for office, a candidate MUST have the permission of at least one custodial parent or a legal guardian, a local sponsor, and the State/Provincial Chair or Co-chairs; (The State/Provincial Chair(s) MUST have fulfilled all requirements necessary to assure their state/province is in good standing, prior to granting said permission); MUST have attended at least one previous National Junior Classical League convention; MUST not be a post-graduate or midterm graduate; MUST be the only candidate for any office from that student's state or province and MUST be a member of a chapter in good standing. MUST be enrolled in a Latin, Greek, or Classical Humanities class at least half of the year during which the student's office is held, or have completed all Latin, Greek, or Classical Humanities classes offered at the student's school. A sponsor from the candidate's state or province must be present with the candidate at the Nominations Committee, but if no sponsor from the candidate's state or province is able to attend the meeting, a sponsor from another state or province may stand up for the candidate, with the acquiescence of the candidate's own local sponsor. **The Parliamentarian will call a State of Emergency if there are fewer than two pre-filed nominees. In a State of Emergency the Nominations Committee may waive the following qualification by a simple majority**: No state or

province shall hold the same office two years in succession."

In addition, Georgia has the following:

Georgia example:

"B. All candidates must be present at the Nominations Committee Meeting or designate, in advance, a representative to be present in the candidate's stead. **A state of emergency shall be declared by the Parliamentarian if there are no pre-filed nominees. In a state of emergency, the Parliamentarian will call for nominations at the Nominations Committee Meeting. All state-of-emergency candidates must have their sponsors present at the Nominations Committee Meeting. All candidates must be nominated and seconded by voting delegates at the Nominations Committee Meeting. All offices with at least two pre-filed candidates will be considered closed to nominations from the floor. In the case of only one pre-filed candidate, that person shall be named as one candidate and nominations from the floor will be taken to fill the remaining position.**

C. In the event of uncontested offices the Parliamentarian shall receive nominations from the floor for these offices. Papers of candidacy shall be waived, although proof of qualifications and the approval of parents and local sponsors must be assured."

What do you think?

Propose your own amendment using the form on the TSJCL website!

Officer Reports

President	What have your TSJCL officers been up to since the Fall Board Meeting?	1st Vice President
Since the last Board Meeting, I revised the English Oratory Judging Sheet, began revisions for the schedule, and assisted in the planning of this meeting.		•Updated judging sheets for both contests, using NJCL passages for DI •Updated sign-in sheets for judges and students •confirmed with Blue Ribbon Awards

Area A	Area B	Area C
We have set up the Area A Convention, which is to be held on February 9, 2019. Area A's service project will be a food drive for the Houston Food Bank. We have are currently trying to get volunteers. We are looking into ordering awards and office supplies. For state and Area we have revised the judging forms thus a search for more judges should be the next step.	Since the fall meeting, we have gone out shopping for ribbons and trophies for the Area competition. We have also finalized the Area packet including transferring all the registration forms onto a Google Form link. We decided to order a Games2U truck to organize different games for students to partake in. We decided to contribute to Clark's "Sock it to Cancer" organization, a small group that collects new socks to donate to cancer patients at the San Antonio START Center for Cancer Care. Each pair of new socks given will equal one additional point for the donating school in the Spirit Competition.	I have done more work on setting up the Area C Convention, which is to be held on February 23, 2019 at Baylor University. Area C's service project will be a canned food drive most likely to be donated to Caritas of Waco. We have volunteers at Baylor University lined up to help on the day of the convention and we have secured the facilities that we need.

2nd VP

1. I've updated and revised the Classical Civilization judging forms for the art contests at state.
2. Found several judges/graders for the poetry, creative writing, and research paper contest entries.

Editor

I have compiled the Winter edition of the Torch. I have written articles, created image graphics, and laid out the newspaper. I also compiled resources and generated ideas for the mid-State edition of the Torch, where I will run another survey of the Texas delegation.

Parliamentarian

I have worked on proposing more amendments to the constitution, finished the Nominations Form for 2019-2020, created a slideshow to condense introductory information on seeking TSJCL office, and created an online submission for TSJCLers to propose amendments.

Secretary

I have completed and distributed the membership packets to all Texas chapters of JCL. I have also mostly edited and put into the dropbox the minutes from the fall board meeting. I have received confirmation for at least three colloquium speakers.

Treasurer

Since the last board meeting, I have updated the spreadsheet, mailed checks, and deposited checks into our bank account. I also created the Treasurer's report using information from the 2018- 2019 spreadsheet.

Area D

We have made progress in planning for the Area D Convention being held on February 2, 2019. We will make Valentine's cards for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Amarillo and Lubbock. We revised the Area D packet to be sent out to delegate schools, reviewed the locations of events, sent out information regarding the convention to the teachers in the area and are working on developing a website for Area D.

Area F

We have visited Crown Trophy to place an order for trophies, ribbons, and plaques for the Area Convention. We also started to recruit volunteers for Area F. We have finalized the program, room assignments, and updated the online registration and made it live. The meals for Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch have been decided. For our service project, we have decided to work with Austin Animal Center to provide supplies.

Convention Coordinators

Katiana worked on allocating rooms for different contests and figuring out how to make the most of the space we have. She has also brainstormed ideas for an alternative to the GA. We also want to do a live stream of the final assembly to the theatre and cafeteria. Katiana also contacted the School of Rock in Austin to play during the tournament. Jude has done more work on finding food and entertainment for the convention. They both planned for the winter board meeting. The food here, Casa Chapala, will be used at the convention and will likely be used on Saturday.

Webmaster

I added new contest rules, new officer pics, and Will's monthly contests. I also updated pages with new files and content for this year, as well as separated the downloads page into a current downloads and download archives pages. Currently, I'm working on adding a search bar and social media feed. The social media feed requires a one-time payment of $10 to implement.

Your Roman Destiny

Your TSJCL Editor has recently made a deal with mythology's most dangerous trio to find out YOUR Roman Destiny, based in the ancient practice of numerology! (Her immortal soul may or may not be in serious danger right now...)

I will...

January: Found Rome with...

February: Fight as a gladiator against...

March: Go to the bathhouse with...

April: Stab Caesar with...

May: Escape Pompeii with...

June: Give a golden apple to...

July: Be in the garden with...

August: Chariot race against...

September: Learn Ablative Absolutes from...

October: Write an epic with...

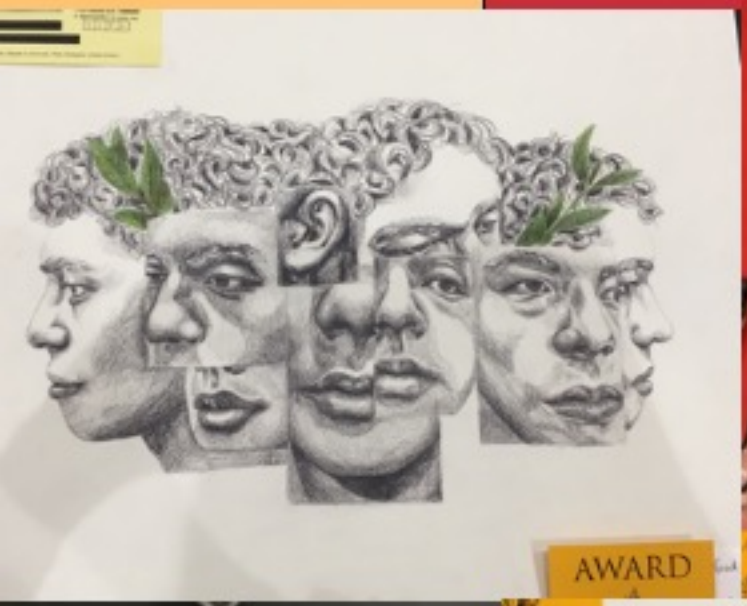
November: Conquer Britannia with...

December: Travel to JCL with...

1: ..Julius Caesar
2: ...Jupiter
3: ...Vergil
4: ...Nero
5: ...Aeneas
6: ...Cicero
7: ...Spartacus
8: ...Dido
9: ...Neptune
10: ...Odysseus
11: ...Paris
12: ...Caligula
13: ...Diana
14: ...Pliny the Elder
15: ...Mars
16: ...Pluto
17: ...Remus
18: ...Romulus
19: ...Minerva
20: ...Commius Atrebas
21: ...Cleopatra
22: ...Cincinnatus
23: ...Augustus
24: ...Pompey the Great
25: ...Hadrian
26: ...Trimalchio
27: ...Sappho
28: ...Hannibal
29: ...Diocletian
30: ...Marc Antony
31: ...Mago

PAST NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Nationals 2018



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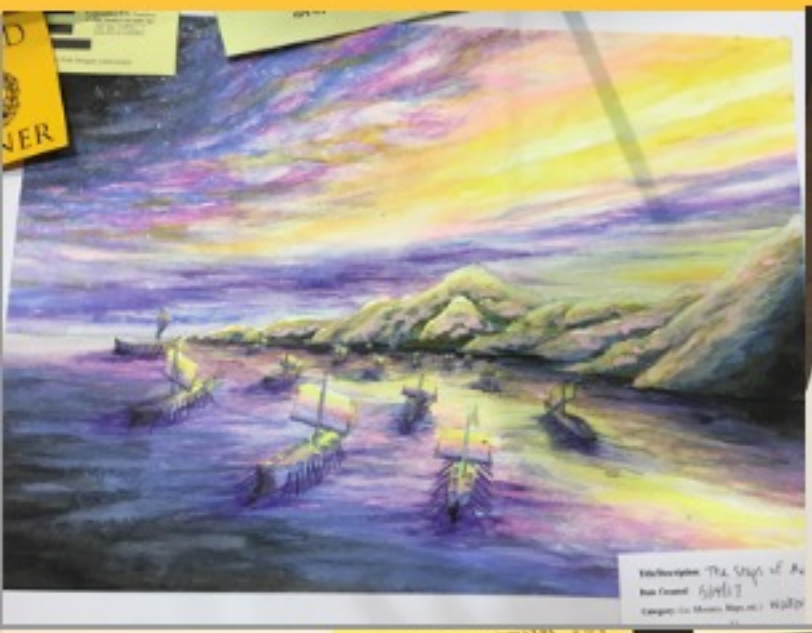

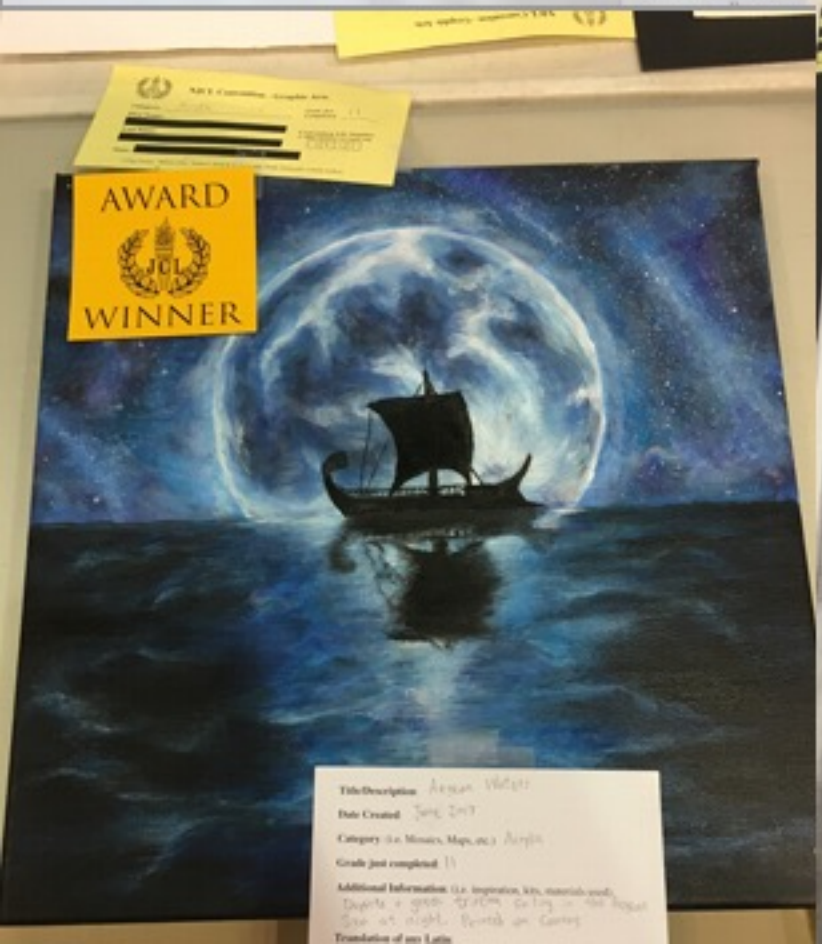

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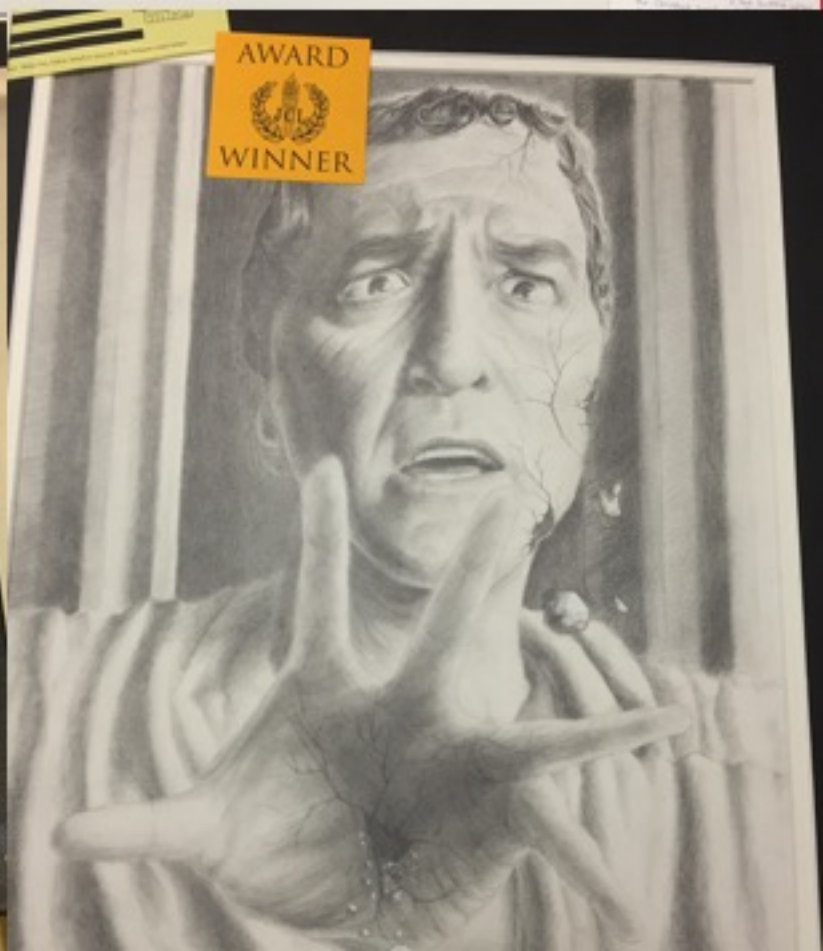


The Top 10 Ways to Elevate Your JCL Art Experience

The JCL's art is great. But can it be *better?*

Do

Read Classical works

Mythology, epic poetry, and other writing can inspire you with its vivid imagery and depth of detail!

Delve into lesser-known subjects!

Classic plays such as *Oedipus Rex* and historical depictions of specific battles, or even everyday Roman life, are sorely underrepresented.

Recreate a specific scene that gripped you.

Imagining an intense scene can help with deciding subject matter, blocking, tone, and more!

Observe ancient examples.

Seeing another artist's interpretation of an idea can be inspiring, and allusions to ancient works could net you bonus points!

Participate in JCL Art for the first time!

I was late onto the bus- I only began doing art pieces in high school, despite being an avid JCLer through middle school. Even if you don't think of yourself as an artist, there's a great opportunity in store for you!

Don't

Be afraid of creating abstract works.

Abstraction is a unique and valid way of communicating ideas- and it'll help your art stand out!

Forget to use references.

References are often the difference between a good work of art and a great one. A better understanding of poses, anatomy, and lighting makes all the difference!

Ignore the rules of the event.

It hurts to spend hours on a piece, and then have it disqualified for improper matting. Make sure you know what's expected of you before you start!

Submit art that isn't directly related to Ancient Civilizations.

A huge part of judging is based on the subject matter and allusions- no matter how good your piece is, if it isn't related to mythology, history, or classical works, it won't win.

Do it on the bus.

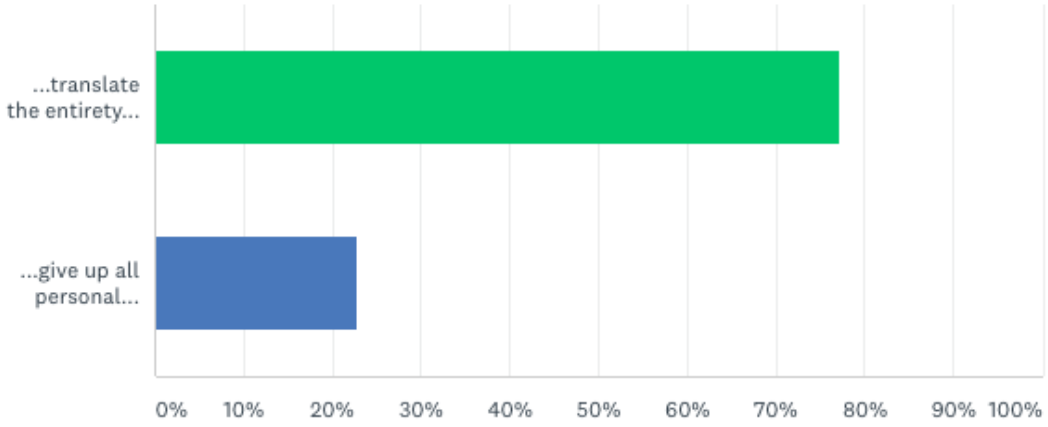
Really, guys?

Takes from the TSJCL

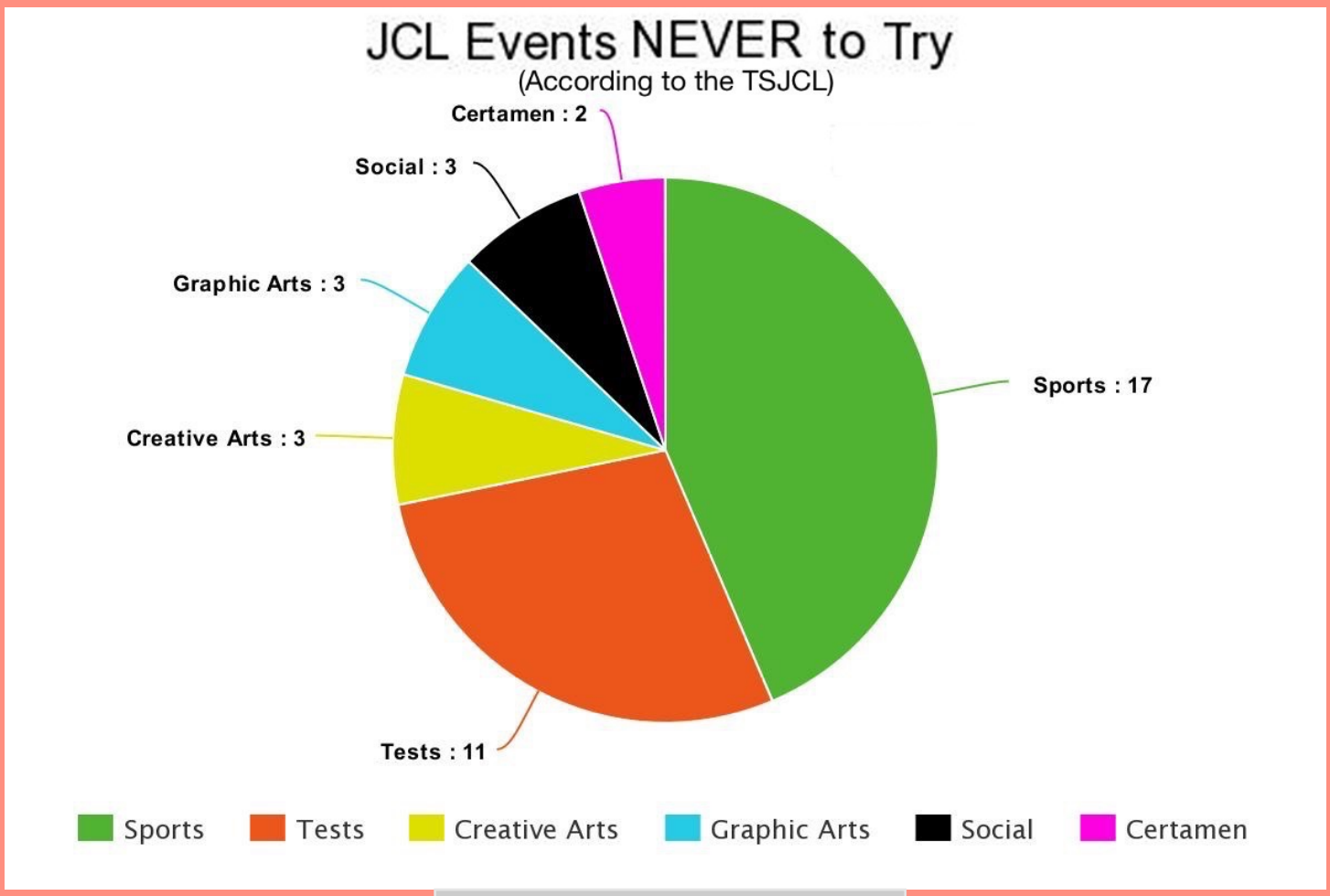
These poll questions were sent out to every TSJCL delegate at nationals. Look out for another poll at State!

Would you rather:

Answered: 44 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
...translate the entirety of Caesar's De Bello Gallico with only your brain and a dictionary	77.27%	34
...give up all personal computing devices forever	22.73%	10
TOTAL		44



Biggest Offenders:

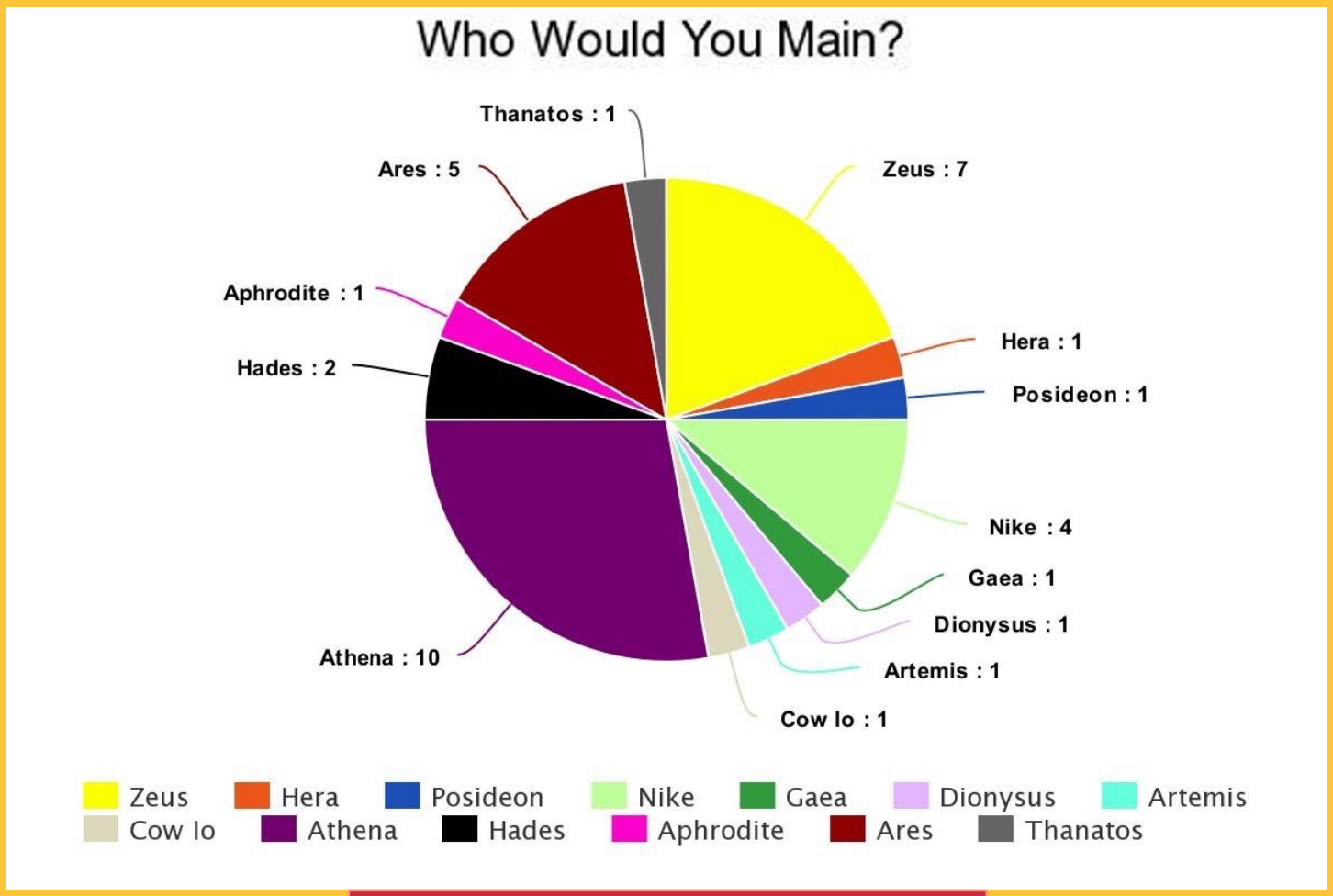
Tests: Mythology, Geography, Reading Comprehension

Creative Arts: DI

Graphic Arts: Impromptu Art

Social: the Dances

Sports: Swimming, Basketball, Track



Featured Responses:

-"Athena, because strategy and craftiness combined with knowledge of warfare, the aegis with Medusa's head, and spear prowess is op"

-"Bacchus (drunken rage, my dude)"

-"Aphrodite/Venus. No doubt. She marries Hephaestus, just so the gods don't kill themselves to win her affection. Nothing is more powerful than love and attraction. Ask Apollo."

Thank you for reading!

i am a:

- ○ man
- ○ woman
- ◉ latin student

looking for:

- ○ men
- ○ women
- ◉ the main verb in Caesar's De Bello Gallico