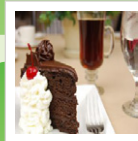
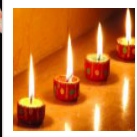


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Bhumika Anand

Staff

Hello there, I'm Bhumika, the Community Manager for Yahoo! India Answers. Working on Yahoo! India Answers allows me to stay in tune with the pulse of a beautiful and vibrant nation. What occupies the minds of the Indian community? I know just that through Answers!

Yahoo! Answers Highlights of 2009

Knowing the past often makes us wiser in dealing with the future.

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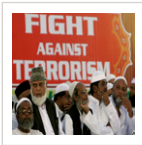
Here we celebrate the undying spirit of India.

You make our Answers site what it is. I've seen diverse view-points, almost as diverse as our sub-continent, co-existing very peacefully as different answers to the same question. You never fail to voice a doubt, seek clarifications or request suggestions as you excitedly exhibit the great spirit of enquiry that drives us Indians. And with this same spirit, with your dialogues and debates; you make Answers a healthy, robust place! Then there is the renowned Indian generosity. What a wealth of knowledge there is on Answers thanks to you and your great, generous spirit of sharing knowledge!

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Highlights from Yahoo! Answers in 2009...



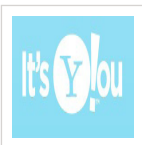
Terrorism continued to occupy every Indian's mind in the beginning of the year. How do we combat it? Why does it exist? How can we fight against insidious forces? You will find answers to these questions and see an expression of angst, rebellion, and the undying spirit of humanity and hope on Answers!



The best thing about India is the wealth of spirituality that is inherent in all of us! No matter how tough things get, we find a way to get up and move on - stronger and more spiritual for the experience. Philosophy and all its aspects make us Indians what we are. And questions on these topics makes Answers what it is as well.



Festivals are about fun and celebration. They also make us behave responsibly. Ramadan teaches us to be patient and spiritual. Navaratri venerates the Goddess and nature in equal measure. Diwali may be about lights, but it is also about preserving the environment. You proved that with messages about recycling and the innumerable tips on reducing pollution!



So what was 2009 really all about? It was quite simply, about you. It was about celebrating all that is human and good in this world during tough times. It was about helping each other understand and appreciate life and values better. It was about sharing knowledge and expertise. 2009 was about you.



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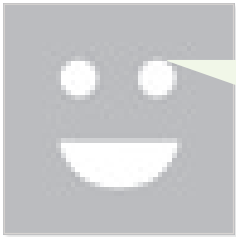
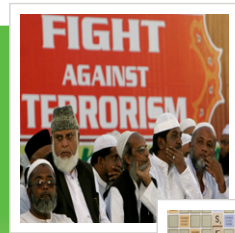


"Yahoo! has notched up a very high benchmark of social service" is all I can say! Answers represents an autobiography of the present day generation! Participation in Yahoo! Answers led to a miraculous discovery of hidden potential touching the very fundamentals of life. The rewards, recognition, contacts, and even the fine-tuning of communication skills seem purely incidental, when compared to the immense satisfaction of having touched real people, in a real way, in real time!

P. S. Narayanan - Answers Top Contributor

January

January saw a sombre beginning. What occupied Indian minds was terrorism - a wish to combat it and put it behind. The question everyone wanted answered was:



Chandru Y

What is your idea to reduce terrorism in our India?

Posted in [Current Events](#) on 26 January 2009



This question received:
41 STARS



Geetu K

Best Answer

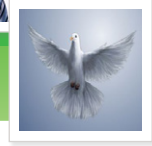
Well, better late than never. I think it's now high time. We need to answer the terrorists. Indians have patience and a hope to win hearts by their peaceful nature. But terrorists are overlooking a fact that India is a country of fighters. What's important today is to keep a strict and active eye and policing checks in the airports, seaports, railway stations, metro stations. If every citizen wants to fight against terror, don't just depend on the armed forces to keep you secure. Be aware of your surroundings and don't let any strange thing happen. Awareness in public really counts...



This answer received:
3 THUMBS-UP

February

India looked to the West for answers. How would 2009 be different? Were the answers to be found in America? Would Obama be the hope?



Anil M

Is everyone busy watching Obama? Will he transform the world?

Posted in [Current Events](#) on 20 February 2009



This question received:
35 STARS



Unwanted Spirit

Best Answer

Obama gives us hope. He won't be able to pull us out of the pit Bush dug for us, but he needs us to believe he can, so we'll back him up as he tries to do so. He has challenges Bush didn't. He's a history making figure, and so he'll be more closely watched than any other president we've had. People will expect much more out of him as a man and a leader because of his background, and how he rose up. He knows he can't wipe the slate clean, but at least he's willing to try. He already has begun the transformation. He's the first black (bi-racial as far as I'm concerned) president the US has ever had. Now black people have a good role model to look up to. Their race won't be synonymous with negative so much anymore. I pray that he can do many more transformations for our country as well as others. I just hope his father's found out and is smiling, that his son did the unthinkable... became the leader of the world.



This answer received:
11 THUMBS-UP

March

We saw the big global financial crisis reflect in our lives. What would its impact be on India? It was money matters that occupied Indians in March!

RECESSION

CREDIT
CRUNCH



rsureshraajaa

What is the impact of global economic recession in India?

Posted in [Business & Finance](#) on 27 March 2009



This question received:
8 STARS



Cobra

Best Answer

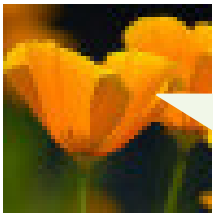
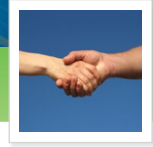
Dear, recession will have its plus point and minus points. The minus points are that, there will be job scarcity; retrenchment will be all time high, liquidity in the market will be low; export market will be severely hit etc. The plus point is that cost of living will come down. Things we were exporting will be forced to be sold locally, bringing the price of products down. Real estate which was out of reach for the common man will be within his reach. During the time of recession, hold on to whatever job you have. Those who have lost your jobs, do not be choosy. Take up any job that comes by. Remember every day has a night and every night has a day. This is all temporary and will pass soon.



This answer received:
3 THUMBS-UP

April

The best thing about belonging to a community is that we can seek comfort from each other and find inspiring ways to rise again.



Madhavi



This question received:
31 STARS

How to gain encouragement to go on, even when hard work doesn't give satisfactory results?

At times it happens that you are working really hard towards some goal. But each time you stumble. You try harder and stumble still.. Each fall makes one frustrated and exhausted and also hopeless.. How should a person gain motivation and strength to go on with positivity?

Posted in [Philosophy](#) on 1 April 2009



Small



This answer received:
5 THUMBS-UP

Best Answer

Thanks for a great question on motivation, the right answer to which is widely useful to a lot of people, but not at all easy to zoom in on! All I want to do is just share some thoughts that have come to my mind on the issue. Even I am truly unsure if this is the answer.

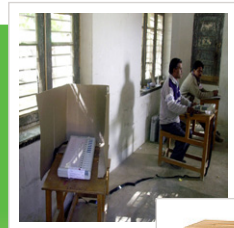
We have heard the story of King Bruce. The spider never gave up. I believe that we give up since we are more intelligent and thoughtful but unwisely let it turn negative, which the single-minded spider isn't perhaps capable of. It is our negative thinking that robs us of motivation even as the goal remains valid and duly desired.

If we remain positive, every fall and every failure will bring a new insight and idea for us to try the next time... being more intelligent and thoughtful than a spider, we would be in a position to try differently every next time improving the probability of success each time we stumble or fail... something like climbing a ladder rung by rung.

The key therefore is to remain positive, especially after a fall or failure.

May

When it's election time, everyone has an opinion. How informed are you? On Answers you can find all the facts you need to make an informed decision.



Vinita S

Do you think criminals should be allowed to participate in the elections?

The best way to prevent criminals from becoming politicians is to disallow anyone with a criminal record from standing for elections. Do you think this is a good idea?

Posted in [Elections](#) on 4 May 2009



This question received:
13 STARS



Anu Radon

Best Answer

Dear Vinita,

In a democracy its all up to us!

If they (political parties) put a criminal as a candidate, then HOW can he/she win? How? It's by peoples' vote, isn't it?

Then we need to change. How many of you have read today's newspaper? Think dear, it is each one of us who need to change... Ask your friends or just yourself these very simple questions. You will be astonished by the result.

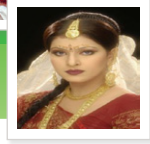
1. Who is your current elected representative at the panjayath/corporation/municipality level (local self gov)?
 2. Who is the current elected legislative representative from your ward?
 3. Who is the MP from your place?
 4. How many kinds of elections do you have? What are they?
- We have the responsibility and obligation to know this.
That's responsible democracy.



This answer received:
0 THUMBS-UP

June

It is said that matches are made in heaven. In India, it is the parents who find their offspring a suitable mate. But is that a good thing?



Capt. Jack.



This question received:
32 STARS

What do you think about parents arranging marriages for their children?

But I just don't understand the logic behind that. How do the boy and the girl get to know each other well in a short span of time? I personally feel children should be given liberty to love and marry someone but with proper advice. Can you please share your thoughts?

Posted in [Marriage & Divorce](#) on 11 June 2009



Harijann



This answer received:
1 THUMBS-UP

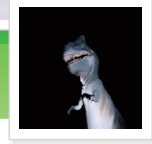
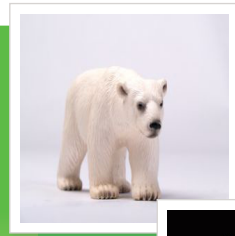
Best Answer

What is Love? It is a combination of everything physical, emotional, psychological. All this makes a perfect marriage.

In a modern society educated parents and children understand the necessity to develop relations before arranged marriages. Arranged marriage is a collective initiative with our approval and has the love, support and backing of all concerned parties like the boys parents, the girls parents, cousins, relatives, etc and this support systems helps to bind the relation in the initial stages. It helps to sustain the marriage in the initial stages and gradually it flourishes physically, emotionally and psychologically.

July

It's no surprise that on Answers you can find all sorts of trivia. Our users are always curious about the world around us and all its creatures - great and small.



Josna



This question received:
57 STARS

Which is the largest meat eating animal of the land?

Posted in [Zoology](#) on 11 July 2009



No Idea



This answer received:
65 THUMBS-UP

Best Answer

Largest Carnivore (Ever) Giganotosaurus carolinii was 40 ft long, and weighed 8 tons. Looked like a T-Rex.

Largest Carnivore: THE POLAR BEAR!

The polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) is a bear native to the Arctic Ocean and its surrounding seas. The world's largest carnivore found on land, and shares the title of largest land predator with the Kodiak Bear,[3] an adult male weighs around 400–680 kg (880–1,500 lb),[4] while an adult female is about half that size. Although it is closely related to the brown bear, it has evolved to occupy a narrow ecological niche, with many body characteristics adapted for cold temperatures, for moving across snow, ice, and open water, and for hunting the seals which make up most of its diet.[5] Although most polar bears are born on land, it spends most of its time at sea, hence its name meaning "maritime bear", and can hunt consistently only from sea ice, spending much of the year on the frozen sea.

August

People got more environment friendly in 2009. There was certainly plenty of awareness about protecting the environment with questions like this one:



Somu_651



This question received:
4 STARS

How is a paper bag useful than a plastic bag?

Please list out the differences.

Posted in [Environment](#) on 25 August 2009



Ms. Sokoloff



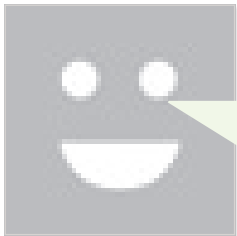
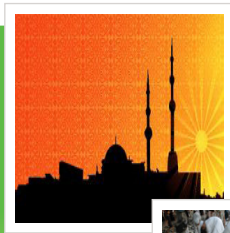
This answer received:
1 THUMBS-UP

Best Answer

It holds a lot more stuff
Your kids can color on it when you're done with it
You can make giant hand puppets out of it
Your cat can play in it
Your kids and pets won't suffocate and die in it
You can use it to throw up in
You can use it to breathe into when you are hyperventilating
You can eat it if you have Pica
You can wipe your butt with it if you run out of toilet paper
You can cut it up and make confetti
You can draw a face on it and wear it to cover your ugly face
You can cut arm and head holes and make a shirt
You can cut leg holes and make Spongebob panties
You can make your kids use it for a school notebook
You can write hateful messages on it to display in traffic...
I see no advantage to using a plastic bag at all.

September

To co-exist peacefully, we need to understand each other. All Indians are on the path of mutual discovery. What is the significance of lamps on Diwali? Or this:



Kanchan

Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?

Posted in [Holidays](#) on 30 September 2009



This question received:
86 STARS



Shahajahan

Best Answer

The Qur'aan says (translation of the meaning): [002.183] "O you who believe! Observing fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may become pious." [002.185] "The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the Criterion (between right and wrong). So, whoever of you sights (the crescent on the first night of) the month (of Ramadan), he must observe fasts that month, and whoever is ill or on a journey, the same number [of days which one did not observe (fasts) must be made up] from other days..." Source(s): To learn more about Islaam and Muslims see: AND also: Muslims fast in Ramdan because Allah wants us to feel how poor people feel, when they dont have food for the whole day. There many other reasons, including that it helps us become a great Muslim. I think Muslims realize the importance of food and water, and everything that is provided by Allah. Salaam.

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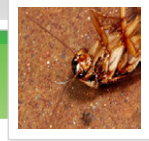
The Qur'aan



This answer received:
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October

How to guides on Answers are very popular. Be it how to run a country or how to run a clean household, we've got it all covered!



Raseema

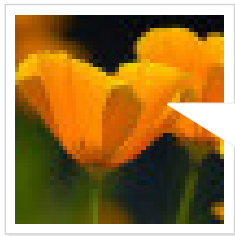
What is the sure shot method of getting rid of cockroaches from my kitchen?

The more I use my insecticide, the more they come back, and besides insecticides are not good for health. Any body?

Posted in [Home and Garden](#) on 12 October 2009



This question received:
141 STARS



Fade To Black

Best Answer

You can rid yourself of roaches and it isn't that hard really. When I was young I could only afford to live in the low rent district. Well, guess what, so did the roaches.

If you are in an apartment, you can only chase them over to where your neighbors live. It's not a bad idea to get them all to spray at the same time so that your not just trading bugs each time a neighbor sprays at a different time.

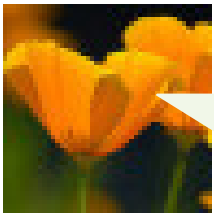
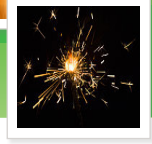
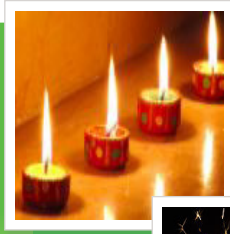
Rule number one: Go to the store and buy a gallon jug of roach or bug killer with a hose attachment and a spray trigger on the end of it. Keep it where you can get your hands on it fast. You can adjust the sprayer for a stream or a spray. -- ALSO -- Buy a container of "Roach Proof" or similar powder that they will track into their hiding places on their feet.



This answer received:
438 THUMBS-UP

November

Festivals are a time to delve deeper into one's consciousness and understand the true meaning of life. It's about spreading the message of truth and light...



Aum



This question received:
35 STARS

What is your message/wish on this Diwali?

May God bring light of Truth into your lives.

Posted in [Religion & Spirituality](#) on 1 November 2009



**C. Sri Vidya
Rajagopalan**



This answer received:
**12 THUMBS-
UP**

Best Answer

'Deepawali Prakashyeta Khalu Sarvam'. 'May the Deepawali (Diwali) take the humanity towards Eternal Light!' For Hindus, Diwali is a celebration of the victory of good over evil. For Jains, Diwali marks the anniversary of the attainment of moksha or liberation by Mahavira, the last of the Tirthankaras, who were the great teachers of Jain dharma, at the end of his life in 527 B.C. For Sikhs, Diwali is feted as the day that the sixth founding Sikh Guru, or revered teacher, Guru Hargobind ji, was released from captivity from the ruling Mughal Emperor.

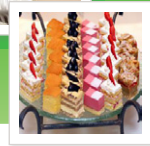
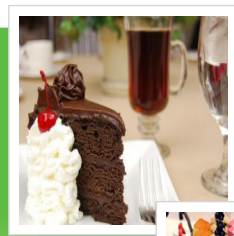
D I W A L I, Divine Light to dispell ignorance, the Internal darkness:
D - Divine is the Eternal flame I - 'I' consciousness that I exist
W - Wavelets of higher Bliss, A - Aspiring for Perfection, L - Love is Divine Expression, I - Identification with the Self
Diwali is the Eternal flame to understand the I-consciousness within the wavelets of higher bliss for aspiring the perfection. Love is the medium of the Divine expression for the identification with the self.

Source:

<http://sanskritvoice.com/2007/11/08/the>
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali>

December

Naturally with the festive and holiday season around, we are all eager to eat, drink, and be merry. What better way to end a year than with something sweet?



Coco

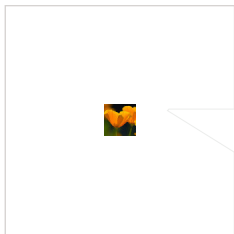
Can you give me dessert ideas for about 150 people?

My friend had volunteered to make desserts for about 150 people. The thing is she wants me to help her. So I would appreciate if you experts out there could give me some easy dessert recipes with the amount you think could feed 150 people. And I want something Christmassy.

Posted in [Cooking and Recipes](#) on 4 December 2009



This question received:
0 STARS



pam-i-am

Best Answer

A lady at church makes this a lot for big gatherings. It's made in one of those 12 1/2 x 17 1/2 jelly roll pans so you get a lot of servings from one pan. You can just figure out how many servings you can get out of one pan and figure out how many sheets you would need to reach 150 (or over for a cushion) The recipe says 12 - 16 servings but that would be really big pieces. I would say with 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 size brownie you could get 35 servings per pan. The chocolate is divine, but there is a white cake recipe too. I would leave nuts off of a couple in case someone has a nut allergy...but the nuts are great for the frosting flavor. If I were you, I would try making one for the family to see how many you can get out of one pan.

I found a 3rd option that looks super easy - you use pre-made pound cake, or you can make a pound cake and alter it with cream cheese and nutella. Check out the 3rd link.

Source:

Chocolate: <http://www.recipezaar.com/Texas-Sheet-Cake-13554>

White Cake: <http://www.recipezaar.com/White-Texas-Sheet-Cake-27899>



This answer received:
0 THUMBS-UP



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So that's the Highlights of 2009.

This book is dedicated to you. Thank you for excitedly sharing your knowledge and expertise on the site. You helped make this year an exciting one filled with a lot of learning. So a big thank you to all our contributors for making Answers such a respected site.

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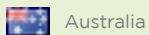
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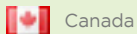
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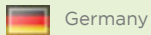
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