



## **Curious Questions Giveaway Entries**

*Our students come from different backgrounds. We intentionally chose to share their honest questions on some controversial or religious topics. Sharing these questions does not constitute an endorsement.*

### **Emma R, 11, Kentucky**

Why are January 1st and April Fool's Day so special? Who makes these days up? Why don't we have New Year's Day on May 17th? Why don't we have a July Fool's Day in July as well as April?

Why does the carbon dioxide on Venus make it so hot?

When was the cookie invented?

What genes do Appaloosas have to make them spotted?

Why are different breeds of horses able to do different things? For example why are Hackneys gaited?

### **Max Y., 11, Minnesota**

Why do squirrels run across telephone wires?

Why do people sometimes have different opinions on things?

Why do people get stuck when they are writing things?  
Why do people sometimes stare into the distance when they are thinking?  
What came first, the color orange or the fruit orange?

### **Alyson O., 13, Florida ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

How are fainting goats not extinct?

What color are mirrors?

Was Lincoln tall, or was everyone else short?

What does "Croatoan" mean?

Why is it not socially acceptable to dress in costume everyday?

### **Lewis B., 12, Ohio**

Why is gold weaker than silver, but more valuable?

Why are some people better at things than others?

What is the most painful Lego to step on?

Why is waiting so hard?

What makes arachnophobes scared of spiders?

### **Hannah E., 13, Florida**

Why is it that the average human can't remember what they had for breakfast the day before but they can remember feelings and/or small insignificant scenes from their childhood?

Why would a human dye a Rabbit skin the color of an animal you could go to jail for killing?

Why are human's solution to a broken world to brake it more?

Why are humans so rude when asking other people to stop being rude?

I wonder how long it took great human writers to create great characters?

### **Abigail E., 14, Florida**

Why are oranges named after their color?

Why do things tend to go in my ear and out the other when I'm trying to focus on hard stuff?

If they can make fake animal fur for stuffed animals can't they make fake rabbit skin too?

Do I really need math to become a writer?

How long does it take to learn Spanish?

## **Clinton M., 12, New Zealand**

If I was born in a different family would I have a different personality or would I be similar to who I am now?

How do people start a government? Who gained the power that people will listen to them and do what they say?

How can peoples eyes convey emotion? I mean if you look at somebody's ears you have no idea of how they're feeling.

Why did people start clapping after somebody performed something? Why clapping?

How come music effects peoples emotions so much when it's just a series of notes and sounds?

## **Jayna D., 12, California ~ Finalist**

Why do people buy things that they just throw away two months later?

How can something so captivating and beautiful as fire cause so much destruction?

Why is the stereotypical pencil yellow and not something different, like blue?

If no one had discovered petroleum, would we have any cars?

What would happen if the earth started spinning west to east, instead of east to west like it normally turns?

## **Lily-anne H., 13, Canada**

Why do smaller animals live shorter than bigger animals?

Why do some people consider rats and mice pets, while others consider them pests?

If people milk cows and goats, why is it gross and inhumane to milk dogs?

Why are there so many different math curriculums?

Why do some dogs never stop eating, while others only eat enough?

## **Larry M., 11, Florida**

What does the heart need to make blood?

How did God create all things if something had to create him?

Do they called board games "board game" because you play them when you are bored?

What does it feel like to be sucked into a black hole?

Are we all descendants of Adam and Eve?

## **Keira S., 12, Illinois**

Why do humans laugh when they find something funny?  
When someone tells you not to do something why do you then often want to do it?  
Why are long eyelashes girly?  
Why do some people find enjoyment in others' misfortune?  
Why does music convey emotion better than words?

## **Liam B., 12, California ~ Finalist**

How are languages invented?  
Does everything have a purpose, and if not, what doesn't?  
Is mathematics the structure of the universe?  
Are dreams real if they're not remembered?  
Why do people say one thing and believe another?

## **Tate L., 11, Minnesota**

Why is a giraffe's tongue blue?  
Why do people make promises they can't keep?  
Who invents brain puzzles?  
Why is it easier to think with a pencil in your hand?  
Why does time feel so slow for some stuff and so fast for other stuff?

## **Levi L., 13, Minnesota**

How did people think of writing? Who first invented writing?  
What would it be like to be the president? How much effort would it take?  
Who invented pi ( $\pi$ )?  
Who thought of putting games on phones?  
Why do people make New Year's resolutions if they're bound to break them sooner or later?

## **Lauralyn L., 9, Minnesota**

Why do scientists make up and use such long words?  
Why are computers so expensive?  
Who invented money?

Who made up English writing?

When you are playing, why does it feel fast, but when you are bored, it feels slow?

## **Tayah L., 15, Minnesota**

Is the reason people don't remember things from when they were young, because their attention span was so short?

How does something become a cultural rule?

Is the reason leaves change colors in the fall to give us one more beautiful thing before the desolate winter begins?

What makes people prefer the city with tiny apartments verses rolling hills and acreage in the country?

How do photographers make a so-so place look awe-inspiring?

## **Amelie M., 12, Michigan**

Do other animal species dream?

Can chameleons see in color?

Why can dreams be so weird?

How is neon ink made?

Why do cats purr?

## **Aubrey M., 8, Michigan**

Can cats see colors, beside black and white?

Why are sweatpants so comfortable?

How big is the sun, in relation to the universe?

Can flowers be black?

How many lightyears away is the nearest black hole?

## **Holly W., 11, Washington**

Why do people want to be millionaires with large, rich houses if they are working all day and don't spend time in them?

Why does the camera make things look farther away; do our eyes zoom in, or does the camera zoom out?

Why don't dogs sweat?

Who thought up crocheting, knitting, weaving, and other needlework arts?

What would happen to us if Yellowstone erupted?

## **Kaylin O., 12, Texas**

Are animals ticklish?

Who (other than Jesus) is the most famous person in history?

Why are books of the readers choice usually more enjoyable than an assigned book even if the books are alike?

Why do people fight wars about peace?

Why do we see some waves (light waves) but hear other waves (sound waves)?

## **Micah M., 11, Alaska**

Why do people want to be famous?

Why do people turn games into competitions?

Why do people value gold more than iron?

Why are there colors?

How do cats purr?

## **Elijah S., 12, California**

What is a black hole made of?

Is there anything smaller than a neutron?

What does my skin itch?

## **Elizabeth H., 14, North Dakota**

Why do kids like scribbling on and poking holes in erasers?

Who decides what people need to learn?

Why do people like matching gloves and socks?

If colors are just waves, then do things really have a color?

If we are looking at things through atoms in the air, then would things look clearer if there was no air?

## **Hudson K., 12, California**

Is there a physical and or mental limit to the amount of not-vague words you can use before your brain goes kablooie?

What do you do on a spaceship that travels for an extremely long time?

Why is math so complicated yet so easy???

Why say "let's go!" as in sports or something, when you're clearly not going anywhere?

I've never seen a hot dog in Mickey Mouse. Why have a hot dog dance or even a song?

## **Faith L., 11, California**

Why is glitter so addicting?

Why when you look at something cute, you get the feeling you want to take it home?

Why is Mr. S pointing to the roof on the cover of the Student Book? What's up there?

Why when chickens walk, do their heads bob up and down?

Why do people have baby showers before the baby is born? Why not have a party after baby is born and invite the guest of honor?

## **Isabel E., 13, California**

Why does ginger taste so spicy?

What is the difference between acrylic paint brushes and watercolor brushes?

Why are cell phones so addictive?

What is the most expensive car in the world?

Why do animals hibernate?

## **Kaylie M., 13, California**

Is math the most hardest subject?

How is space endless?

Does a magazine have to be five pages long?

Why are most actors and actresses from America and Australia?

Why does Iron Man have to die in Avengers End Game?

## **Benjamin Z., 12, California**

When will everyone know about Jesus?

Why are video games so addictive?

Why do people go to the ocean just to lie in the sand?

Why do I always have a hard time picking a Halloween costume?  
How do Ipods work???

## **Timothy C., 12, California**

How old is the earth?  
What was the very first language before the Tower of Babel?  
How do scientists know if an object is five million years old?  
How did Adam the first human man look like?  
Why are there genders in some languages but not in others?

## **Shari Kristine D., 11, California ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

How can the sun be on fire if there is no oxygen in space?  
How did cavemen discover fire? Did they simply bang two rocks together or was it a lucky accident?  
If cake that you have on your birthday (birthday cake) can be any flavor why is "birthday cake" a flavor?  
Has the sky ever been completely covered in clouds?  
How did Halloween start? Did some kids just dress up and start asking for candy?

## **Joshua M., 12, California**

What keeps the solar system in place? I know that the sun does with gravity but what keeps the sun in place?  
Is there a planet underneath the earth that is habitable?  
Is there a way to harness the magnetic field of a magnet to make electricity?  
Why does the world have so many different nations? Why can't we just combine into one super nation?  
Is it possible to download something from a computer onto someone's brain?

## **Luke W., 12, California**

Why does The Thinking Man look like he is in the restroom?  
Why does my dad salute coals trucks?  
Why is there a hide and seek world championship?



Why did that kid fall out of that tree?  
Why did my three year old brother beat me in that race?

## **Charlotte O., 13, North Carolina ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

Why are some colors more appealing than others?  
How many people do I meet every day that are going to be important to me in the future?  
Why are my opinions always changing?  
Why is it so important to remember someone's eye color?  
What makes people creative?

## **Hannah W., 12, Rhode Island**

Why do characters on TV shows try to teach you the moral lesson not to stare at screens all day when that is the very thing they want you to do?  
What does it take to cure a snob?  
What makes imagination good or bad?  
How do you know how brave you are?  
Why is reading about other's troubles so entertaining?

## **Samuel B., 12, Washington**

Why is a Lamborghini more expensive than a Toyota?  
Why do we talk about preventing global warming and then don't do anything to prevent it?  
How can I be better at drawing comics and superhero's?  
Who was the first person to make Superhero's?  
What is another way to get better at school subjects other than studying and working hard?

## **Benjamin S., 12, The Netherlands**

Why are wolves often the "bad guys" in stories?  
Are there animals in Heaven?  
Why do little kids love using potty words?  
Why is math so frustrating?  
Why is the floor still dirty even after we have just swept and vacuumed?

## **Teige S., 11, Rhode Island**

Can you make syrup with oak sap?  
How light is helium?  
What is sharpie ink made of?  
Why is curry so good?  
Why is hemlock bad for you?

## **Ezra S., 9, Rhode Island**

Is life an illusion?  
Is immortality real?  
How do genders work?  
Does this house have a secret bunker?  
Are books magic and/or living?

## **Cassandra O., 10, Wisconsin**

Why does my baby sisters bunny toy look like a zombie?  
Why does our cat cheeta bark like a dog?  
Why don't parents have good answers to big questions, like why do we live?  
Since bananas are radioactive if I am bit by one, will I become banana man?  
Why does my amazon echo turn on when no one speaks at all?

## **Camryn G., 13, Alberta**

Why is pink not "light red"?  
What stereotype was the person who invented the word "stereotype" thinking of?  
If cats ruled the world, what would be considered right and wrong?  
What is the allure of stickers?  
Why do so many of my curious questions begin with "why"?

## **Zephy B., 14, Washington**

Do all monkeys actually like bananas, or do some despise them?  
Is it weird that sock monkeys wear socks?  
Do some horseshoes bring bad luck?

When they're alone, do jack-o-lanterns speak with each other?  
Would a rhino look good in a fez?

### **Thalassa B., 13, Washington**

Are donuts more like bagels or bundt cakes?  
Do old books smell different based upon what trees were used for the paper?  
If a rabbit wore a onesie pajama suit, would it cover its ears, too?  
Why do dogs wag their tails when they're happy, but cats wag when they're mad?  
What would it be like to live in a snow globe or an ice cube?

### **Erica M., 14, California**

How and why does glue work?  
How does helium escape balloons?  
What if people could engineer living things?  
How many colors are there that we can't see?  
How many questions are there?

### **Gracie C., 13, Florida**

Why are there so many sounds in a quiet home?  
Why is it that furry animals shed constantly?  
Why do horses roll in the dirt after they get a bath?