

CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

- How and why do things change over time?
- How and why do they stay the same over time? Is change positive or negative?





BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS

A terrorist attack that took place a short distance from the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 13. A pair of homemade bombs detonated in the crowd watching the race, killing 3 people and injuring more than 260.



HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE MOVIE RELEASED

Adaptation of the first of J.K. Rowling's popular children's novels about Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own.

A movie poster for 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. The central figure is Harry Potter, a young boy with black hair and round glasses, wearing a white shirt, red tie, and black robe. He is surrounded by other characters: Albus Dumbledore (an elderly man with a long white beard and a red turban) is in the top left; Hermione Granger (a girl with blonde hair) is in the top right; Sirius Black (a man with a large black beard) is in the bottom right; and a small, mischievous-looking character is in the bottom left. The background is dark with a blue sky and a white owl flying. Two lit candles in ornate holders are on either side of the bottom. The title 'Harry Potter' is written in a large, golden, stylized font at the bottom, with 'AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE' in smaller text below it.

Harry Potter
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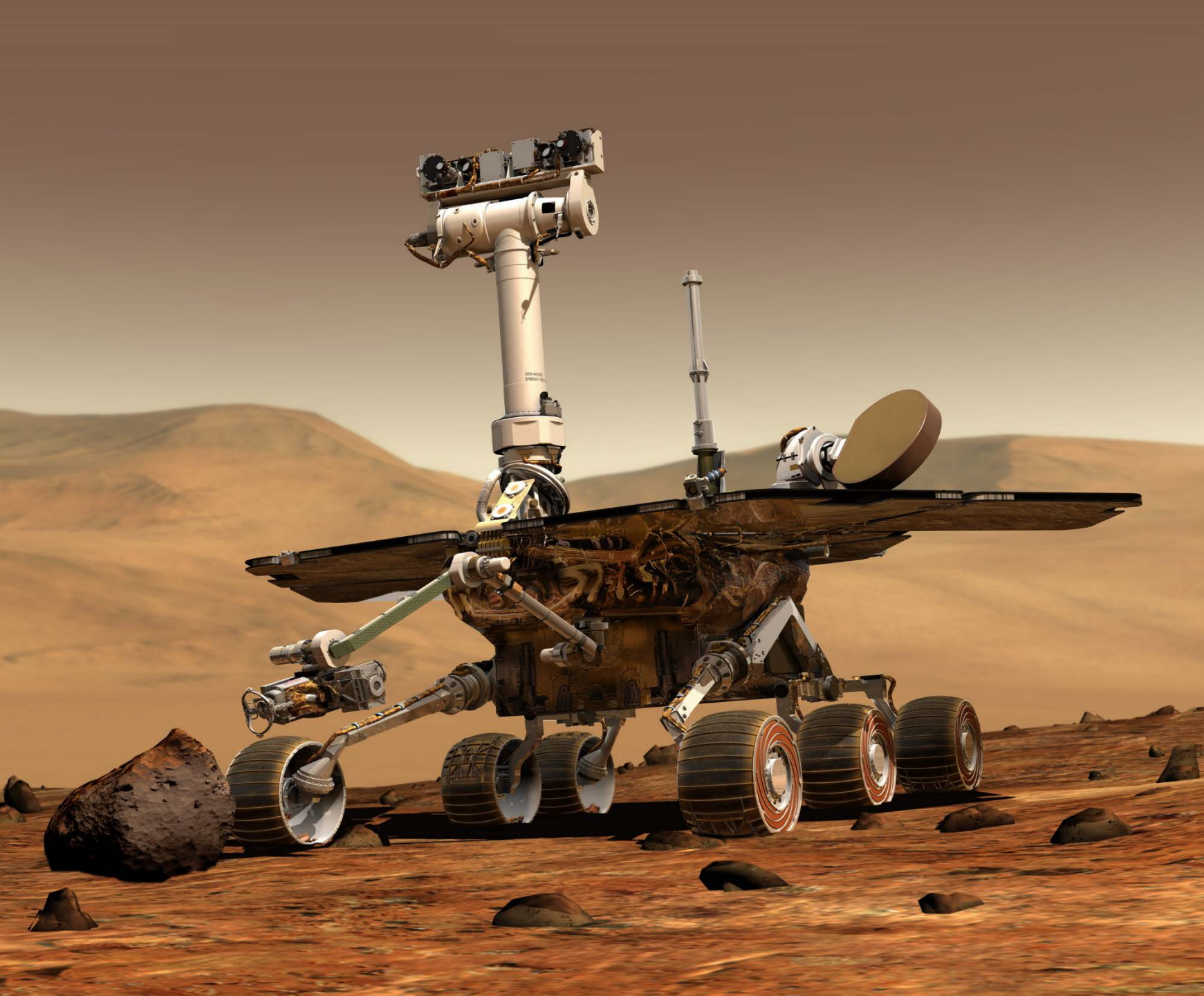




FACEBOOK INVENTED

The Facebook website was launched on February 4 by Mark Zuckerberg, along with fellow Harvard College students and roommates, Eduardo Saverin, Andrew McCollum, Dustin Moskovitz, and Chris Hughes. It was originally just made for Harvard students but was eventually expanded to be available to anyone over the age of 13 with a valid email address.





MARS ROVER LANDS ON MARS

NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Mission (MER) is an ongoing robotic space mission involving two rovers, Spirit[1] and Opportunity,[2] exploring the planet Mars.

The mission's scientific objective was to search for and characterize a wide range of rocks and soils that hold clues to past water activity on Mars.





THE ROYAL WEDDING

The wedding of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and Catherine Middleton took place on 29 April at Westminster Abbey in London, United Kingdom.





LANCE ARMSTRONG ADMITS TO DOPING

Lance Armstrong had won the Tour de France seven consecutive times from 1999 to 2005, but was stripped of his victories after a protracted doping scandal.

Lance confessed to cheating for at least a decade, and admitted that he owed all seven of his Tour de France titles and the millions of dollars in endorsements that followed to his use of illicit performance-enhancing drugs.





BARACK OBAMA BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE USA

Senator Barack Obama of Illinois was elected president of the United States over Senator John McCain of Arizona. Obama became the 44th president, and the first African American to be elected to that office. He was subsequently elected to a second term over former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney.





MICHAEL JACKSON DIES

Michael Jackson died of acute propofol and benzodiazepine intoxication at his home on North Carolwood Drive in the Holmby Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles.

Jackson's death triggered an outpouring of reactions around the world, creating unprecedented surges of Internet traffic and causing sales of his music and that of the Jackson 5 to increase dramatically.





USAIN BOLT WINS THE 'TRIPLE- TRIPLE' FOR THE FIRST TIME

Bolt wins gold in 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay at the Olympics in Beijing.

“I was slowing down long before the finish and wasn't tired at all. I could have gone back to the start and done it all over again.”

— *Usain Bolt*





VANCOUVER HOSTS WINTER OLYMPICS

Canada wins its 14 gold medals, making it the most winter gold ever won by one country.

The atmosphere surrounding the Olympics, and its inclusion of foreign delegates and guests, was also praised, with many seasoned Winter Olympic observers putting the games at, or near, the top of the list of best ever Winter Olympics.





STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS RELEASED

Approximately 30 years after the destruction of the second Death Star, the last remaining Jedi, Luke Skywalker, has disappeared. The First Order has risen from the fallen Galactic Empire and seeks to eliminate the New Republic. The Resistance, backed by the Republic and led by Luke's twin sister, General Leia Organa, opposes them while searching for Luke to enlist his aid.





MIKE DUFFY IS CHARGED WITH FRAUD, BREACH OF TRUST AND BRIBERY

Duffy was one of four senators accused of claiming primary residency outside of Ottawa in order to claim living expenses for time working in Ottawa. In his trial decision, Judge Vaillancourt said Duffy had no choice in the matter, as he had been appointed to represent Prince Edward Island in the Senate





MALAYSIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 370 DISAPPEARS

Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 was a scheduled international passenger flight operated by Malaysia Airlines that disappeared on 8 March while flying from Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Malaysia, to Beijing Capital International Airport in China. The plane has yet to be found and its passengers assumed lost.





Broadcast Yourself

YOUTUBE IS LAUNCHED

YouTube allows users to upload and view a variety of music, comedy, and homemade videos.

The first YouTube video uploaded on April 23 was titled Me at the zoo, and shows co-founder Jawed Karim at the San Diego Zoo





PLUTO IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED A PLANET

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) downgraded the status of Pluto to that of "dwarf planet." This means that from now on only the rocky worlds of the inner Solar System and the gas giants of the outer system will be designated as planets.



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‘JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE’

U.S. forces kill Osama bin Laden

PRIVILEGED SON BECAME THE GLOBAL FACE OF TERRORISM

BY BRADLEY GARDNER

Osama bin Laden, 54, who was born into Saudi riches, only to end up leading a self-declared holy war against the United States as head of one of the most ruthless, far-flung terrorist networks in history, died Sunday in the manner he had often predicted: in a strike by U.S. forces.

As the founder of al-Qaeda, bin Laden demonstrated the power and global reach of a terrorism campaign rooted in centuries-old Islamic beliefs and skilled in modern-day technologies. The militants he inspired have proved remarkably resilient, and the organization he established continues to pose a substantial threat to U.S. interests overseas.



PUBLIC ENEMY: Bin Laden was also wanted by al-Qaeda's branchings of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya in 1998.



HISTORIC: Bin Laden's death will provide a clear moment of victory for Obama at a time of deep political turmoil overseas.

TEAM ATTACKED COMPOUND IN PAKISTAN WHERE HE WAS HIDING

BY SCOTT WILSON AND CRAIG WHITLOCK

Osama bin Laden has been killed in a U.S. operation in Pakistan, President Obama announced from the White House on Sunday, calling his death "the most significant achievement to date in our nation's effort to defeat al-Qaeda."

Speaking from the East Room, Obama said a small team of U.S. personnel attacked a compound Sunday in the city of Abbottabad, where bin Laden had been hiding since late last summer. After a firefight, the president said, the U.S. team killed bin Laden and "took custody of his body."

"We will be reverent in defense of our citizens and our friends and

OSAMA BIN-LADEN'S DEATH

Osama bin Laden, the founder and head of the Islamist group Al-Qaeda, was killed in Pakistan on May 2, shortly after 1:00 by United States Navy SEALs of the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group





**SASKATCHEWAN
ROUGH RIDERS WIN
THE GREY CUP IN
REGINA**





ISIS ATTACKS IN PARIS

The Paris attacks were a series of coordinated terrorist attacks that occurred on Friday 13 in Paris, France and the city's northern suburb, Saint-Denis. Beginning at 21:16, three suicide bombers struck outside the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, during a football match. This was followed by several mass shootings, and a suicide bombing, at cafés and restaurants. Gunmen carried out another mass shooting and took hostages at a concert in the Bataclan theatre, leading to a stand-off with police.





PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

Omar Mateen, a 29-year-old security guard, killed 49 people and wounded 53 others in a terrorist attack/hate crime inside Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, United States. He was shot and killed by Orlando Police Department (OPD) officers after a three-hour standoff.





THE FIRST IPHONE IS RELEASED

The iPhone is the first smartphone model designed and marketed by Apple. It is the first generation of iPhone.

Steve Jobs introduced the iPhone as a combination of three devices: a "widescreen iPod with touch controls"; a "revolutionary mobile phone"; and a "breakthrough Internet communicator"

