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1 <i>##Ahh, The Simpsons ##</i>	a magazine in my life, and I'm not gonna start now.
2 D'oh!	19 Hey, a cartoon!
3 Stupid junk mail.	20 Ain't it the truth?
4 Yeah. Win this.	21 No, it's not the truth, Homer.
5 I'll see that he gets it.	22 It's well-documented that women are safer drivers than men.
6 How dumb do they think I am? Huh? A check?	23 Oh, Marge, cartoons don't have any deep meaning.
7 One million dollars.	24 They're just stupid drawings that give you a cheap laugh.
8 I'm rich!	25 <i>Hey, Einstein, put down your reading.</i>
9 Mr. Simpson, I can assure you, this check of yours is nonnegotiable.	26 - It's lunchtime. - You go ahead.
10 Oh, yeah? Well, what makes you so damn sure?	27 Hey, you don't wanna eat? What you do, get one of them stomach staples?
11 See where it says ''Void, void, void'' and ''This is not a check''?	28 <i>As Tolstoy said in Quotable Notables...</i>
12 ''Cash value 1 /20th of a cent.''	29 ''Give me learning, sir, and you may keep your black bread.''
13 - '' Mr. Banker, do not honor.'' - Shut up.	30 - Who is that bookworm, Smithers? - Homer Simpson, sir.
14 I had a feeling it was too good to be true.	31 Simpson, eh? How very strange.
15 Every time you get a million dollars, something queers the deal.	32 His job description clearly specifies an illiterate.
16 I don't think real checks have exclamation points.	33 <i>We now return to Troy McClure and Delores Montenegro in Preacher With a Shovel.</i>
17 <i>Well, at least we got a free sample of Reading Digest.</i>	34 But Irrigation can save
18 Marge, I never read	

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your people, Chief Smiling Bear.

35
Marge, look at them
staring at that idiot box.

36
God forbid they would
ever read something
and improve their minds.

37
You've certainly taken
a shine to that magazine.

38
It's not just
one magazine, Marge.

39
They take hundreds of magazines,
filter out the crap...

40
and leave you with something
that fits right in your front pocket.

41
God! Those kids don't know
what they're missing.

42
- Dad!
- Hey, what gives, man?

43
We're all going to sit down
as a family...

44
and listen to an inspiring story
of wilderness survival.

45
'Then I heard the sound...

46
'that all
arctic explorers dread--

47
the pitiless bark
of the sea lion.'

48
He'll be killed!

49
Homer, he obviously got out alive
if he wrote the article.

50
Don't be so--
Oh, you're right.

51
Homey, put down your magazine
for a minute.

52
- Huh?
- I thought you might wanna snuggle.

53
That reminds me.
'Seven ways to spice up
your marriage.'

54
Marge, 'You have a nice body...

55
and if you'd like to
see me in a costume,
you have only to ask.'

56
Thank you, Homey.

57
- Wow! Little meat loaf men!

58
Where did you get
the idea for this, Mom?

59
Where do you think?
This baby never steers
you wrong, and it was free!

60
- Free.
- It certainly has enriched our
lives.

61
Wow. 'Win a trip
to Washington, D.C.

62
All expenses paid.
V.I.P. tour.'

63
- Oh, it's for kids.
- Wait, Dad!

64
An essay contest.
'Children under 12.

65
Three-hundred words,
fiercely pro-American.'
Sounds interesting.

66

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Bart, maybe this is something
you'd like to do too.

67
Mom, it's a nice thought,
but we both know that
this is the pony to bet on.

68
What would Ben Franklin say
if he were alive today?

69
He'd say, uh...

70
'Think of a better opening.'

71
- How's it going, honey?
- Not very well.

72
Well, when I used to
get stuck like this,
I'd go for a bike ride.

73
- Do kids go
on bike rides anymore?
- Yes!

74
I don't know.
I thought maybe bikes
weren't cool anymore.

75
- Do kids still use that word
'cool'?'
- Yes, Mom!

76
Okay, America, inspire me.

77
<i>Wow, a bald eagle.</i>

78
Hmm.

79
<i>Thanks for driving me
to the contest, Dad.</i>

80
Sweetheart, there's nothing
I wouldn't do for that magazine.

81
'So burn the flag if you must,
but before you do...

82

'you better burn
a few other things.

83
'You better burn your shirt
and your pants.

84
' Be sure to burn
your TV and car.

85
'Oh, yes, and don't forget
to burn your house...

86
'because none of those things
could exist without six white
stripes...

87
seven red stripes
and a hell of a lot of stars.'

88
- Thank you very much.

89
Yeah! Damn right!

90
' Recipe for a free country:
Mix one cup liberty with
three teaspoons of justice.

91
Add one informed electorate.
Baste well with veto power.'

92
' My back is spineless.
My belly is yellow.

93
I am the American nonvoter.'

94
'Stir in two cups of checks.
Sprinkle liberally with balances.'

95
' Ding, dong. The sounds
of the Liberty Bell.

96
Ding-- freedom.
Dong-- opportunity.

97
Ding-- excellent schools.
Dong-- quality hospitals.'

98
'When America was born

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on that hotJuly day in 1 77 6...

99

'the trees in Springfield Forest
were tiny saplings,
trembling towards the sun.

100

'And as they were nourished
by Mother Earth...

101

'so too did our fledgling nation
find strength...

102

'in the simple ideals
of equality and justice.

103

<i>'Who would have thought
such mighty oaks
or such a powerful nation...</i>

104

could grow out of something
so fragile, so pure?'

105

<i>- Thank you.</i>

106

- What do you think?
- It's good.

107

A little too good
for an eight-year-old.

108

Me thinks I detect
the sickly scent of the daddy.

109

Mr. Simpson, I'd like to
ask you a few questions
about your daughter's essay.

110

- Lisa, will you excuse us?
- Okay.

111

'We the purple'?
What the hell was that?

112

- Are you a professional writer?
- Mm-mmm.

113

Are you interested in
politics or government?

114

I don't know.

115

- Are you interested in anything?
- I don't know.

116

- Could you touch your nose for me?
Hmm.
- Mm. Hmm.

117

Lisa, after meeting
your father...

118

I've decided to award you
an additional five points.

119

Congratulations.
You and your family
are going to Washington.

120

Wa-hoo!
Who would have guessed...

121

reading and writing
would pay off?

122

- Yes, sir, can I get you something?
- Playing cards, notepad...

123

aspirin, sewing kit,
pilot's wing pin...

124

propeller-shaped swizzle stick,
sleeping mask...

125

- and anything else
I've got coming to me.
- I'll see what I can do.

126

- Hmm.

127

- Steward!

128

Little boy, I bet you'd like to
visit the cockpit.

129

Ooh-ooh, baby!

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130
And this control stick is like
the handlebars on your tricycle.

131
Now, would you
like to see where
we hang our coats?

132
No, thank you.
I'd rather push
this button. Oops!

133
- No!

134
- We're all gonna die!

135
<i>Look, Marge, that guy has
the same last name we do. Taxi.!</i>

136
Oh, look, Homer,
the I.R.S.

137
- Boo!
- Oh, boo yourself.

138
<i>[Marge]
Here we are, kids.
The Watergate.</i>

139
- Hey!

140
<i>Homer, look.!
They give you a shower cap...</i>

141
and body gel
and bathrobes.

142
<i>And a welcoming mint
on your pillow.</i>

143
Wow, a shoehorn.
Just like in the movies.

144
Shoe goes on, shoe goes off,
shoe goes on, shoe goes off.

145
Shoe goes on,
shoe goes off.

146
<i>Hey, I call first bedsies.</i>

147
Bart, there's no such thing
as first bedsies.
You just made that up.

148
Well, okay,
which one do you want?

149
I... want... that one.

150
Really?
You want that one?

151
It's all yours.
Whatever you say.

152
- Why? What's wrong with it?
- Nothing.

153
- Have a good night's sleep, Lisa.
- No, really, what?

154
- Nothing.
- What did you do to it?

155
- Nothing.
- Mom!

156
What the-- D'oh!
Stupid welcoming mint!

157
- Hello?
- Good morning.
This is your wake-up call.

158
Wake-up call?
It's 2:00 a.m.

159
Sorry, fatso.

160
<i>Free food?</i>

161
<i>Lisa, I'm Faith Crowley--
patriotism editor of Reading
Digest.</i>

162

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<i>Oh, I love your magazine.</i>	177
	Ah!
163	
My favorite section is	178
' ' How to Increase Your Word Power.' '	- What does the ' 'I' ' stand for again?
164	- Oh!
That thing is really,	
really, really... good.	179
	- ' 'On this spot, Richard Nixon bowled back-to-back 300 games.' '
165	- Yeah, right.
Well, good.	
Lisa, I'd like you to meet	180
some other finalists.	Wow, the president's bathroom.
166	
- This is Trong Van Dinh	181
and Maria Dominguez.	- Do you mind?
- Hello.	- Barbara Bush!
167	182
<i>Maria is the National	Oh, you have
Spelling Bee Champion.</i>	those damn badges.
168	183
<i>And Trong has won both	Okay. This tub
the Westinghouse Talent Search...</i>	was installed in 1 894.
169	184
<i>and the NFL Punt,	<i>Mmm. Money.</i>
Pass and Kick Competition.</i>	
	185
170	Hey, watch it, chief.
Have either of you ever run	
into any problems because	186
of your superior ability?	Folks, we print more than
	1 8 million bills a day.
171	
- Hmm?	187
- Sure, I guess.	Oh, and in case
- Oh, me too!	you were wondering...
172	188
These are special	no, we don't give out
V.I.P. badges.	free samples.
173	189
They'll get you into places	Lousy, cheap country.
other tourists never see.	
	190
174	<i>Bart, get out
- Miss, what does the ' 'I' ' stand	of The Spirit of St. Louis.!</i>
for?	
- Important.	191
	- Hey, what's so funny.
175	
- Oh! How about the ' 'V' '?	192
- Very.	- Oh, Marge, grow up!
176	193
- Oh! And, miss,	<i>Congressman, this is, uh,
just one more question.	Springfield National Forest.</i>
- Person.	
	194

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<i>- Now, basically, what we
wanna do is cut her down.
- Uh-huh.</i>

195
As you can see
in our artist's rendition,
it's full of old growth...

196
just aging
and festering away.

197
In comes our logging company
to thin out the clutter.

198
It's all part of nature's,
you know, cycle.

199
Well, Jerry, you're a whale
of a lobbyist, and, uh...

200
I'd like to give you a logging
permit,
I would, but, uh...

201
this isn't like
burying toxic waste.

202
People are gonna notice
those trees are gone.

203
Eh, Congressman, this is where
it gets awkward.

204
I-- I never quite know
how to put this.

205
- I just want to--
- Offer me a bribe?

206
- Oh, what is it?

207
It's that little girl from
Springfield
who wrote the essay.

208
- Could be a good photo-op.
- Sure, fine.

209
- So, uh, where do we--

- Duh, duh, duh, Not here.

210
I've got a little place that
I use for these, uh, matters.
Call me tonight.

211
- Well, hi there.
You must be Lisa Simpson.
- Hello, sir.

212
Lisa, you're a doer,
and who knows, maybe someday...

213
you'll be a congressman
or a senator.

214
We have quite a few
women senators, you know.

215
- Only two. I checked.

216
You're a sharp one.
Well, how about a few pictures?

217
Tot shot always plays
in the sticks.

218
Oh, isn't that nice?

219
Now there is
a politician who cares.

220
If I ever vote,
it'll be for him.

221
Mom?

222
Lisa, the contest
isn't for three hours.

223
I'm too excited to sleep.

224
Anyone up for the
Winifred Beecher Howe Memorial?

225
- Who's that?
- An early crusader for women's
rights.

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226
She led the Floor Mop
Rebellion of 1 91 0.

227
Later, she appeared on
the highly unpopular
7 5-cent piece.

228
- Okay, but you don't know
what you're missing.

229
Oh!

230
'I will iron your sheets
when you iron out...

231
the inequities
in your labor laws.'

232
<i>- Amen, sister.</i>

233
I told you
no one ever came here.

234
So, Bob, where do we stand
on Springfield Forest?

235
<i>Do I get my logging permit?</i>

236
Well, let me put it
this way, Jerry. Timber!

237
- What a pooch.
- Woof woof!.

238
How can I read my essay now?
I don't believe my own words.

239
<i>Honest Abe--
he'll show me the way.</i>

240
<i>- Mr. Lincoln--
- Mr. Lincoln,
I need your advice.</i>

241
What can I do to make this
a better country?

242
Is this a good time
to buy a house?

243
- I can't get my boy to brush.
- Would I look good
with a mustache?

244
I tried using turpentine,
but that just made it worse.

245
<i>Mr. Lincoln?
Mr. Lincoln?</i>

246
My name is Lisa Simpson,
and I have a problem!

247
Mr. Jefferson,
my name is Lisa Simpson...

248
- and I have a problem.
- I know your problem.

249
The Lincoln Memorial
was too crowded.

250
- Sorry, sir. It's just--
- No one ever comes to see me.

251
I don't blame them.
I never did anything important--

252
just the Declaration
of Independence...

253
the Louisiana Purchase,
the dumbwaiter--

254
Maybe I should be going.
I caught you at a bad time.

255
Wait! Please don't go.
I get so lonely.

256
The truth must be told.

257
<i>Oh.! Oh.! Oh.! Oh.!</i>

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Rudy, my man,
you're a miracle worker.

259
Your laundry, sir.

260
There you go.
Buy yourself something nice.

261
- Thank you.
- Bart, are you ready to
go to--

262
<i>- I'll room service you!
- Before you kill me...</i>

263
remember, this trip
is all expenses paid.

264
<i>- Thank you.
- Oh, this guy is awful.</i>

265
I know, honey,
but just sit still.

266
- Welcome, everyone,
to the awards luncheon.

267
I'd like to introduce
our distinguished judges...

268
who will select
our scholarship winner.

269
<i>Former Redskins great
Alonzo Flowers...</i>

270
<i>perennial third-party candidate
Wilson DeFarge...</i>

271
<i>Senate page Brad Fletcher...</i>

272
<i>skin care consultant Rowena...</i>

273
<i>and wealthy gadabout
Chilton Gaines.</i>

274
Our first essayist
will be Lisa Simpson.

275
Lisa? Lisa?

276
- Oh, there she is.

277
Lisa Simpson
will now read her essay--

278
I would like to read
a different essay, if I may?

279
Um-- Okay.

280
The city of Washington was built
on a stagnant swamp...

281
some 200 years ago
and very little has changed.

282
It stank then
and it stinks now.

283
<i>Only today, it is
the fetid stench of corruption
that hangs in the air.</i>

284
- Cool! A ruckus.

285
<i>And who did I see
taking a bribe...</i>

286
but the honorable
Bob Arnold.

287
- But don't worry, Congressman...

288
I'm sure you can buy
all the votes you need
with your dirty money.

289
And this will be one nation
under the dollar...

290
with liberty
and justice for none.

291
Senator, there's a problem

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at the essay contest.

292

- Please, son, I'm very busy.
- A little girl...

293

- is losing faith in democracy.
- Good Lord!

294

<i>Congressman, we want to drill for
oil in Teddy Roosevelt's head.</i>

295

Well-- Teddy who?

296

- Congressman...

297

you're under arrest.

298

- You work fast.
- I work for Uncle Sam.

299

We will now vote
on the House bill 1 022--

300

the expulsion of Bob Arnold.

301

<i>Mr. Speaker, I'm all for the bill,
but shouldn't we tack on...</i>

302

<i>- a pay raise for ourselves?
- No.!!</i>

303

Okay, this should make
my bosses very happy.

304

- Your bosses?
- Yep. All 250 million of them.

305

When my family arrived
in this country four months ago...

306

we spoke no English
and had no money in our pockets.

307

Today, we own a nationwide chain
of wheel-balancing centers.

308

Where else but in America--

or possibly Canada--

309

could our family find
such opportunity?

310

That's why whenever I see
the stars and stripes...

311

I'll always be reminded
of that wonderful word ''flag.''

312

There will be a brief recess
while the judges tabulate their
votes.

313

<i>Lisa, what's
gotten into you?</i>

314

Yeah, your other speech
was a little more crowd pleasing.

315

I'm sorry, Dad.
I couldn't think of a nice way
to say America stinks.

316

Extra! Extra!
Feds nab rotten rep.

317

Give me one of those.

318

<i>''Imprisoned congressman
becomes born-again Christian. ''</i>

319

I can't believe it.
The system works.

320

- He already sang this song.
- No, that was about the budget gap.

321

<i>- This is the trading gap.</i>

322

And now
the moment of truth.

323

Will the winning essay be
'' Bubble on, O melting pot''?

324

<i>''Lift high your lamp,

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Green Lady''?'</i>

325

<i>' 'USA, A-OK''?'</i>

326

<i>Or ''Cesspool on the
Potomac''?'</i>

327

Cesspool! Cesspool! Cesspool!
Cesspool! Cesspool!

328

And now the winner is...

329

' ' USA, A-OK, ''
by Trong Van Dinh.

330

D'oh!

331

Miss Crowley, thank you
for this oversized novelty check.

332

I would like share this honor
with all of my fellow essayists...

333

particularly
the courageous Lisa Simpson...

334

whose inflammatory
rhetoric reminded us...

335

<i>that the price of freedom
is eternal vigilance.</i>

336

- Give her the check!

337

I was serious.

338

<i>- Ow.!
- Bart!</i>

339

Lis, you taught me to stand up
for what I believe in.

340

Shh!