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Scott's philosophy is all about finding joy in life's little moments and making the mundane beautiful.



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If you have particular skills, consider teaching them to your grandchildren.



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8 Ways to Support Your Grandchildren's Homeschool

BARBARA DANZA

A surefire way to make the homeschooling journey even more magical for a family is to get the grandparents involved.

Are you a grandparent of homeschoolers? Whether your grandchildren have been homeschooled for a while now, or they're just getting started this year, there are countless ways you can support them and your grown children on this adventure and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Here are eight ideas for you to consider:

Cheer Them On

First and foremost, cheer on your children's and grandchildren's decision to homeschool. If you're unfamiliar with what homeschool entails, the idea that traditional school is the only way may be a challenging notion to shake. If you're not too sure about the decision to homeschool, do some independent research and see for yourself how millions of children thrive in a homeschool environment.

It took courage for your children to come to this decision and they would surely benefit from knowing that you support them, are rooting for their success, and will be

Work on a family tree with your grandchildren, and tell them about the history and traditions of your family.

there for them along the way. If you've never considered homeschool as a viable option for a sound and healthy education, I think you're about to be very pleasantly surprised.

Cheer them on! They are giving your grandchildren an amazing gift that can reap rewards for a lifetime.

Provide Support

When your grandchildren were born, you may have helped out with everyday things such as making sure the laundry progressed through its cycle for the day, or preparing dinner, or allowing your adult children to run to the grocery store or shower while you minded your beautiful grandchildren.

Homeschooling is similar in some ways to new parenthood. It's a kind of hard work that is both demanding and rewarding. Helping out in seemingly small ways can make a huge difference in the peace, flow, and beauty of your family's homeschool.

The environment in which a child learns has a significant impact. Helping to keep things moving, maintaining order, and giving attention to details their parents are struggling with can make a world of difference.

Even the simplest acts, like placing a vase of fresh flowers on the kitchen table, pulling some weeds near the front porch, or emptying the dishwasher are loving acts that will nurture everyone.

Take On a Subject

You can teach your grandchildren, too. What are your specialties? Are you an excellent baker? A retired carpenter? An expert chess player? A historian? A pianist? A seamstress? Think of your skills—from those you deem mundane (though your grandchildren surely will not) to those you might have put on a resume.

Set aside a regular time to teach those things to your grandchildren. The rewards of diving into your own special talents and sharing them with those you love the most will be immeasurable. You'll enrich homeschool for your grandchildren in a way they'll forever remember.

Make Your Home Educational

When your grandchildren visit, provide an environment for them to learn. It doesn't have to be anything formal. Perhaps you ask them to help you make the meatballs for that evening's dinner. Perhaps you regularly visit the library and stock a large basket with new books each time they come. Perhaps you keep a stash of art supplies handy for when inspiration strikes. Perhaps you invite them to take on a project with you, such as creating a backyard garden or building a birdhouse.

If you see your grandchildren's learning in the world something you can participate in you'll likely come up with all sorts of fun ways to engage and delight them. The fun is key. I mean, we don't come to Grandma's house to not have fun, right?

Bring Treats

One undisputed way to make any homeschool day be a little more joyful is by pairing it with lovingly made treats. If you're a cook or a baker, you've got a simple way to make any homeschool day a bit sweeter.

Join In

Parents who homeschool often find that they didn't learn all they could have when they were in school and learn right alongside their children as they go. You may also find that the educational journey knows no age limits. Join in the fun. Sit in on a history lesson. Go along for the ride on a field trip. Roll up your sleeves and participate in the science experiment. Homeschool lessons tend to feel less like school and more like family fun.

Share Your History

Sure, your grandchildren will dive into the history of the world at large, but you're in a unique position to provide them with the history and traditions of your family. Perhaps you'd like to work on a family tree with them. Perhaps you can dig out old photos and tell stories. Perhaps you have artifacts from generations past. You are a source of history and wisdom for your grandchildren. Don't let the opportunity to pass on all that you are to them pass you by.

Send Care

If your grandchildren live further away, you can still show your support for their homeschool endeavors. Stay in touch and find out what they're learning about. Send care packages of books and supplies, along with treats and sweet messages. Cheer them on in their endeavors via video chat. Even long-distance grandparents can have a loving impact on their grandchildren's homeschool experience.

If Summer Teen Jobs Are Hard to Find, Try Entrepreneurship

KERRY MCDONALD

As coronavirus lockdowns have weakened the U.S. economy this spring, causing business closures and layoffs, teenagers are particularly hard hit. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, the teen unemployment rate is the highest it's been since at least 1948.

Widespread shutdowns in the restaurant and hospitality industries have affected entry-level and low-wage workers, including teenagers who often rely on part-time work to gain experience and get a taste of financial freedom. Summer jobs that teenagers typically fill, such as lifeguard, camp counselor, or golf caddy, have also dried up, and many companies have rescinded their summer internship offers.

In the *Journal* article, a recruiter suggests that teens act nimbly during this uncertain time: "Be willing to take work that a mother of two can't take," she said. "Be flexible with overnight shifts, or doing delivery at the restaurant you used to work at."

Flexibility and a willingness to explore work possibilities outside of one's comfort zone are key qualities for teens seeking jobs in 2020. But now could also be a great time to encourage teenagers and young adults to become entrepreneurs. The economic impact of the lockdowns and stay-at-home orders has upended many tradi-

tional jobs and industries, paving the way for agile entrepreneurs and creative startups to offer new products and services that people need and want.

Entrepreneur and investor, John Chisholm, says that now is a great time to start a business. The author of "Unleash Your Inner Company: Use Passion and Perseverance to Build Your Ideal Business," Chisholm told me in a recent interview that "the pandemic and government-imposed shutdowns have created new human and customer needs. As an entrepreneur, your job is to figure out which needs are the best fits for you and your passions, skills, knowledge, and relationships, where you have natural advantages to satisfy those needs, and also which needs are more likely to be longer-lived rather than short-lived. It is a tough calculation that requires talking to a lot of people, weighing a lot of data, and taking some risk. But the longer you keep asking questions, the clearer the picture will become. It takes both passion and perseverance. It is not easy. But you can do it."

My teenage daughter, for example, has been passionate about baking for several years now, with a longtime goal of creating a baking business. With many of her activities canceled this spring due to the pandemic, she has had time to build out her business plan, develop a website,



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This summer could be a good time for teens to turn their interests into an entrepreneurial venture.

and study for and pass the food handler certification exam. Many local coffee shops have reduced or eliminated sales of baked goods over the past several weeks, and neighbors are craving fresh, homemade breads, rolls, muffins, cupcakes, and more. As an entrepreneur, she is able to recognize and satisfy some of this unmet neighborhood demand.

Perhaps the teenagers and young adults in your life have ideas and passions that they could turn into a business right now. Maybe they have time to tinker in the basement on inventing a new product, build a website to sell a product or service, or create and monetize a YouTube channel. Maybe they can offer in-demand services to their neighbors such as starting a babysitting business for local parents who have had

their children's summer camps canceled. It could also be a great time for tweens and teens to learn new skills, such as coding, to help with their own entrepreneurial pursuits or to become more desirable to employers who are looking for workers with technology and programming experience.

T.K. Coleman, FEE's director of entrepreneurial education, offers advice and inspiration for aspiring young entrepreneurs in his weekly *Revolution of One* podcast and social media content. Like Chisholm, he also believes that now is a great time for teenagers and young adults to start a business. Coleman says:

"If you're interested in starting a new business, you can find lots of cool ideas simply by paying attention to people's problems. You may have a shortage of ideas, but



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Singing
by Robert Louis Stevenson
Of speckled eggs the birdie sings
And nests among the trees;
The sailor sings of ropes and things
In ships upon the seas.
The children sing in far Japan,
The children sing in Spain;
The organ with the organ man
Is singing in the rain.

WHY IS PETER PAN ALWAYS FLYING?
HE NEVER LANDS.
PAUL B. MOORE/SHUTTERSTOCK

One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.
GEORGE HERBERT (1593-1633)
MONKEY BUSINESS IMAGES/SHUTTERSTOCK

By Aidan Danza, age 14

CACTI

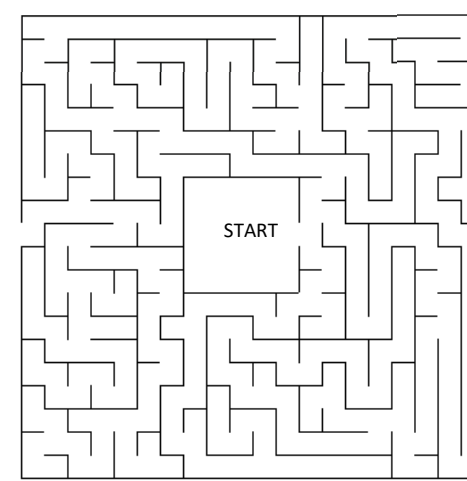
SAGUARO CACTUS
This must be the most iconic cactus. It appears in all kinds of films centered in the west, from Westerns to cartoons. The classic shape, most often seen on TV, is in the shape of a three-pronged fork or trident. However, it is definitely not limited to this shape: It can have more or less "arms" growing out of the main stem, and some saguaros only grow this main stem. Its skin is vertically fluted, meaning there are grooves running up the stem much like mountains and valleys. On the "mountains" there are two-inch-long spines. Saguaros grow very slowly, only about an inch a year, but they live for a very long time, and thus grow to great heights. The average saguaro will grow to 15-50 feet, but the tallest saguaros can reach the remarkable height of 78 feet. The oldest saguaros have five or more arms and are estimated to be 200 years old. In May and June, mature saguaros will produce clusters of white flowers at the end of their branches.

PRICKLY PEAR
Most cacti live exclusively in desert habitats, but some species of prickly pear have managed to expand to other regions, including the east coast. Instead of growing to great heights, like the saguaro, the prickly pear grows in large lobes that spread out over an area. It grows yellow, red, or purple flowers. These cacti have interesting spines; most species of prickly pear have the classic cactus spine. However, all species of prickly pear also have very small, barbed spines called glochids. Prickly pear grow edible fruits, hence the name "prickly pear." However, their lobes are also edible. Prickly pear are also used for their medicinal properties.

Ripe prickly pears are sweet and juicy.

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USE THE FOUR NUMBERS IN THE CORNERS, AND THE OPERANDS (+, -, AND X) to build an equation to get the solution in the middle. There may be more than one "unique" solution but, there may also be "equivalent" solutions. For example: 6 + (7 X 3) + 1 = 28 and 1+ (7 X 3) + 6 = 28

Easy puzzle 1

3	10		
2	3		
+	-	x	÷

Solution For Easy 1
6 × 01 × (2 - 3)
01 × (6 - 2 × 3)

Medium puzzle 1

11	13		
4	11		
+	-	x	÷

Solution for Medium 1
11 - 11 - 7 × 61
(11 - 61) × (7 + 1)

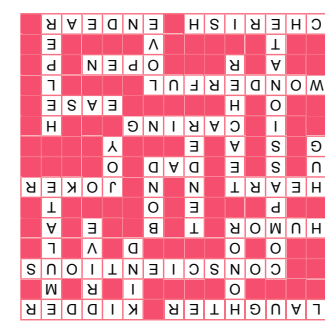
Hard puzzle 1

7	26		
3	14		
+	-	x	÷

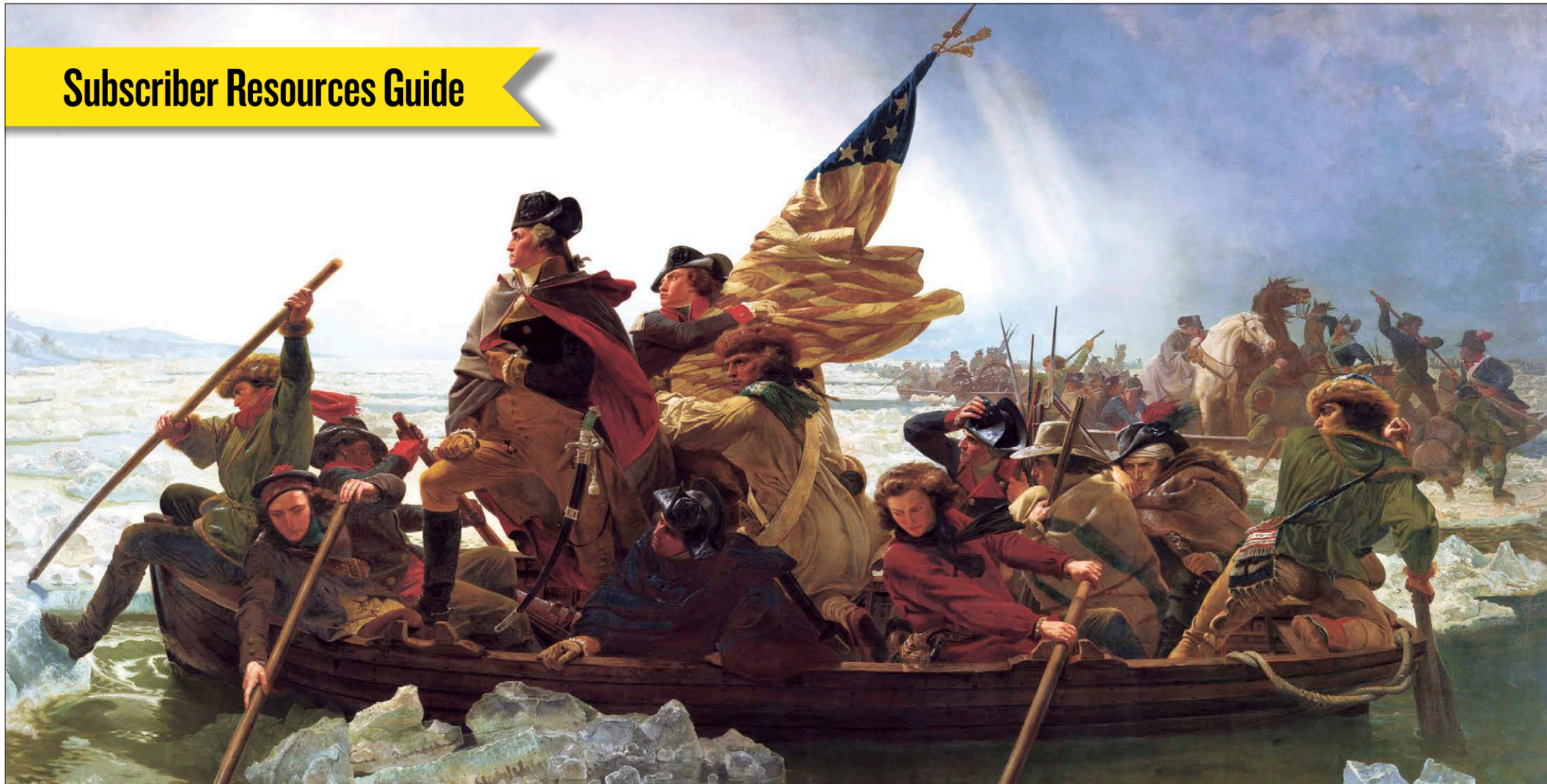
Solution for Hard 1
91 - 92 × (6 - 2)

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- 1 The best medicine, it's said (8)
 - 3 One joshing around (6)
 - 6 Does what is right (13)
 - 7 A good sense of ____ (5)
 - 10 Spirit (5)
 - 12 Leg-puller (5)
 - 13 Pops (3)
 - 14 Kindhearted (6)
 - 16 Does everything with ____ (4)
 - 17 "It's a ____ Life!" (5)
 - 19 Hides nothing (4)
 - 20 Treasures (his family) (7)
 - 21 Take to one's heart (6)
- ### Down
- 2 "____ thy father and mother" (5)
 - 3 Warm-hearted (4)
 - 4 Motivation (5)
 - 5 Act like (7)
 - 6 Kind-hearted (13)
 - 8 Affectionate (6)
 - 9 Link (4)
 - 10 Embrace (3)
 - 11 Instructor (7)
 - 12 Delight (3)
 - 15 Hand lender (6)
 - 18 Care for (4)



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