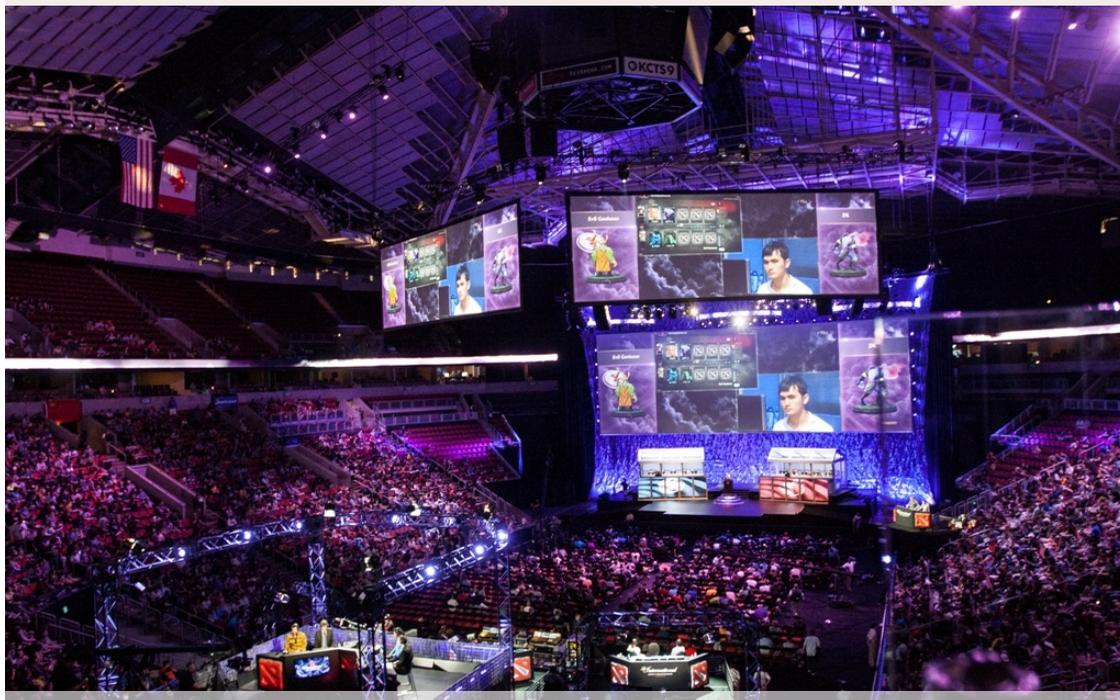


SHALL WE PLAY?



Common expressions used in gaming:

- RL - "real life"
- BRB - "be right back"
- AFK - "away from keyboard"
- ATM - "at the moment"
- OTW - "on the way"
- BTW - "by the way"
- TTYL - "talk to you later"
- TYT - "take your time"
- NVM - "never mind"
- TY - "thank you"
- WB - "welcome back"
- NP - "no problem"
- TYVM - "thank you very much"
- BBL - "be back later"

People consider playing computer games as a time-wasting activity. There is some truth in it but in today's world of E-sport it can be a full-time job.

Players all across the world compete in online matches in first person shooter, real-time strategy, multiplayer online battle arenas and other video game genres. These matches are broadcasted live for thousands of video games fans. Professional gaming is well paid as it is sponsored. Tournament prizes and high salaries up to tens of thousands dollars are undoubtedly attractive for hundreds of gamers.

Yet, it is not a dream job. It is not as bright as you might think. It often comes with stress, so professional teams often have their own psychologists and coaches. They spend many hours of their lives on trainings to become the best competitors. However, even the best players' careers do not last forever. The most successful professionals are at the age of 18 - 24. This "sport" is connected with agility and precision. Therefore college age people make the best players. Of course there are few exceptions, for example Polish CS:GO player called "Taz". His career started when he was 14. Now he is 28 and he is still one of the best players in the world.

During the last big gaming tournament in IEM Katowice, he and his team Virtus Pro won the 3rd place. After retirement many pro gamers stream their games on the internet for their fans. They get new sponsors and make money on donations from viewers. Every year amount of money put into E-sport grows. So, if you are not the best at sports it may be your way to be competitive.

Szymon Raczyński





movie poster

In my opinion, sometimes a good quotation tells you more about the book or movie than a synopsis and the Divergent series brings a strong message summed up in this quote:
 (Tris, *Insurgent*): 'Killing you is not the worst thing they can do to you.' I say. 'Controlling you is.'

Teenagers and twenty-year-olds who have not read *Divergent* yet are undoubtedly the minority of young readers. Being called the successor of the *Hunger Games*, it was on the first place of the best-selling list published in magazines like *New York Times* for quite a long time. The second part of the series called *Insurgent* has been turned into a movie recently. It appeared in cinemas a few days ago.

Insurgent is a continuation of *Divergent*. In a society divided into fractions called *Abnegation*, *Amity*, *Candor*, *Dauntless* and *Erudite*, there are some people who have predispositions to more than one group. They are harder to control, which threatens the system. They are called the 'divergent' and they must hide their abilities. When Jeanine, the leader of Erudite, tries to destroy another fraction and get rid of the divergents, some people decide to stop her. Tris, the main character, a young divergent girl who has changed her fraction from Abnegation to Dauntless, and a young man called 'Four' that is her former instructor attempt to hold Jeanine back. Nonetheless, she has already done a lot of damage and still rules the city, so our heroes are forced to escape and hide. But what now? Will they succeed in preventing the Erudites from ruling the other fractions? Who are exactly the fractionless and their leader? And what about Jeanine's plans about the divergents?

The screen version of the second part of the trilogy is based on the book written by Veronica Roth. It was directed by Robert Schwentke and came to world's cinemas on March 11th 2015. In Poland it was screened on March 20th.

As in the first movie, the main characters are

Other brilliant young actors who appear in *Insurgent* are Miles Teller (Peter) and Ansel Elgort acting Caleb, Tris' brother. Watching them as siblings is a bit awkward for a few moments because they are a couple in another movie entitled *The Fault in our Stars*. However, they act so convincingly that the audience quickly forget about their roles in that movie.

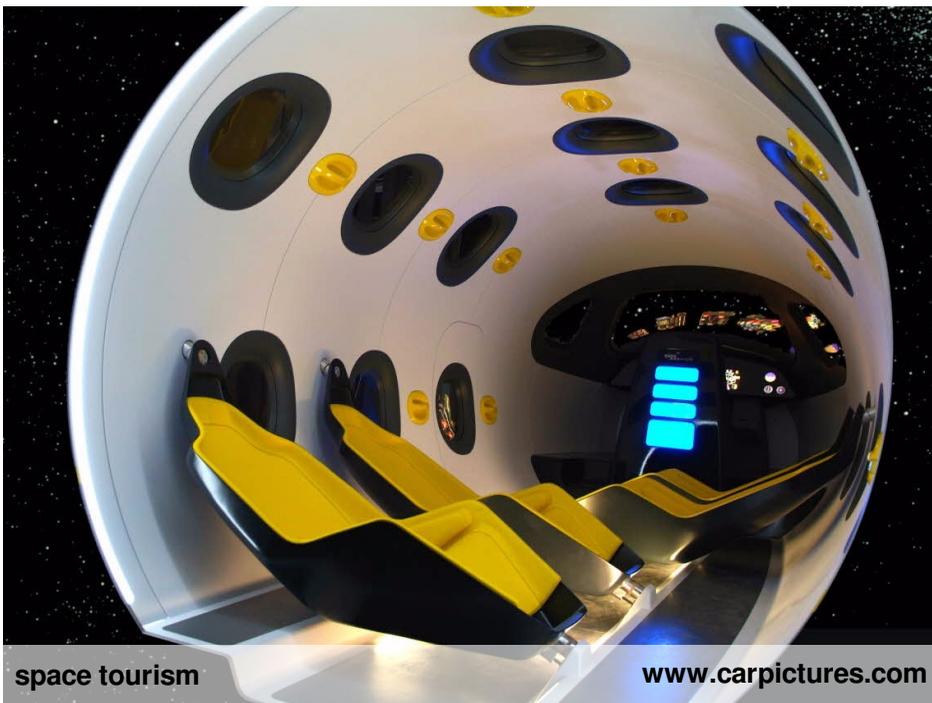
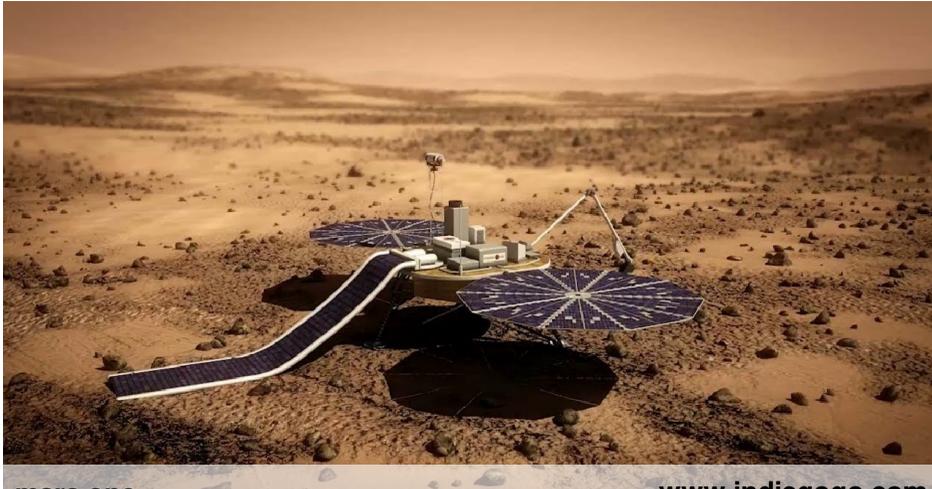
The plot of the continuation is really fast and catchy. Yet, the majority of screen time is given to Tris' thoughts, feelings and hesitations. There are fewer chases and fights than in the first part and more emotional stuff. In my opinion, the music in *Insurgent* is a bit worse than that in *Divergent*. I do not mean that it is not touching or not suited to the atmosphere but there are some scenes that should have more music. Soundtrack which I heard while I was watching the movie seemed a little insufficient. All in all I think the music is quite good, though I miss soundtracks like *Run Boy Run*. The director of photography did an amazing job. The sceneries are really astonishing. Most of the places look like I imagined they were.

Unfortunately, the director decided to change a few things in the plot and I believe it was not good for the movie. It differs from the novel considerably. I understand that Schwentke decided to bypass some threads of the story because they were unnecessary, boring or too long. Yet, I cannot understand why the director changed the important parts of the plot. For example, in the movie Jeanine's motivation to imprison Tris is totally dissimilar to that of the novel. There are plenty of missing scenes and important clues, not to mention a great number of new characters. To sum up, you may be surprised when you are watching the film and you have already read the novel. I think you should be aware that you will not see most of the awaited scenes. If you had not read the book yet you would be much more pleased.

Summing up, I think the movie is really good, although not as fascinating as the first one. If you forget about missing or twisted scenes, it will be really interesting and entertaining. It's worth to be seen just for Tris' wonderful acting, Four's fighting, play-acting and voice and Peter's... well, everything. Despite of its weaknesses, thanks to the cast, the movie is still spectacular.



movie poster showing most of the characters



space tourism

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So far, there have been few tourism space flights but this form of perilous adventure will get more and more popular. Moreover, there appears a question whether tourism is the real aim of scientists'. In some sense it is. They would love to visit Mars, Venus, other planetary systems and other galaxies. Their nearest destination is Mars. So far, the Red Planet has been visited by about 40 unmanned spacecrafts.

Technology is still developing. Your smartphone is better than the computer on the Apollo 11, the first spacecraft the crew of which landed on the Moon in 1969. There are plans to send a few people to Mars in 2025.

Do you think it is impossible? Not really, but it will be very hard.

"Space conquistadors" will have to get used to the conditions on Mars. The rovers exploring the Red Planet have proved that they are completely different from those on the Earth. Therefore astronauts exploring Mars will live in capsules, wear special spacesuits all the time and eat plants which they will grow on their own. Except that, they will be threatened by radiation and sun storms. Every small breakdown will be a serious danger for them.

How will they deal with that? Time will tell.

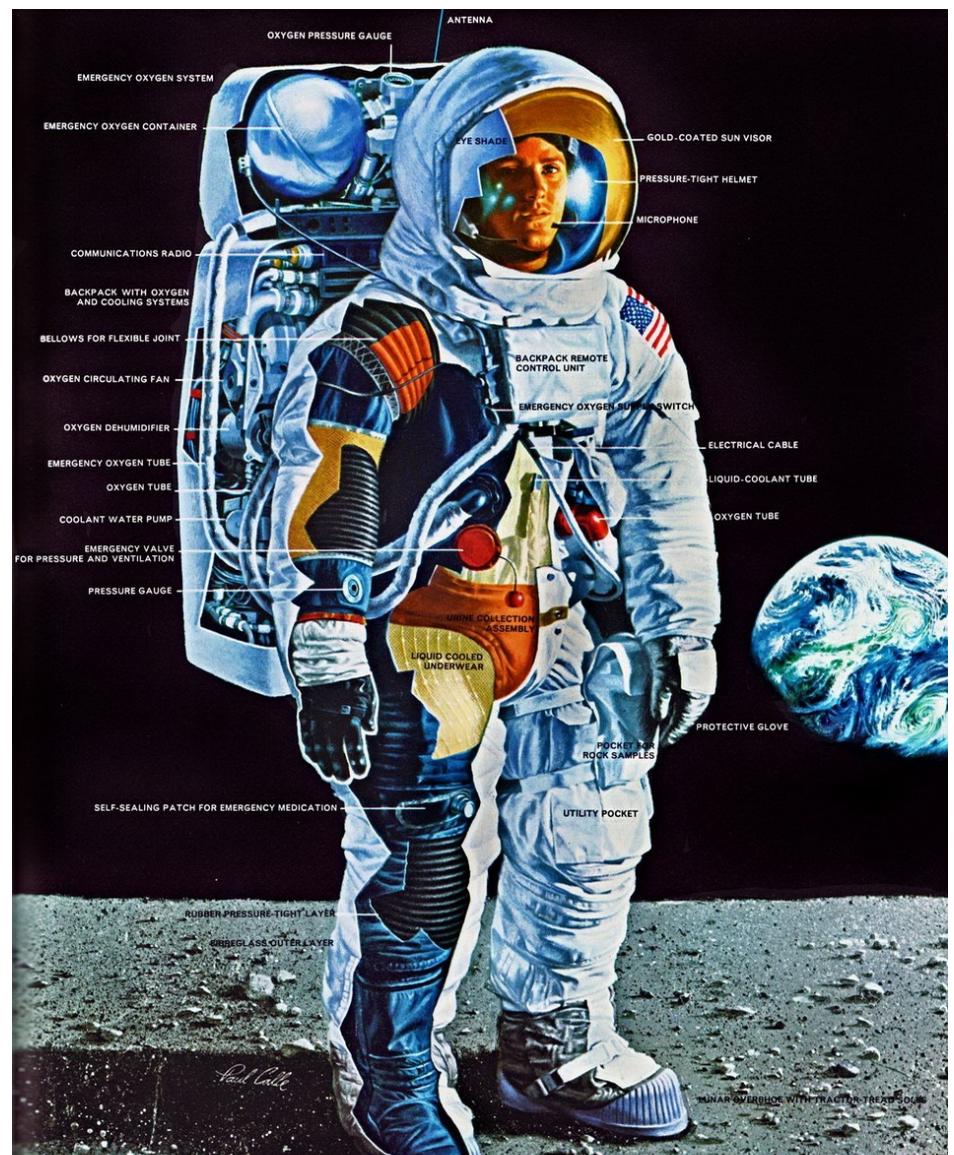
Marcin Ligęza

Cosmonautics Day

Cosmonautics Day is celebrated on 12th April. It is an anniversary of the first manned space flight made on April 12 1961 by a 27-year-old Russian Soviet cosmonaut named Yuri Gagarin. Gagarin orbited the Earth in 1 hour 48 minutes aboard Vostok 1, the first manned spacecraft. According to ONZ experts, this achievement opened a new era in the history of space exploration.

But human was not the first living being in outer space. On November 3, 1957 the Soviet Union launched a space satellite called Sputnik 2 into orbit. It was equipped with a cabin with a dog in it. The dog was named Laika and she was one of the first animals in space. In 1970s Soviet Unions started a space program called 'Interkosmos'. The program consisted in sending non-Soviet cosmonauts into space. One of them was Mirosław Hermaszewski, Polish Air Force officer. While he was getting into the spacecraft, he took a Polish flag. Thus, the flag of Poland was up on the Earth's orbit for the first time in the history of spaceflight.

Space tourism has developed since the end of the 1990s. American Dennis Tito was the first space tourist. He took a week-long trip to the International Space Station.



OUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Photography- still hobby or already lifestyle?

It began four years ago when I got my first camera from my parents. I had never thought how many things it would change in my life. I started taking photos of everything: people, nature, animals and different events. However, I had only 24 shoots on the film because it was an analogue camera. I had to learn how to take only 24 photos and not to lose any of them.

I did not understand why I could not have a digital camera and take as many photos as I wanted to. But now I know how important it was in my photography training. I learned how to crop images, set the shutter speed and control the aperture correctly. At the same time I started collecting old cameras. I bought them by Internet and on flea markets.

A year later I bought a digital camera which I have been using up to now . I have taken it everywhere. I have been taking about 20 000 photos for three years. I have been taking them in different countries. There have been photos of many amazing places and many awesome and beautiful people. I have received two awards in all-Poland competitions. I still collect cameras and now I have got 43! I cannot imagine my life without photography. I take photos every day and they are not selfie. :)

Paulina Ruszkiewicz



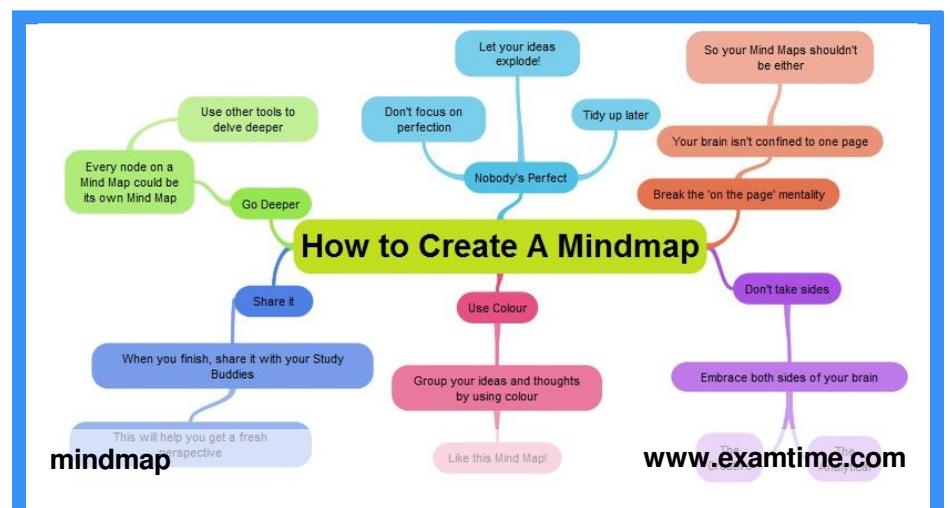
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Examination tips:

1. Create mind maps
2. Listen to mozart's music
3. Work in a group
4. Teach what you have learnt
5. Speak out loud instead of simply reading
6. Practice, practice, practice...
7. Take regular breaks
8. Do not stay up all night before an exam
9. Walk before an exam
10. Times new roman is the fastest font to read

GOOD LUCK!



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