

The Throne



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Please Pass the Charmin

Sometimes the hardest part of writing a research paper is coming up with a topic. You'd be amazed what people choose to write about. The Throne is here to inspire!

These are the names of actual dissertations and theses:

The Meaning of the Contemporary Bathroom

The Ecology of Scatology: Excretory Encounters in American Cultural Life

The Anal Aesthetic: Regressive Narrative Strategies in Modernism

Waste, Wealth and Public Health: Recycling Human Excrement in the New England and Mid-Atlantic States, 1820—1900

Expensive Shit: Aesthetic Economies of Waste in Postcolonial Africa

Commodifying Convenience, Cleanliness, and Privacy: American Public Restroom Design since 1851

The Influence of Sanitation on German Cockroach Populations

The Sit-Down Flush Toilet Revisited

Why did Mozart get rid of his chickens?

Because they just walked around the yard saying "Bach, Bach, Bach...."

Need a soundtrack for study hall? Want to brush up on your Beethoven? Consider the music library collections! Located on the 2nd floor of Ewell Hall, the music library is home to musical scores, musical performance and documentary films, CDs and LPs-- all available for checkout. Like streaming music? Link to some cool audio databases from the online guide for music at <http://guides.swem.wm.edu/music>.

Dateline: Chinatown San Francisco

The night is inky far above the Bay, but at ground level for the parade on Kearny Street there is nothing but light; it bobs in strings of colored bulbs that crisscross the street, glows in shop fronts displaying whole ducks waiting with slit-eyed patience to be cooked, bursts in fireworks, crackles in sparklers. The din is palpable: explosions, the crash of cymbals, the frantic thunder of drums, delighted cries of the crowd. Then ... the dragon appears! It's huge and sinuous, winding left and right in tight curves on dainty slippered human feet, pompons trembling on its enormous head, all bulging eyes and gaping mouth. It takes forever to pass, wagging that monstrous head at shrieking children, their senses overloaded by celebration as only the Chinese express it. January 23rd will usher in the Year of the Dragon -- may it bring you health, happiness and good fortune!

For more on the Chinese signs of the zodiac ("I always knew my brother was a snake"), The Throne advises you to consult the huge discovery database Summon at Swem Library > Quick Links > Summon.

A Word to the Voguish

While you were on winter break, Santa filled the OED stocking with some new words for Christmas. Whether they are naughty or nice is for you to decide.

Would you rather encounter a **bibimbap** or an **over-accessorized** bimbo in a dark restaurant?

Is "It's A Small World After All" a classic tune or an **earworm**?

If an infant is **cruising**, is she enjoying the night life of Williamsburg? If she's **cruising for a bruising**, is she over achieving?

Is this a **zero-emission** contribution to this issue of The Throne?

If Santa didn't bring you any new words for the holidays, you can brush up on your vocab with a visit to the *Oxford English Dictionary* database at Swem Library > Quick Links > Library Databases.

