

Fill in all your results from the Moodle course "PoY":

A. Person of the Year trivia

Task: Search the internet for some facts about the TIME magazine's annual choices and take notes here:

- When did it start and who was the first PoY?
In 1927; Charles Lindbergh for first trans-Atlantic flight
- Name at least one controversial PoY?
Hitler/Stalin
- What are the names of the PoY since 2015?
2020: Biden/Harris; 2019: G. Thunberg; 2018: "The Guardians of Truth" (journalists faced with persecution, murder...); 2017 "The Silence Breakers (e.g. MeToo)"; 2016: D. Trump; 2015: A. Merkel
- Who nominates/chooses the candidates/the winners?
TIME magazine editors + TIME journalists; there is a special award called "Readers' choice"

B. TIME covers

Go the website www.cbsnews.com/pictures/time-person-of-the-year/26/

And scan the different PoY. Choose 2 that you find particularly interesting and write a short text giving your reasons here:

Individual answers

C. PoY 2020

Watch the video clip about the PoY 2020 on the Time Magazine website (link on Moodle). Who is/are the PoY 2020? What reasons are given in the clip for this choice? Take notes here:

Biden/Harris

Reasons:

- *"turning the clock back"*
- *Towards a "gentler, more civil, more decent" way in politics*
- *Historical choice: first women + women of colour*
- *To fight prejudice + inequality; to support the black community; stop racism*
- *To fight for a more just America*

D. Criteria for a nomination

1. Before you start, consider the following definition from TIME magazine:

= a person, a group, an idea, or an object that "for better or for worse... has done the most to influence the events of the year"

2. Now make a list of possible criteria for a nomination here:

- *Role model*
- *Influence on society/global influence*
- *Humanitarian support*
- *Selflessness*
- *Media presence*
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E. Presenting your alternative PoY: Text

1. Read the text on [Greta Thunberg](#) and take notes of useful vocabulary/phrases for your own text on your worksheet.

- it began with the story of ..
- it became one of the most unlikely ...
- inspiring millions of people
- meaningful change
- has become the biggest voice of ..
- to demand action
- commitment
- stands at the side of
- historically this means that ...
- for sounding the alarm about ...
- for showing us
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2. Think about 2 or 3 alternative PoY for 2020. Remember, it may be a person, a group, an idea, a movement, even an object. Take notes here:

3. Choose one and write a text (about 150 words) to support your argumentation.

Use the following structure:

- (1) Introduction
- (2) 1-2 pieces of background information
- (3) 3-4 arguments
- (4) Final statement

F. Presenting your alternative PoY: Podcast

1. Create a 60-seconds-podcast on the basis of your text.

It can be 5 seconds less or 5 seconds more.

You may have to change/add/cross out text parts.

2. Before you record the text:

Practice expressive reading.

Practise the reading of your text at least 5 times before you record.

3. Record your text and upload it on Moodle.