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## BROWNS GET FIRST WIN



Cleveland Browns defensive back Brodney Pool, right, breaks up a pass intended for Buffalo Bills wide receiver Terrell Owens during the second quarter of an NFL football game in Orchard Park, N.Y., Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009. (AP Photo/Mike Groll)

1. On which pages of today's edition of the *Mount Vernon News* will you find the article with the headline, "Browns defeat Bills for first win"?

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2. What was the final score of the game?

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3. With their win over the Bills, the Browns snapped a 12-game losing streak.

- A. True
- B. False

If the statement is false make it true

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4. Who said, "When you go into a game like this, you'll take anything. To get a win today gets us on the right track."

- A. Eric Mangini
- B. Dave Zastudil
- C. Billy Cundiff
- D. Jamal Lewis

5. Bills starting middle linebacker Kawika Mitchell and his backup Marcus Buggs were both carted off with leg injuries.

- A. True
- B. False

If the statement is false make it true

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# READ IT

## OHIO

# Alexandra Day

### Word Bank

- 1. assumption:** the act of taking for granted or supposing.
- 2. ingenuity:** the quality of being cleverly inventive or resourceful.
- 3. illustrator:** an artist or person who makes illustrations: an illustrator of children's books.
- 4. pen name:** a fictitious name used by an author to conceal his or her identity
- 5. publisher:** a person or company whose business is the publishing of books, periodicals, engravings, computer software, etc.

1. Alexandra Day has been an artist, writer, illustrator, and book publisher.

- A. True
- B. False

If the answer is false, make it true.

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2. Alexandra Day trained as an artist at the Art Students League in which city?

- A. Cincinnati
- B. Chicago
- C. Mount Vernon
- D. New York

3. What was the name of the first book that Alexandra Day and her husband, Harold Darling, published?

- A. Carl's Birthday
- B. All Mirrors Are Magic Mirrors
- C. Mirror
- D. Good Dog, Carl

4. Day is the granddaughter of an architect and the daughter of an author.

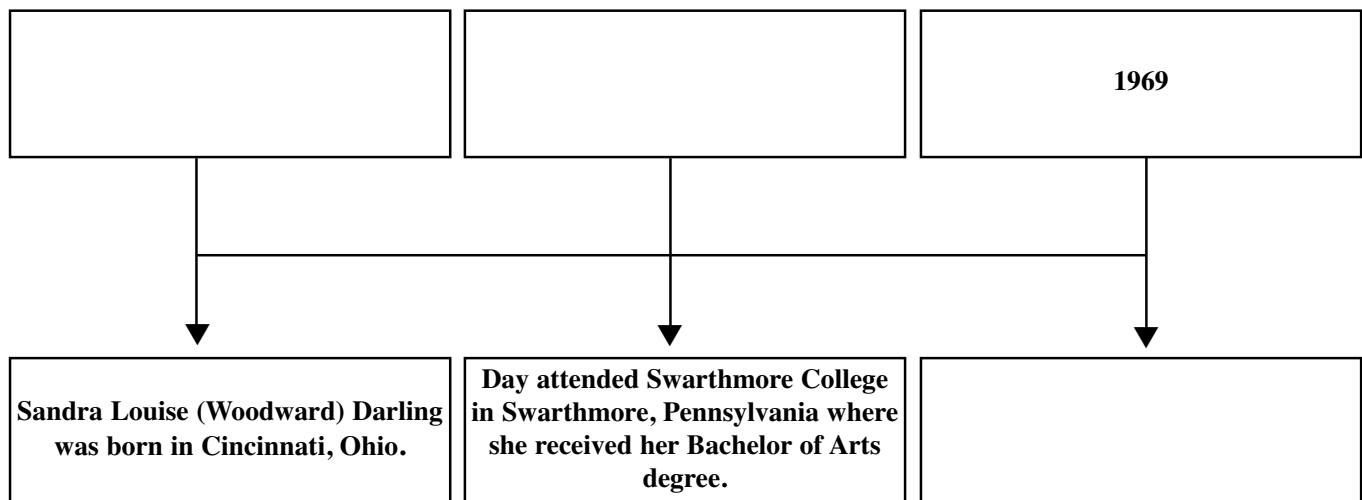
- A. True
- B. False

If the answer is false, make it true.

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5. Use information from the article about Virginia Hamilton to complete the timeline below.



# Read All About It

written by Susan Fineman

## Scientists find human footprints from more than 300,000 years ago

Scientists in Italy have discovered 350,000-year-old tracks that may be the oldest known footprints made by Stone Age man.

The prints were made by three early, upright-walking humans as they descended the treacherous side of a volcano — perhaps to escape an eruption, researchers reported in Thursday’s issue of the journal *Nature*.

Other scientists said that while the prints appear well-preserved, they add little to knowledge about human evolution, since footprints of far older human ancestors have been found. But they said the tracks are still a sobering testament to long-ago journeys across a harsh terrain.

One of the footprint trails zigzags to find the safest path down the steep incline. Another includes handprints someone left as he steadied himself in a precarious spot, only to slide a short ways down the slope.

“You’re looking at an event that happened 350,000 years ago — someone made an imprint on a surface, walking in a way you’d expect to see someone in these same conditions walk today,” said Owen Lovejoy, an anthropologist at Kent State University who was not involved in the research. “It adds another cog in the connect between ourselves and our ancestors.”

Who left the 56 footprints is not clear. But their discoverers suggest either late *Homo erectus* or *Homo heidelbergensis* — two early human species found in Europe during the Paleolithic era, also known as the Stone Age. The tracks were dated between 325,000 and 385,000 years old.

Footprints left by the upright-walking, prehuman species *Australopithecus afarensis* were found in 1977 in Tanzania, imprinted in volcanic mud 3.6 million years old — making them 10 times older than the new discovery.

### Stone Age Footprints Found in Italy

Using the newspaper story, find the 10 vocabulary words listed below, and circle them in the article. Use the context of the story to help you figure out the meaning of each vocabulary word. Then write the number of each word next to its correct meaning. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

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|-------------|------------|---------------|
| 1)tracks    | 5)zigzags  | 9)treacherous |
| 2)terrain   | 6)slope    | 10)steadied   |
| 3)descended | 7)slide    |               |
| 4)journeys  | 8)eruption |               |

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| _____ a. trips from one place to another           | _____ f. slip                        |
| _____ b. marks left by a moving person; footprints | _____ g. violent release of material |
| _____ c. goes first one way and then another       | _____ h. dangerous; unsafe           |
| _____ d. area of land                              | _____ i. side of a mountain          |
| _____ e. balanced; secured                         | _____ j. went down                   |

### FANTASY FOOTPRINTS

Let your footprints spark imaginative thinking! Begin a creative writing activity by tracing your feet on a piece of paper. Decorate the outlines with tattoos, rings or nail polish. Then write an adventure story or poem about where your feet have been and where they’re going. Did you know that no two people have the same footprints?

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# QUIZ

Use your newspaper to answer the following questions

# QUIZ

1. What is the headline for the story about the Fredericktown Community Fire District dive team?

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2. In LuAnn Duncan's food column, she says that it is okay to eat slices of pizza that have been left out overnight.

- A. True
- B. False

If the statement is false make it true

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3. Locate the "Today in History" column. What happened on this date in 1933?

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4. Which local school was chosen by Mount Vernon Wal-Mart associates to participate in the company's 2009 Teacher Rewards program?


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