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The Holidays As Told By "How I Met Your Mother"

This Christmas is going to be LEGEN-wait for it-DARY!

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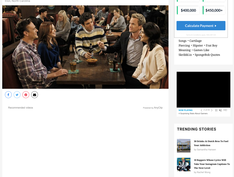

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November and December are magical months filled with crisp cold-only weather, warm beverages, infinite amounts of food, time off from work or school, and, of course, the holidays! The holiday spirit quickly becomes contagious and this year, I'm hoping that it will be spread to the people in my life in the season.

1. Your initial reaction to premature Christmas music.

Also, the decorations and merchandise. I mean, as of Halloween day, Target transforms into a winter wonderland! What's up with that?

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2. When mid-November rolls around and you have decided to embrace the Christmas music on the radio.

Although you have already heard "Jingle Bell Rock" at least a dozen times and it isn't even Thanksgiving yet, you're cold, satisfied with your festive spirit.

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3. When you finally get to embrace Thanksgiving Day.

With all the delicious food, family time, Thanksgiving is the perfect time to stuff ourselves and make sure you will Thanksgiving is a big all-your-favorite-stuff-Christmas, of course, and deserves to be properly appreciated!

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4. Jumping right back into Christmas mode only a few hours after Thanksgiving ends.

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5. Anytime you hear the extra festive version of 'All I Want For Christmas Is You' by Mariah Carey.

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6. That moment you deem it socially acceptable to dust off your festive sweater collection.

Extra points if you can get sentenced to sweatshirts with your outfit.

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7. When your neighbors try to out-do your decorations.

Lookout Kong, you got Santa himself! Lucky you that your decorations will contend to reign superior.

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8. Christmas shopping on a budget.

Time to break out the coupons!

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9. When you feel bad about bailing, but really don't want to attend another Christmas party.

Excuse or other, we're going to have to come up with more clever ways to engage in small talk. You can only remind us about the weather so far long.

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10. When somebody asks you what you want for Christmas.

Financial stability, job security, and a more modest bank account do great. Oh, also a waffle maker.

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11. Finding the perfect gift for your best friend or S.O.

Now, to pick one and creative!

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12. When you've waited all year for cold weather and it finally comes.

Okay, but let's be honest. Who ARE YOU dressing up in winter Christmas?

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13. When it's Christmas Eve and you realize you haven't wrapped any of the gifts yet.

Are wrapping and wrapping copies? Ugh, why did you procrastinate?

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14. When it is finally Christmas Day and you can spend time with the ones you love.

Nothing better than sharing food and fun! Feast on all day.

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Taylor Swift Is On Some New Shit On 'Folklore,' So Here Is Every Song Ranked

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Taylor Swift dropping her eighth album, "folklore," last night at midnight sent you, it is incredible.

Taylor doesn't do anything half-heartedly and this surprise album proves that. Since she is the CEO of owner eggs and dropping hints as to what her next album will be released the surprise announcement that her album would be released in less than 24 hours was shocking, to say the least.

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5 Toxic Messages Diet Culture Preaches, And 5 Things You Can Actively Do To Change Them

Changing my mindset on diet culture, my relationship with food, and my feelings about my body one delicious meal at a time.

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Many of you know that I may be the biggest foodie to ever walk the planet. I'm constantly thinking about what I'm going to eat next, what I'm eating right now, and what I ate a few hours earlier. Food is everywhere, and quite honestly there are times that I have one struggle with my relationship with food. I blame part of it on my own mental health and compulsive tendencies which I have been combinating to work through, but I also blame an ever-bigger part of it on the toxicity and persistence of diet culture.

Diet culture, while meant to originally encourage healthier living for all, has instead compelled people to strive for an unattainable body type and has promoted unrealistic lifestyle choices.

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Sen. Cotton, I'm A Teacher, And The 1619 Project Isn't A Bad Idea If You Want To Teach History Properly

This isn't about white history, it's about teaching history properly.

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Sen. Tom Cotton clearly doesn't understand history, or at least doesn't understand that white history isn't the only history. Cotton's recent tweet about the 1619 Project and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the **New Times' 1619 Project**, a series of essays that aims to reframe and reshape the way history is taught in schools and frame the historical narrative around the date of August 1619 when the first slave ship arrived.

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7 Curve-Friendly Lifestyle Bloggers And Models EVERYONE Should Be Following on Instagram

These women show us that beauty doesn't stop at a size too.

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11 Reasons 'Folklore' May Be Taylor Swift's Best Album Yet

Not sure if I'm quite ready to let go of my dear darling "Lover" just yet, but I'm starting to get a little nervous that this new album has officially stolen my heart.

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Remember when were just hoping that she would hopefully drop "Cruel Summer" as a single? Like did we even think that she would drop an entire new album? Well, she did and it's the most surprise-y and out of our minds, awful of the decade? Taylor Swift was cooped up in her home shelling a masterpiece.

Last Friday, unexpectedly, Swift dropped what is arguably the most emotional, vulnerable, and mature album yet entitled "Folklore." In this album, Swift steps out of her comfort zone, storytelling in a way that she has never done before. "Folklore" is her depth album, and it's just as far beyond her more recent album "Lover" as the ocean is from the Mariana Trench. Swift's lyrics are so deep, so thought-provoking, so raw, so real. It turns a much more somber than what we're used to, and the songs go beyond just her own life experiences. Not in the end, Swift has Taylor Lists written all over it, just like all her past albums have had.

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I Didn't Believe In Love Until I Met My Boyfriend, And Now I Hope To Spend The Rest Of My Life With Him

My gym class square dancing partner would become the guy who taught me how to love.

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Growing up, love kind of seemed like a lost cause to me and I really didn't believe in it.

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As an Information Sciences student, I've always been intrigued by the startup culture in the tech industry.

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30 Lyrics From Taylor Swift's New Album 'Folklore' — Because We Can't Just Pick The 1

"folklore" is exactly what we all needed right now.

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On Thursday, July 23, Taylor had a big surprise for Swifties around the world: the release of her eighth album, "folklore".

Speculation about the album's release had set the date of the drop for 2022, but Swift took it upon herself to bring into the world a little earlier than planned, in a different way than she planned. And we aren't mad.

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As the plane descended streaks of grey-tinted clouds faded away to spanning blue skies.

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The most cringe-worthy stories...

by Emmie Pombo | 23 July
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From someone who has been out of the dating scene for a while, these cringe-worthy stories reminded me exactly why I've been focusing on myself instead of dating. Seriously... you'll never believe some of these.

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