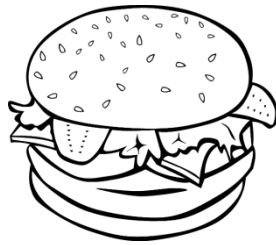


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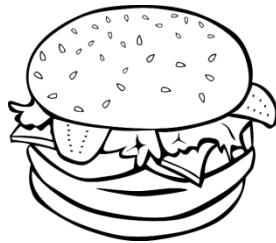
John Funk of the *Plain Dealer* notes that "Electric prices per kilowatt hour continue to decrease" (29). This means customers' monthly electric bills will be much lower than last year.

In the "Gettysburg Address," Lincoln states, "These dead shall not have died in vain." By using these words, Lincoln acknowledges the extreme sacrifice so many Union soldiers made during the Civil War.

The character Charlie tells Susie, "I cannot pretend anymore that I don't love you" (Jones 102). It is at this point that Charlie lets go of his emotions for the first time and stops hiding his true feelings for Susie.

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Rogers et al. (2014) stated, "Sixty percent of teenage pregnancy occurs among the population living in poverty" (p. 68). This suggests that supplying necessary funds to the underprivileged will directly impact underage pregnancy.

Lieutenant Sing stated, "The perpetrator deliberately ran his vehicle into the gazebo" (as cited in Higg et al., 2011, p. 111). Sing's testimony was critical in determining responsibility for damages incurred by the city.