

### THE REN REVIEW



WELCOME FEBRUARY

February is the month dedicated to and all about love. Relationships are blooming but is not only about sweethearts; instead it can also be a time for self-love and self-care, fostering relationships with family and friends and loving others. Healthy boundaries, extending grace, compassion and an acceptance of all that you encompass, are the themes for the month. As we look forward to chocolate adventures, camp outings and learning more for personal growth; we also celebrate Black History Month, National Freedom Day, Random Acts of Kindness Day and Super Bowl Sunday!



The REN review is an opportunity for members to submit articles about all things happening at REN! Please see Jen AH, visit the Computer Lab every Tuesday morning or email stories, pictures and ideas to renaznews@gmail.com. We want to hear from you, this is paper by the peers for the peers and all are welcomed. If you aren't a writer, we can work with you, let's learn together. Here's to a new day, hope and another exciting edition of REN news!

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## February Question of the Month How do you practice self-love

Expressing myself through music and art and I read- Shelby

Kissing myself in the Mirror. Because I have insecurities. Voices Pull me down, so I try to Love on myself - *Sandra* 

Reading adventure books - Scott

Taking care of my body - Jacob

Exercise - Kim

I sit and surrender to myself - James

Looking in the mirror, and telling myself I'm worth it. -Heather

Staying positive, positive affirmations, and coming to REN.-

By communicating with others; participating in the activities, music and dance - Fadia

Helping others makes me feel good about myself. Pampering myself, lighting candies, and hot baths - *Nadea* 

Forgiving myself when I make mistakes and loving myself just the way I am - *Monte* 

### How do you practice self-love Staying Positive-Bailey

Count my blessing. Appreciate the good in my life, Gratefulness.- paul

Take time to enjoy my pets and call friends -Kathleen

Watch horror movies and read books.-Jessica

I extend myself grace-Jen

I come to ren for Support. I still have problems in that area -Brian

I do something Kind for another person. either a stranger or someone I know and take time to relax.-peter

Has a lot to do with my faith. remembering I was created by god.
Who created the universe. So I was made to have a purpose. I take
care of myself, my appearance to communicate respect for myself
and others.-Robert D

I Try to eat healthy go to the gym and surround myself with positive people. My puppy helps too-Emily

I meditate, sing, Motivate myself every day. I love music I Always say today with be a good day, Everything will be okay - Steven

I started grocery shopping cooking ahead of time. so I could Have

More time take care of my health -Lindsey

### How do you practice self-love

Meditate daily to stay in emotional balance - Kelli

I'm just me I do what makes me happy - Sara

I go shooting, 4-wheeling and hiking - Michael

Buying nice Shoes - Jimmy

I make fitness a priority - Gayle

I get plenty of rest, take care of my health, and love others - Anthony

Treat myself to nice things - David

Making time for myself to work out and take care of me - Crystal

Take time to reflect - David S



## REN Outings























## Creative writing

Before I came to REN I had very bad social anxiety. I would hide from other people. Because I got judged And bullied a lot . I didn't want to be seen with people.

I just <mark>stuck with</mark> myself A lot. Now that I came to REN. No one judges or bullies me. A<mark>nd</mark> my anxiety has lessen

Heather M

I am an honest person. I love watching all kinds of movies. Especially ones with unexpected twists and turns. One of my favorites is a german movie, Called Run Lola Run which is part animation mixed live action Lola is running through the streets and courtyards of her town trying to save her boyfriend Manni she needs to find \$100,000 in 15 minutes and bring it back to her boyfriend it sounds totally inproviable even impossible but lola is a determined young woman! she runs through the plot of the movie 3 times until she obtains the desired result it takes 3 do overs in her race against time to gain her desired result of saving her boyfriend and getting an incredibly happy ending to their financial woes.

Barbara P

Should I be written as well as

My Past

Should I be well thought out

Well I think I should be who I would like to be
I am a fighter
I am a winner
I am a beautiful woman
I am me!

**Crystal Pierce** 

## Creative Uriting

When I was younger I could write and write and write. After my injuries I have a very difficult time writing, my mind only comes up with something short and sweet. It's harder to elaborate. This makes the class sad for me because I really enjoyed creative writing. I am hoping my mind will heal and I will become better at writing if I come to class and participate, but again it is difficult.

Here goes nothing...

The ocean waves are grey, aggressive and angry
The ocean is very unhappy spitting lots of foam and spray
The ships that sail this type of ocean are scared
of their travels
Hoping to endure it till it calms again
Becoming a safer water
A safer ocean to travel

Heather Greeno

### Saturday Services



By Monte M.

It was ten minutes to five. We were all just minutes away from the weekend. For me, it was my last day at Franklin, Jackson & Hendricks, one of the largest criminal law firms in Medford, Oregon. I had been there for five years, but it was time for a change. At five o'clock, I turned in my I.D. badge to Nick, the security guard. Nick said, "Ted Fisher is a name I'm going to miss around here. "Thanks Nick, that's very nice", I replied. I carried my box of belongings to my 2017 Honda Civic.

Ten minutes later, I was having dinner at Burger King. It was my last supper in Medford.

Soon after dinner, I was driving down the access road and I parked in a secluded area that overlooked Agate Lake. The blueish-green lake shimmered under the orange summer sky. To my right was a tree whose branches seemed to reach for the Earth below it. The tree's brown bark was brittle to the touch. The tree was filled with thick green leaves and purplish-lavender flowers. In the distance, mountains appeared to rise from the enormous lake. The highest of the seven summits was just over three-thousand-feet-tall. The lake contained 1,653,043 acre feet of water. The water was about thirty-five degrees...normal for a February evening. I took off my shoes and socks and gently dipped my feet into the cool crisp water. It had been many months since I felt such a refreshing sensation.

I reached into my left coat pocket and pulled out a notepad and a pen. I dated the note February 24, 2022 and I wrote, "I will be back in February of 2026. My name is Ted Fisher and I live at 2224 E Starfish Lane. I am okay and I WILL be back."

I removed my coat, shirt, pants and the rest of my clothes. They were lying along the shoreline of the lake. I walked slowly into the lake and waited there for over five hours. I stayed underwater about 98% of the time. At 11:45 PM I swam out to the center of the lake. It took me almost thirty seconds to swim the three-quarter-mile distance. It was a short distance compared to what I swim on my home world.

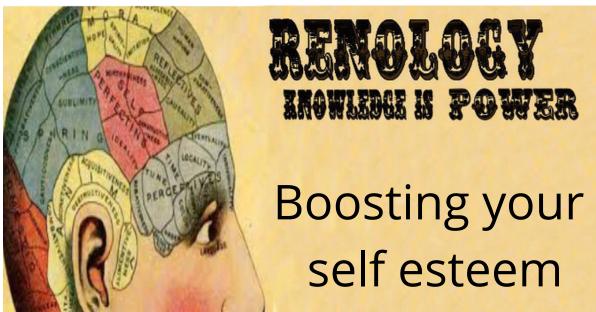
At exactly midnight, the lake water began to vibrate. A blue light permeated the waters. A loud hum could be heard. A giant saucer broke the surface. It had a diameter of two-hundred yards and it was thirty yards high at the center. A door quickly slid open and I entered the ship. The temperature aboard ship was twenty-degrees below zero. It was good to be going back home. We would arrive in four Earth days. I would spend some quality time with my wife and three children.

After five years passed, I would return to the Blue Planet, find another job as a criminal attorney and spend five more years studying mankind. I would assume my previous name of Ted Fisher. I would tell the authorities that I was abducted by aliens. They would investigate and soon let me go on with my life. This would allow the human race time to get used to the fact that alien life exists.

Then, on April 1, 2040, our species would arrive on Earth and hopefully co-exist with the inhabitants of the Blue Planet. We have tried to live on three other planets in the galaxy. Each time we arrived we were attacked by the native species. We hope that the people of Earth will be more welcoming. If they are not, we will continue our search for a peaceful, accepting planet.







### February is International Boost your self-esteem Month

Self-esteem, simply put, is how you feel about yourself.
According to Oprah Winfrey, "Self-esteem comes from being able to define the world in your own terms and refusing to abide by the judgment of others." having a healthy self-esteem is not simply about liking yourself more. It is also a way of improving your mental health. In fact, for those with existing mental health struggles, such as severe depression and anxiety, boosting self-esteem can increase feelings of worth and help you manage feelings of sadness, emptiness, etc. Also, a healthy self-esteem can help ward off mental health concerns altogether, as low self-esteem is one of the leading major depression causes. There are many ways you can help yourself boost esteem. Here's a few.

### Become aware of thoughts and beliefs

Once you've identified troubling situations, pay attention to your thoughts about them. This includes what you tell yourself (self-talk) and your interpretation of what the situation means. Your thoughts and beliefs might be positive, negative or neutral. They might be rational, based on reason or facts, or irrational, based on false ideas. Ask yourself if these beliefs are true. Would you say them to a friend? If you wouldn't say them to someone else, don't say them to yourself.. like

- All-or-nothing thinking. You see things as either all good or all bad. For example, "If I don't succeed in this task, I'm a total failure."
- Mental filtering. You see only negatives and dwell on them, distorting your view of a person or situation. For example, "I made a mistake on that report and now everyone will realize I'm not up to this job.
- Converting positives into negatives. You reject your achievements
  and other positive experiences by insisting that they don't count.
   For example, "I only did well on that test because it was so easy."
- Jumping to negative conclusions. You reach a negative conclusion
  when little or no evidence supports it. For example, 'My friend
  hasn't replied to my email, so I must have done something to make
  her angry."
- Mistaking feelings for facts. You confuse feelings or beliefs with facts. For example, "I feel like a failure, so I must be a failure."
- compare yourself to others. When you compare yourself, you are
  often saying that you want to be more like that person or have
  what that person has and try and compete with them. This can
  really cause you to become negative and unconfident, as you are
  really telling yourself that you are not good enough.
- Negative self-talk. You undervalue yourself, put yourself down or use self-deprecating humor. For example, "I don't deserve anything better."



### Adjust your thoughts and beliefs

Now replace negative or inaccurate thoughts with accurate, constructive thoughts. Try these strategies:

- Use hopeful statements. Treat yourself with kindness and encouragement. Instead of thinking
  your presentation won't go well, try telling yourself things such as, "Even though it's tough, I can
  handle this situation"
- Forgive yourself. Everyone makes mistakes and mistakes aren't permanent reflections on you
  as a person. They're isolated moments in time. Tell yourself, "I made a mistake, but that doesn't
  make me a bad person."
- Avoid 'should' and 'must' statements. If you find that your thoughts are full of these words, you
  might be putting unreasonable demands on yourself or on others. Removing these words
  from your thoughts can lead to more realistic expectations.
- Focus on the positive. Think about the parts of your life that work well. Consider the skills
  you've used to cope with challenging situations.
- Consider what you've learned. If it was a negative experience, what might you do differently the next time to create a more positive outcome?
- Relabel upsetting thoughts. You don't need to react negatively to negative thoughts. Instead, think of negative thoughts as signals to try new, healthy patterns. Ask yourself, "What can I think and do to make this less stressful?"
- Encourage yourself. Give yourself credit for making positive changes. For example, "My
  presentation might not have been perfect, but my colleagues asked questions and remained
  engaged which means that I accomplished my goal."
- Do things you enjoy. Start by making a list of things you like to do. Try to do something from that list every day.
- Spend time with people who make you happy. Don't waste time on people who don't treat
  you well.

These steps might seem awkward at first, but they'll get easier with practice. As you begin to recognize the thoughts and beliefs that are contributing to your low self-esteem, you can counter them or change the way you think about them. This will help you accept your value as a person. As your self-esteem increases, your confidence and sense of well-being are likely to soar.

reference Mayo Clinic July 20,202

## Trisha Talks

### Dear Trisha,

I am feeling lonely, it seems that everyone has someone... boyfriend, best friend or a squad and I really don't have anyone. I often struggle with feeling comfortable to talk to others and when I get to REN I feel like everyone else knows what they are doing or at the very least are having a better time then me. I tried to be outgoing at the dance but then I just felt awkward. I go home to my apartment alone and feel like I am bothering if I try to reach out to the people I have met. I need some help.

Sincerely Awkward,

Dear Awkward,

I want you to know that everybody struggles, while there may not be a ton of solace in that just know that you aren't the only one feeling like this. Continue to go to your program of choice and try reaching out to others this week. Practice self love and get out of your comfort zone; the dance thing sounds amazing I think that is growth. Sometimes I think as humans going through our own struggles we obviously tend to believe that no one has the compassion that we do for others. We think that everyone must think we are as bad as we think we are. Reach out, you would be amazed to know that the person you don't want to "bother" is in need of someone today.

If you have something you would like to get off your chest, write to me at Rentrishatalk@gmail.com "Remember not to include names of persons, places or organizations also religion and politics are not permitted". While Trisha is a trained peer support she is not by any means a mental health professional. If you are having a mental health crisis please seek out a trained professional or call the crisis line 602- 222-9444

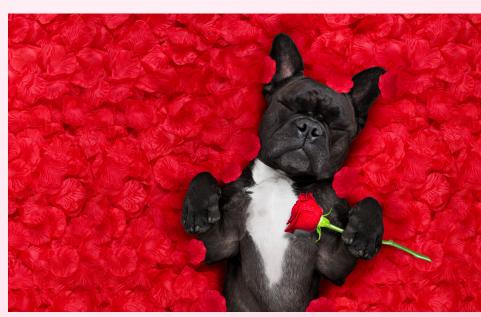


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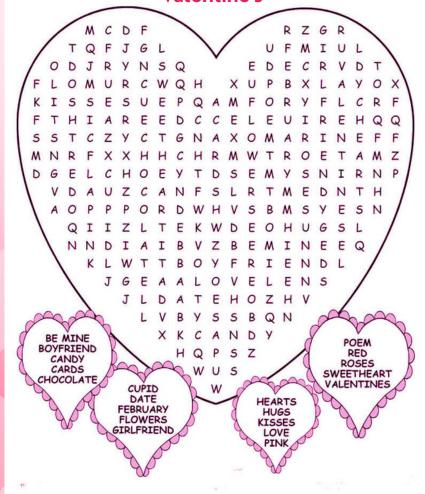
## Would you Believe...



- The official longest kiss was clocked at 32 hours, 7 minutes and 14 seconds long by Nikola Matovic and Kristina Reinhart in Germany in February 2009
- February is the Most Missed spelled word in the English Language
- It's the only month that can pass without having a full moon. That doesn't mean February never has a full moon—it usually does, as a matter of fact. The last time it didn't was 1999. The next time it won't have a full moon? 2037!
- Every year, thousands of romantics send letters addressed to Verona, Italy to "Juliet," the subject of the timeless romantic tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet." The city marks the location of the Shakespearean tale, and the letters that reach the city are dutifully answered by a team of volunteers from the Juliet Club. Each year, on Valentine's Day,
- The largest box of chocolates is a Thorntons Moments box weighing 3725Lbs. 2 April 2008.
- first valentine was written a prison. Charles, Duke of Orleans wrote the love letter to his second wife at the age of 21 while captured at the Battle of Agincourt. As a prisoner for more than 20 years, he would never see his valentine's reaction to the poem he penned to her in the early 15th century.
- The largest padlock in the world weighs 916 pounds.
- There's a LEGO bridge in Germany that you can walk across.
- For 20 years, a cat served as mayor of an Alaskan town.
- The inventor of the Pringles can is now buried in one.
- The Goodyear Blimp is the official bird of Redondo Beach, California.
- The amount of copper on the Arizona capitol building roof is equivalent to nearly 5 million pennies.

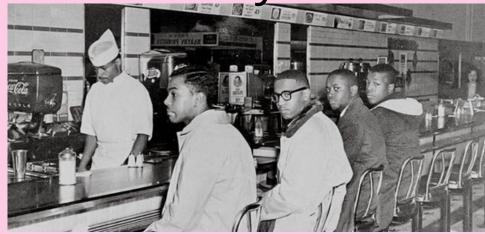


### February Word Search valentine's



Poor Trisha's Almanac February 2022





**February 1, 1960** - In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service, but did not leave. Instead, they waited all day. The scene was repeated over the next few days, with protests spreading to other southern states,

**February 3, 1870** - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

**February 3, 1913** - .The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

**February 6, 1788** - Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the new U.S. Constitution, by a vote of 187 to 168.

**February 6, 1933** - The 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted. It set the date for the Presidential Inauguration as January 20th, instead of the old date of March 4th. It also sets January 3rd as the official opening date of Congress.

**February 7, 1795** - The 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the powers of the Federal Judiciary over the states by prohibiting Federal lawsuits against individual states

**February 8, 1910** - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.

**February 10, 1942** - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.

**February 10, 1967 -** The 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, clarifying the procedures for presidential succession in the event of the disability of a sitting president.

**February 11, 660bc**-Celebrated in Japan as the founding date of the Japanese nation, which occurred with the accession to the throne of the first Emperor, Jimmu,

**February 11, 1990**-In South Africa, Nelson Mandela, at age 71, was released from prison after serving 27 years of a life sentence on charges of attempting to overthrow the apartheid government. In April 1994, he was elected president in the first all-race elections.

**February 13, 1635**- Boston Latin School, the first tax-payer supported (public) school in America was established in Boston, Massachusetts.

February 14, 1912 - Arizona Became the 48th State

**February 20, 1962** - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometers) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours.

**February 27, 1950 -** .The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms or a maximum of ten years in office.



### Happy Birthday to all of you born in February

Birthstone : Amethyst

:hyst zodiac sign Aquarius (Ĵan 20 — Feb 18)/ Pisces (Feb 19—mar 20) Here are some celebrities you share your special day with

February 1

Rick James 1943-2004 Harry Styles -1994 Hattie Caraway 1878-1950 the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate

February 2 Christie Brinkley-1954

Christie Brinkley-1954 Brent Spiner - 1949 Shakira-1977 **February 3** Norman Rockwell -1894-1978

Bridget Regan- 1982 Blythe Danner-1943 Februaru 4

Rosa Parks - 1913-2005 Alice Cooper - 1948

Oscar De La Hoya-1973

Oscar De La Hoya-19 February 5

Bobby Brown-1969

Jennifer Jayson Leigh-1962 Sara Foster-1981

February 6

Bob Marley-1945-1981 Babe Ruth-1895-1948

Axl Rose-1962

February 7

Chris rock-1965

Garth Brooks-1962

Laura Ingalls Wilder-1867-1957 February 8

Seth Green-1974

Nick Nolte-1941

James Dean-1931-1955

February 9

Judith Light-1949 Joe Pesci-1943

William Harrison- 1773-1841 9th us

President

February 10

Jimmy Durante 1893-1980

Robert Wagner-1930

Laura dern-1967 February 11

Burt Reynolds-1936-2018

Brandy (Norwood)-1979

Thomas Edison-1847-1931

February 12

Jennifer Stone-1993 Arsenio Hall-1956

Abraham Lincoln-1809-1865

February 13

Jerry Springer-1944

Stockard Channing-1944 Grant Wood-1892-1942 Painter of

American Gothic

February 14

Florence Henderson-1934-2016 Jimmy Hoffa-1913-1975













The weekend(Abel Makkonen Tesfaye)-1990 Ice Tea(Tracy Lauren Marrow)-1958 Sunnu Bono-1935-1998 February 17 Michael Jordan-1963 Paris Hilton-1981 Lou Diamond Phillips-1962 February 18 John Travolta-1954 Andre Romelle Young(Dr.Dre)-1965 Enzo Ferrari - 1898-1988 February 19 Nicolaus Copernicus-1473-1543 Jeff Daniels-1955 Smokey Robinson -1940 February 20 Charles Barkley -1963 Cindy Crawford-1966 Sidney Poitier - 1927-2022 February 21 Jennifer Love Hewitt - 1979 Kelsey Grammer - 1955 Mark Kelly - 1964 February 22 Drew Barrymore- 1975 Steve Irwin - 1962 - 2006 George Washington-1732 - 1799 February 23 Dakota Fanning-1994 Peter Fonda-1940-2016 Carol Denise Betts (Niecy Nash) - 1970 February 24 Steve Jobs - 1955 Floyd Mayweather - 1977 Admiral Chester Nimitz - 1885-1966 February 25 George Harrison -1943 -2001 Tea Leoni -1966 Rick Flair - 1949 February 26 Johnny Cash-1932-2003 Jackie Gleason - 1916 - 1987 Buffalo Bill Cody- 1846 - 1917 February 27 Elizabeth Taylor-1932 -2011 John Steinbeck-1902-1968 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow - 1807 -1882 February 28 Brian Jones - 1942 - 1969 Rae Dawn Chong - 1961 Bigsy Siegal - 1906-1947

February 15

February 16

Jane Seymore-1951

Chris Farley - 1964-1997

Galileo Galilei-1564-1642



### ren movie review





### A map of tiny perfect things

The film tells the story of quick-witted teen Mark, contently living the same day in an endless loop whose world is turned upside-down when he meets mysterious Margaret, also stuck in the time loop. Mark and Margaret form a magnetic partnership, setting out to find all the tiny things that make that one day perfect. What follows is a love story with a fantastical twist, as the two struggle to figure out how -- and whether -- to escape their never-ending day.

Get in your comfy PJs, grab the half gal of cookie dough, Ice cream, snuggie, a box of kleenex, and watch with a friend well worth it. It is streaming now on Amazon Prime.

= Only on a dare.

= I could not find the remote.

= It had It's moments.

= I like It!

= OMG Gurl, You have to see this movie!



### Top 25 Romantic movies of all time



Casablanca-1943

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind-2004

Titanic-1997

When Harry Met Sally-1989

It Happened One Night-1935

Gone with the Wind-1939

Slumdog Millionaire-2008

Brokeback Mountain+2005

La La Land-2016

Doctor Zhivago-1965

Moonstruck-1987

Sleepless in Seattle-1993

Moulin Rouge!-2001

If Beale Street Could Talk-2018

Love Actually-2003

Crazy Rich Asians-2018

Pretty Woman-1990

Love and Basketball-2000

The Princess Bride-1987

Beauty and the Beast-1991

Peggy Sue Got Married-1986

Dirty Dancing-1987

The Notebook-2004

Carol-2015

Roman Holiday-1953





Spider-Man: No Way Home - Tom

Holland

# Days of Self Love





LOVE



Day Two Get rid of a limiting belief that you have about yourself or your abilities. Day Three What good habit do you want to begin this month9

Day Four What is a compliment that you struggle to accept about yourself9

Day Five What is something you need to start saying yes too

Day Six What do you need to forgive yourself for9

Day Seven Name a thing you love about your body and your personality.

Day Eight Where in your life do you need to slow down & take your times

Day Nine What's something in your life that you need to get rid of9

Day Ten How can you Set better boundaries in your lifes

Day Eleven yourself in a loving way, to a strangers Day Twelve What things make you fee happy to be

Day Thirteen Take a Selfie. Just as you are. Find one thing to love about it.

Day Fourteen What would your younger self be proud of you for todays

Day Fifteen What are you afraid to ask fore What do you need to speak up about 9

Day Sixteen What is the most loving thing you've ever done for yourselfo

Day Seventeen When was the last time you indulged yourself and howg

Day Eighteen What's one change you can make to increase your happinessa Day Nineteen How are you making the world a better places

Day Twenty How can you give yourself a break todays [Mentally, physically, or emotionally.]

Day Twenty-One What's something you're working on believing that you deserves

Day Twenty-Two What things make you feel bad, but you find yourself doing them anyways

Day Twenty-Three What does your support system look like? How can you make it strongera

Day Twenty-Four What's something you wish someone would say to your

Day Twenty-Five What things are you really really good ata

Day Twenty-Six What parts of yourself are you ashamed of What does your shadow self look like?

Day Twenty-Seven What's one choice you can make right now that your future self will thank you forg

Day Twenty-Eight Who are your role models and what qualities do you share with themo

Day Twenty-Nine What words or beliefs do you (want to) live your life by?

Day Thirty What labels egative and positive do you assign yourself9

Day Thirty-One Going forward how can you ommit to loving yourself every days



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