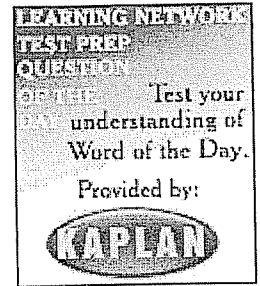


wince · 'win(t)s · (verb)

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EXAMPLE FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES

The word wince has appeared in 84 Times articles over the past year, most recently in "Stranger in Strange Land: The Acne Years" on October 6, 2008.

...I can't imagine that anyone who isn't in early adolescence would be crazy about "13," the shiny and brash new musical about growing up geeky that opened Sunday night at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theater. Featuring a cast of 13 performers, all under 18, and a band drawn from the same age pool, "13" certainly has on tap that natural radioactive energy that makes young teenagers so appealing and so scary.

It's safe to assume that pretty much anyone who went through the American public education system during the last 50 years will find the story familiar. Looking back, I see now that junior high school (as it was called then) came closer to the brutal social politics of a Balzac novel than any other chapter in my life. The amoral ruthlessness of those years can still make me wince when summoned with the right details by a novel like Curtis Sittenfeld's "Prep," or in a lighter vein, a movie like "Mean Girls."

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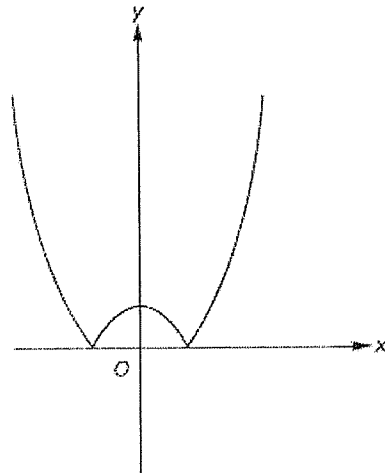
Sylvester signed his name with a characteristic ----- that made his signature look more like art than writing.

- (A) wince
- (B) glimpse
- (C) flourish
- (D) nod
- (E) understatement

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Read the following SAT test question, then click on a button to select your answer.



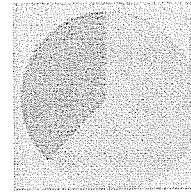
Which of the following could be the equation of the function graphed in the  $xy$ -plane above?

- A.   $y = (-x)^2 + 1$
- B.   $y = -x^2 + 1$
- C.   $y = |x^2 + 1|$
- D.   $y = |x^2 - 1|$
- E.   $y = |(x - 1)^2|$

Today's Responses

Section: Mathematics

Responses: 120,473  
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Correct: 38%

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*Answer*

1. On a number line, point  $J$  is located at 14. Which absolute value equation represents the locations of the points,  $x$ , 5 units from  $J$ ?

- A.  $|x + 5| = 14$
- B.  $|x - 5| = 14$
- C.  $|x + 14| = 5$
- D.  $|x - 14| = 5$