



“Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.”

- Mortimer Adler -

“Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill.”

- Barbara Tuchman -

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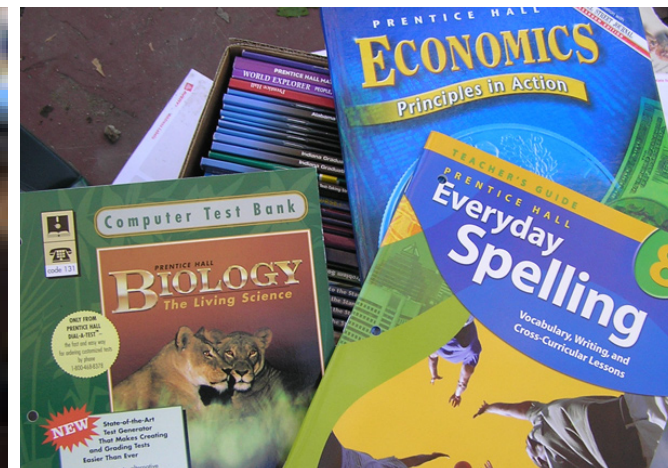
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