Society has forever changed since the adoption of computers and education. School is longer a utility to enhance the human mind and their capabilities. Instead, schools are testing humans on how fast they can search the internet. The annual search competition known as the *Research Race* is withheld within each region of the world to test which student is capable of searching information the fastest way possible. Books are now extinct, being digitized in to the computer world. Teachers are no longer present as artificial intelligence have taken over school boards and teach students methods of online searching. It is up to the students, however, to find their own unique way to receive information. One student, Alrick Sai, was going to change the *Research Race* forever.

It was a normal day at school in "Google Searching 203" where Alrick and his classmates learned the advanced searching algorithms of Google. The intercom went off and the voice of the principal had rung all throughout the school. "Good morning students! The 25th annual *Research Race* will be taking place within 3 months from today. If you are a senior, please sign up, for this competition will determine where your lives will be for your career!" Max, one of Alrick’s friends, came up to him and asked, "Are you ready for this year's *Research Race*? I've been studying all sorts of search engines like *Google, Bing, and Yahoo.*" Alrick responded, "You know, I'm not really sure if this competition really makes that much of a difference as to where our careers will lead us. I feel like everyone will be using the same methods anyhow." Max states, "Suit yourself, this competition is going to get me a job at *Apple!*"
After school, Alrick does his daily routine of going to the gas station to pick up some gas and a drink of fruit punch before he goes home. As he arrived home, he sees his mother cleaning up the living room. She spots Alrick and states, "Hi sweetie! Can you do me a favor and bring these old books your father used to print into the attic?" Alrick took a glance at the books and shuffled through them to see how worn out they may have been. To his surprise, the books were still in good condition. He responded, "Can I keep these? The books might be a good source for the Research Race." His mother then said, "Now why would you use that? Books are no longer viable for sources. Besides, they probably have these books online." Alrick went to the attic to store the old books and came upon something unique. A library of books were being kept inside the attic for what seemed to be for years. As Alrick was trying to find a spot to place the books at, his father Sam appeared into the attic. He said to Alrick, "It's a darn beauty isn't it? A library of information that had been passed down from generation to generation that held secrets of the world we live in. You could learn a thing or two from these books if you put your mind to it." Alrick responded, "Thanks dad, maybe I'll give it a shot." With a new source of information to Alrick's disposal, he began his research.

The next day of school, Alrick decided to bring one of the encyclopedias within the library to show his classmates. When Max first encountered the encyclopedia, he said, "What in the world is this? I thought books were deleted off the face of the Earth!" Alrick responds, "My father used to work at a printing company and he would usually bring home a set of books for the family. Maybe these books could be a good source of information that other search engines may not be able to get a hold of." Max had a grim and stern face as he said, "Do you honestly think that the internet doesn't have information from some lousy old book? You must be out of
your mind if think that!" Alrick responded, "Well suit yourself, I think I found my new method of research."

For the next three months, Alrick has gone to the attic in search of books that have not been digitized into the internet. Throughout the library, he found half of the library to already be stored online in a different database, and the other half was completely unknown to the digital world. Alrick asked his father about these books about why they weren't digitized and his father said that the books were finished in the making but weren't published all the way due to funds being cut from the company by digital substitutions. Alrick thought that these books were the last of its kind as the world was being shifted to the digital standard. This was the secret source that Alrick thought would give him an edge for the competition.

The time has come for the 25th annual Research Race as students from all over the region come together and test themselves to see which student has the best capabilities of research. The competition consists of twelve stages from easy to hard and began with a set of questions that were as simple as searching the answer on any search engine with a single keyword. One question would be "The elemental symbol of iron is: " and a student could just type in iron. At the end of the first stage, results pull up from the board and displays the students who have correctly or incorrectly answered the question. Points were appointed to students who got the question correct and the amount of points differed among the difficulty of the problem. As the final stage of the competition began to arise, there were three top students in the standings thus far: Mary, a student from Harvard, Max and Alrick. Each student racked up a total of 66 points. When it came down to the last round, the announcer stated the last question: "Under the command of General Tiben in the book Morale Conduct, who was the soldier that gave up his life to prevent his assassination?" All the students paused in silence. When looking up the
information on all the search engines, there was no result on what the answer had been given. To Alrick's fortune, the book had been one of the many that weren't published to the public, yet was available to him in the library. Once the timer ran out, the announcer displayed the answer along with the students who answered the question correctly and incorrectly. Out of all the students in the competition, Alrick was the only student to have answered the question correctly. Alrick won the 25th annual *Research Race*!

The students from the competition all screamed and yelled to congratulate Alrick on his victory, yet were very confused as to why this question was asked at the end. The announcer stated, "We have a winner here today folks. Alrick Sayasavanh is our 25th *Research Race* Runner! Now you students may be wondering why Alrick was the only one that got the question correct, but he might have the answer to that." Alrick spoke into the microphone that was handed to him and said, "I just read books."