

What Is on Your Bucket List?

Introduction: How many lives do we have? One. Can we go back and relive past years, days, moments? No. Hence, we need to make the most of the opportunities we have and the opportunities we can **Create** for ourselves.

Think of Johnny in *The Outsiders* in chapter 8 on his hospital bed with his broken back saying, "I don't want to die now. It ain't long enough. Sixteen years ain't long enough."

DREAM. Dream **BIG!** What do you want to do, have accomplish, and become before you die? Could you write them all down on pieces of paper and drop them in a bucket to be accomplished, one-by-one?

A popular movie from 2007 called *The Bucket list* traces two men who seek to fulfill their lives' dreams before it is too late. Read the synopsis below:

Synopsis

The Bucket List

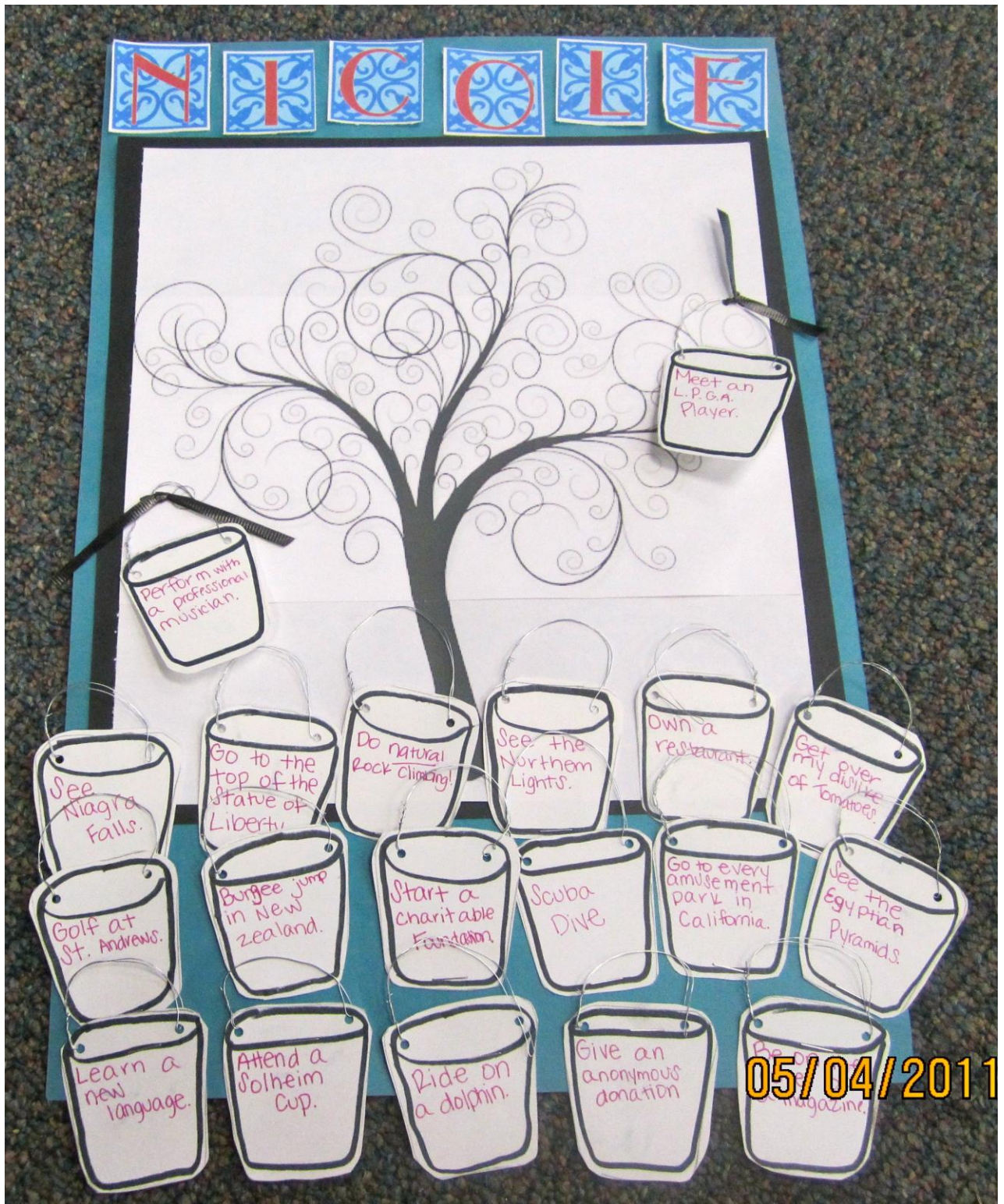
Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman star as two terminally ill cancer patients who decide to break out of the hospital and live their last days to the fullest in director Rob Reiner's seriocomic road movie. Edward Cole (Nicholson) is a corporate billionaire who is currently sharing a hospital room with blue-collar mechanic Carter Chambers (Freeman). Though initially the pair seems to have nothing in common, their conversations gradually reveal that both men have a long list of goals they wish to accomplish before they kick the bucket, and an unrealized desire to discover what kind of men they really are. But one can't accomplish such lofty objectives from the confines of a hospital bed; so now, in order to live their lives to the absolute fullest, Edward and Carter will have to make a break for it. With a checklist that includes playing the poker tables in Monte Carlo, consuming copious amounts of caviar, racing the fastest machines on four wheels, and much more, these two terminally ill men will do their best to fit a lifetime of experience into their last remaining days while forging an unlikely, but truly remarkable, friendship. ~

Jason Buchanan, All Movie Guide

Make sure your Name, Date, and Period are on your project!

Directions: Well, we're not going to wait until we're dying to start checking off dreams for our Bucket Lists. On your own paper, make a list of 15-25 things you want to do, see, have, accomplish, etc., before you die. Some examples might seem simple such as snow board down a Black Diamond run; get a girlfriend in middle school, or go to Italy. Others might be more difficult, such as: run my own, successful company; be in the MLB Hall of Fame; or play at Carnegie Hall, play a sport in the Olympics. *******Your paper must be no bigger than 12 X 18 in size, Must Be More Than Just A List, must be creative with something artistic added to the list and have some guiding theme with connected parts. Some possibilities are either by hand or computer, with watermarks, graphics, borders, drawings, magazine clips, pictures, etc. that connect to the individual parts of your list. Try and come up with a connected theme. Some designs might be a scrapbook, a will, a scroll, parchment, an advertisement, a marquee, a treasure map, a map, etc. Be Creative! There will be extra-credit given for the best three bucket lists from each class. Due Date is Monday _____.**

DREAM. Dream **BIG!** I don't care how crazy or bold, or unachievable a goal seems. If you want it, include it in your creatively designed list that should be at least 15-25 items long with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 25. **Remember, this must be more than just a listing!**



This is just one example of a decent Bucket List. What could you have done to make it even better? Show me your Best and Most Creative Work!