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FAN UP



Gabe Arnold

Age: 16
Character: A woman with steampunk goggles
Fandoms: "Steven Universe," "Gravity Falls," "Viva Piñata," "Dungeons & Dragons"
About the club: "I've come out more socially."

Eleanor Stuart

Age: 18
Character: Lil' Cal from the web comic "Homestuck"
Fandoms: "Homestuck," "Lord of the Rings," "Star Wars," "Undertale"
About the club: "Seeing them light up about the thing you're into is an amazing thing."



Brandie Brooks

Age: 16
Character: England from the anime "Hetalia"
Fandoms: "Hetalia," "Supernatural," "Doctor Who," steampunk
About the club: "You can be socially awkward and not get in trouble for it."

Alizabeth Wendt

Age: 17
Character: Zacharie from the video game "OFF"
Fandoms: "Hetalia," "Undertale," "My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic," "Lord of the Rings"
About the club: "We've made friends. We've laughed."



Lingo

Anime ('anə mā): a style of Japanese film and television animation, typically aimed at adults as well as children.
Manga ('maNGgə): a style of Japanese comic books and graphic novels, typically aimed at adults as well as children.
Cosplay ('kăz plā): the practice of dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game, especially one from the Japanese genres.
Steampunk: a genre of science fiction that features steam-powered machinery rather than advanced technology.

Pendleton teens form tight-knit club

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Although the Internet has made it easier than ever to connect to like-minded enthusiasts, finding people willing to talk about the finer points of nerdom in the flesh can be a much tougher proposition.

Pendleton High School students Eleanor Stuart and Alizabeth Wendt were already friends who discussed their favorite TV shows, games and comics with each other and online communities called "fandoms," but they wanted more real-life interactions.

"It was kind of a selfish idea," Wendt said about the founding of the Fandom Club last year.

The central conceit of the Fandom Club

is simple — provide a space to express your dedication to a piece of pop culture without fear of judgment.

The club's twice weekly meetings are similarly casual. Club members spread across teacher Matthew Campbell's classroom and draw, write and talk about their various passions, which tend to revolve around science fiction, fantasy, anime, manga, cartoons and "cosplay," the act of dressing like the characters from those entertainment mediums.

The group has attracted five core members with two or three others coming less consistently. Members like the close knit nature of the club.

Co-presidents Wendt and Stuart will graduate at the end of the year, with plans to transfer the leadership position to member Gabe Arnold next year.