



Welcome to The Amanda Project!

As you've probably figured out, this site is about a girl named Amanda Valentino. She came to our school, Endeavor High, on Halloween. She vanished in March. Her friends—Hal Bennett, Callie Leary, and Nia Rivera—have set up this website to reach out to other people in order to discover more about who she was and why she disappeared. Since Amanda left, she's been sending Hal, Callie, and Nia cryptic clues, and they need help to decipher what they mean.

...which is where you come in. There's a lot going on on the website—our search for Amanda has turned up many other mysteries about Endeavor High and our lives here in Orion. Now that you've signed up, there are so many other ways that you can join the search and get involved. But first, here's a little more about who we are and what's going on.

Endeavor High



Endeavor, home of the Spirits, is officially Endeavor Unified Middle and High School. Obviously, nobody calls it that.

We're you're average Maryland high school - although Principal Singh would object saying, "We are EXTRA-ordinary! Endeavor Unified Middle and High School boasts the greatest variety of extracurriculars, clubs, and sports including our all-star boys varsity soccer team, state champ girls lacrosse, Model UN, Mock Trial, Jazz quartet, Marching Band..." wah wah wah. If you really care you can check out a full list of all of our AMAZING activities on our super awesome website at <http://endeavorhigh.com>.

Orion

We live in Orion, Maryland, a small town which is about an hour outside of Baltimore, obviously named for Orion the mythical hunter. We don't hunt much, but we like to think that we're on guard against our arch-rivals in Harrison, the next town over. We pretty much have the essentials—movies, music, books, a used clothing store, some coffee shops, pizza—the usual.



We're talking about Amanda's favorite places here: <http://theamandaproject.com/debate-club/forum/viewthread/42/>.

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...and then, of course, there's Amanda herself. Ask five people who knew Amanda, and they'll tell you five different (and probably weird) stories about what sounds like five different girls. Before we can discover where she is and why she left, we need to uncover more about who she really is.



Join our debate about Amanda in the Debate Club: [Who Is This Amanda Truly?](#)

You probably knew her (or knew of her) too—that's why you're here, right? Maybe you sat next to her in class (here's the [class schedule](#) we've been piecing together), or *taught* her in a class, or saw her doing her homework downtown, or sat next to her in a diner in another city (or country). We need to collect all the

information we can, so if you know something, this is your chance to help.

The Guides

[Hal Bennett](#), [Callie Leary](#), and [Nia Rivera](#) started this whole project with the help of Hal's computer genius little sister Cornelia. When she first arrived at Endeavor, Amanda told each of them that she needed a guide to her new school, and they all thought they were the only one. As it turns out, there were three of them...and thus "The Guides." You can learn more about them on their profile pages, and in [the first Amanda Project book](#), which is narrated by Callie.

The Books

Amanda's story—and the website—have gotten so much attention that a big publisher, [HarperCollins](#), asked Hal, Callie, and Nia to write about their search for Amanda. The Amanda mystery will be told in an eight-book series (!!)—and on the website, of course—and [each book will include writing from readers like you](#).

The first book about Amanda, [Invisible I](#) includes a post from member [PhysicsNerd](#). The second book, Signal From Afar, comes out next year and will include more writing from people like you who are helping us figure out what's going on with Amanda Valentino.

By helping us search for Amanda, you'll not only have a chance to have your writing featured in one of our books—but also in the [Zine](#) we're putting together, where you can submit writing or art.

So...here's how you can join the search!

Make Your Character



You can edit and expand your profile by clicking on the “My Profile” link next to your username on the right hand side of the page. You can be anyone in Amanda's world—a classmate who knows Amanda, a teacher at Endeavor High, or just someone who lives in Orion (our town) and has been noticing really strange things going on! It's totally up to you, and everyone is someone different.

Am I supposed to be myself on the site or should I be pretending to be a character?

The Amanda Project invites you to create a character and become a part of Amanda's world. That character can be a lot like you or nothing like you at all. You can be anyone you want to be—maybe you go to Endeavor High with the main characters, or maybe you work at the movie theater downtown. Maybe you knew Amanda back when you were both five, or...there are a million possibilities!

Feeling stuck? Take a look at these awesome characters for inspiration:

[Urban_Hippie](#)

[themidnighter](#)

[Fashionista](#)

[ArtsyFartsy](#)

[AwesomeAnna93](#)

[Cheeky Monkey](#)

Upload an Avatar!



Your avatar is the little icon in your profile that gives you a “face” on the Amanda Project site. Don't use your actual face, of course! That wouldn't be right for your character, plus it's not very safe. Pick something that represents your character.

We've included a few avatars in a zip file to get you started—you can [download them again here](#) if you've lost track of them. Once you have the zip file on your computer, double-click to open it. Then drag the avatar you want to use to someplace easy to remember on your computer, and go to the “My Profile” link above the

search box on the Amanda Project website. (The "My Profile" box will show up once you're logged in to the website.)



On your profile page, just click the little pencil icon above the default avatar:



...and then hit the "browse" button on the edit-profile page to navigate on your computer to the avatar you want to use. Hit "Save Changes" at the bottom, and you're done!

Take the Totem Quiz

Once you decide what kind of character you want to be, you can take the amazingly accurate [Totem Quiz](#) to find out your secret animal totem. (Or you may already have taken it, or you may want to take it again...). We're also including totem avatars in your pack.



Tell Us Your Stories

Every Friday at 3:30 PM, Hal, Callie, and Nia post [new stories](#) about what's going on at Endeavor High and in Amanda's world. They need your help - give them your theories, let them know what you think, what you saw, if you know anything at all. You can read the stories here, and comment by writing in the box where it says "respond."

The site is a place for everyone to tell their version of Amanda and her story. Amanda was many things to many people, and everyone has a own story to tell. As we see it, it's OK if two people come up with conflicting points of view, because that's what they are—points of view. There is no wrong answer. The narrative written in the books, and by the main characters will become the official narrative, but there is always room to create stories behind the stories, and to challenge what other members say happened. We also continuously weave your comments and theories and characters into the stories we tell online each week, and into the books themselves, so please keep writing!

Some good stories to start with:

- [Cross My Heart and Hope to Die](#)
- [Amanda's Yellow Brick Road](#)
- [It's in the Cards, Or is it?](#)
- [The Dropped Note: Part 1](#)

Post in the Debate Club

Want to introduce yourself? Talk about the book? Post your own random theories about Amanda? [The Debate Club](#) is the place to do it. That's where everyone can combine their brainpower to come up with ideas about where—and who—Amanda Valentino really is. Some good threads to start with:

- ✓ [Hi My Name is...](#) (the introductions thread)
- ✓ [Who Is This Amanda Truly?](#)
- ✓ [Etc., Etc., Etc.](#)

Submit Your Art or Writing to the Zine

You can post your own art and writing (it doesn't have to be about Amanda—we just want to see your awesome stuff!) in the [Zine](#) for all our members to see. Plus, the [Endeavor High Zine](#) will be published quarterly compiling the best writing from the site and edited by Endeavor High's own [alexafleur](#). Submit your work for possible inclusion!