

THE CANDY HIERARCHY 2013



Proximity to

JOY INDUCTION!



TOP TIER (caramel, chewy, elegant)

Any full-sized candy bar[1] — Caramellos[2] — Milky Way — Snickers — Rolos[3] — Twix
Reese's Peanut Butter Cups — Cash, or other forms of legal tender[4]
Cadbury Creme Eggs[6] — Goo Goo Clusters[7]
Tolberone something or other

Starburst — Fuzzy Peaches
Swedish Fish[5] — Skittles
Maynards — Sweetums Hmmm...

QUASI-SILURIAN (mint-ish disruption in the stratigraphic sequence)

Mint M&Ms — Junior Mints — York Peppermint Patties — Senior Mints
Mint Kisses — Mint Leaves — Mint Juleps
Anything from the Franklin Mint



POST-TERTIARY (predominantly chocolate-based)

Hershey's Kissables — Lindt Truffle — Nestle Crunch
Regular M&Ms [10] — Peanut M&M's — Three Musketeers[11] — Kit Kat
Spotted Dick [12] — Kinder Happy Hippo [13] — Dark Chocolate Hershey
Ferrero Rocher wrappers [14]

SECOND TIER

(oh look, mostly chocolate, just not as good)

Mounds — Tootsie Rolls — Whoppers[15] — Baby Ruth
Fair Trade Chocolate[16] — Butterfinger — Pay Day
Almond Joy — Cadbury's Creme Eggs[6]
Cadbury's Mini-eggs — Ferrero Rocher[14]



THIRD TIER

(Lower Chewy Crunchy Tart or Upper Devonian)



Milk Duds — Vicodin — Jolly Ranchers (if a good flavor)

Stale Tootsie Rolls — Reggie Jackson Bar — Bonkers[18] — 100 Grand Bar — Glow sticks — Hershey's Milk Chocolate
Heath Bar — a DVD copy of *Candy*, starring Heath Ledger — Licorice (not black) — Minibags of chips [19] — Aussie Lollies [20]
Creepy Religious comics/Chick Tracts, specifically those where "Grandpa with an eyepatch" makes an appearance [21]

BOTTOM TIER (The Sub Chewy Crunchy Tart Layer)

Dots — Lollipops — Nerds — Runts — Trail Mix — Gummy Bears straight up — White Bread — Spree — Black
Aussie Lollies [20] — Licorice — Hard Candy — Bubble Gum — Including the Chiclets (but not the erasers) — Black Jacks
LemonHeads — LaffyTaffy — Good N' Plenty — Jolly Ranchers (if a bad flavor) — Bottle Caps — American
Smarties [22] — Chalk [22] — "those odd marshmallow circus peanut things" — ribbon candy
gum from baseball cards — candy that is clearly just the stuff given out for free at restaurants



Candy: A Century of Panic and Pleasure, by Samira Kawash

TIER SO LOW IT DOES NOT REGISTER ON OUR EQUIPMENT {23}

Healthy Fruit[24] — Pencils [25] — Hugs (actual physical hugs)[25] — Lapel Pins — Generic Brand Acetaminophen
Pixy Stix — "anonymous brown globs that come in black and orange wrappers" — anything from Brach [26]
Now'n'Laters [27] — Whole Wheat anything — anything dental — broken glow stick — kale smoothie
Creepy Religious comics/Chick Tracts [21] — "good tidings", or "helpful advice" — Box'o' Raisins — Coupon for eBook
download of *On Candy Rankings: How to make website comments long enough for a thesis*. by Donny Petersen.



High-fructose
corn syrup
tropicopause
somewhere
here

TRI-EPIC TIER {8}

(Upper Child-centric
Sucro-fructo-tastic
Chewy Crunchy Tart
For The Win layer!)

Mary Janes
Candy Corn [9]

MEDULLA OBLONGATA TIER

(mysterious and
makes no sense)

Candy Corn
Mary Janes [17]
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