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Welcome to September 1, 2013

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World History:

891: Germans stop the advancing Vikings north of Brussels. Who were the Vikings, where were they from and what were they known for?



Word of the day:

Missionary: A missionary is a person who travels to areas that are usually more primitive than their culture and they teach of their faith. What makes such a journey honorable and less than honorable?

American History:

1836: Marcus and Narcissa Whitman arrive in Washington as missionaries to the native populations. Write a brief response as if you were a Native American, seeing your first white people.

Bonus Corner:

“Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing, moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense, dancing.”

William James

What makes you dance? 😊

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World History:

490 B.C.E: When the Greeks beat the Persians at the Battle of Marathon, Pheidippides ran to Athens to tell the good news. The distance, 26 miles, has since taken the battle's name. It also took the runner's life through exhaustion. What drives us to go past our limits?

Word of the day:

Colonies: Many powerful European nations established colonies in lesser developed areas and claimed them as their own. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of this arrangement?

American History:

1752: England and the colonies switch calendars and end up dropping September 3-13 for that year. Create an imaginary "destination" or scenario for those lost Days in 1752.

Bonus Corner:



1969: What failed series went on to later Fame?

- The whole crew is spacy.
- Pointed ears are in!
- Teleporting debuts.
- They go "where no man has gone before."

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World History:

590: Gregory becomes the first pope. What is a pope and what role does he play in our world today?



American History:

1855: American General William Harney, with 700 soldiers, attacked and killed 100 Native Americans, even though the Sioux chief offered to surrender. List 3-5 examples of what makes this unfair.

Word of the day:

Surrender: What does it mean to surrender? What are the reasons why one chooses to surrender? What are the risks?

Bonus Corner:

1875: The designer of the Porsche (and Volkswagen and the WW2 tiger Tank) is born. What special innovations do you predict will become part of cars in your adult life?



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World History:

476: The Roman Empire comes to an end. Rome was a mighty power, but no one is invincible. What do you think strengthens a country and what do you think weakens it?

Word of the day:

Invincible: incapable of destruction. There have been individuals and countries that have felt invincible throughout history. What super power would you like to acquire that would make you almost invincible? How would you use it for good?

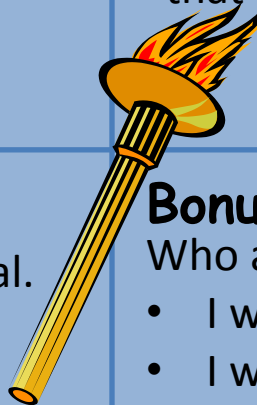
American History:

1972: Mark Spitz wins his 7th gold medal. As we know, that record was broken by Michael Phelps. What is your favorite Olympic event to watch? What event would you love to compete in?

Bonus Corner:

Who am I?

- I was an Apache.
- I was known as a fierce warrior.
- I surrendered this day in 1886.
- Often, people yell my name when they jump or drop off of something high.



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World History:

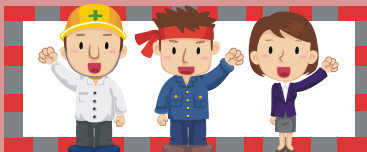
1666: A plan to rebuild London is begun following the Great Fire which burned most of the city. Fire is so terribly destructive. In what ways has your community or family been impacted by fire?

Word of the day:

Labor Force: the people who work. These people comprise a variety of abilities and drive, but all contribute to the success of their employer. What “labor” do you see as your expertise and what training will you require to get there?

American History:

1882: America celebrates the first Labor Day. This holiday is meant to honor the workers in our society. Why do you think it is important to give respect to this group?



Bonus Corner:

“I was born on the prairies where the wind blew free and there was nothing to break the light of the sun. I was born where there were no enclosures.”

Geronimo

The name of “Geronimo” was feared by many whites. What does this Apache mean by his words? What does he fear?

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World History:

1522: Magellan returned after 3 years, having circumnavigated the world. He returned with 1 of 5 ships and 22 of 270 men. Why do you think the casualties were so high? Give 3-5 reasons.



Word of the day:

Circumnavigation: the act of circling the entire world. This has been attempted by boat and plane. What personal skills would be necessary for a person or group to do this successfully?

American History:

1901: President McKinley was assassinated, One of four to lose their lives in the Oval office. Who were the other three?

Bonus Corner:

Who am I?

- I am a comedian.
- I was born in 1959.
- I have had my own TV show.
- I still consider myself blue collar.
- I am not a redneck!



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World History:

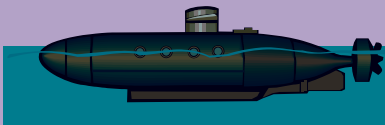
1940: Beginning the first night of 57 consecutive nights, 300 German bombers “blitzed” London. Imagine how the people of London felt on day 58. Create a “quote” that was stated on that day!

Word of the day:

Uncle Sam: This title/name was born in 1813. This representative of the United States has evolved over time. Click [here](#) to see his many faces!

American History:

1776: The first submarine was used in battle. What do you find most intriguing by submarines? Would you like a ride or not? Explain your choice.



Bonus Corner:

1860: Grandma Moses is born. She worked hard all her life, but arthritis tightened her joints so as a spry 76-year-old, she took up painting and was very successful. What new skill would you like to explore in your old age?

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World History:

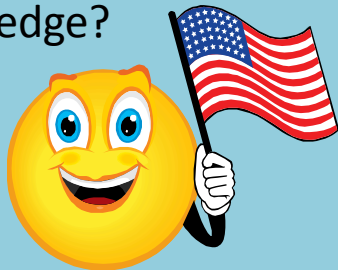
1429: Joan of Arc, while attempting to help recover Paris from English occupiers, is wounded. She was later captured by England, branded as a heretic and burned at the stake. She was 19. What is a heretic?

Word of the day:

Allegiance: Allegiance means loyalty. Why is it important for citizens to be loyal to their country? How can disagreement still show loyalty?

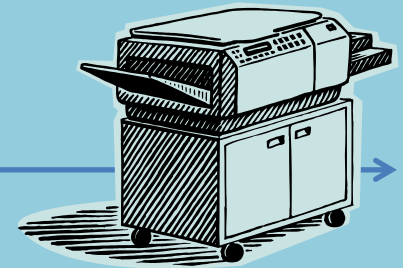
American History:

1892: The Pledge of Allegiance is first published. It was written by Francis Bellamy to honor the American Flag. What does it mean to pledge?



Bonus Corner:

1938: Chester Carlson imagines a machine that would simplify his job in the Patent office. He called it a photocopier. It would save him copying each patent by hand. The first useful photocopier was invented 20 years later. What inventions have even surpassed the photocopier?



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World History:

1499: Vasco de Gama returned home to Portugal after his third trip to India, establishing a trade route there. What was the draw to India?

Word of the day:

Trade: In ancient times, prior to currency, the system of economy was based on trade. What makes this system simple and what makes this system difficult?

American History:

1850: California becomes the 31st state in the United States. What are some of the attractions that draw people to California today?



Bonus Corner:

Who am I?

- I made my first TV appearance in 1956.
- I was well liked for my new dance style.
- Like everyone, I had my hound dog days.
- I am just a country boy at heart.
- My music definitely lives on.

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World History:

1547: At the Battle of Pinkie (yes, the real name), the Scots lost, and the marriage of two young potential monarchs was thwarted. Henry the VII was 10, Mary, Queen of Scots, was 5. Why were marriages in some cultures determined by the families? Why so young?

American History:

1913: The Lincoln Highway opens as the first coast to coast United States highway. Not only that, it was paved! Those early roads were all two lane (one each direction). What challenges would that present?

Word of the day:

Scarce: This term was used when the item in our bonus corner was in short supply. It would be wonderful if some other things in life became scarce. What are 5 things you wish were scarce?

Bonus Corner:

What am I?

- I was rationed beginning in 1942.
- I can be found if you can dig it!
- I am often called liquid gold!
- That is most true when used by trucks.
- Our dependence on me is a bad thing.



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World History:

1581: A Royal Charter is created to encourage trade between England and the Ottomans. Who were the Ottomans?



Word of the day:

Charter: A charter is a formal document which identifies the rights of a group. Our Constitution is an example of a charter. What do you think were the reasons for establishing a charter early on in a country's history?

American History:

2001: The World Trade Center's twin towers are destroyed by terrorist attacks. Death toll: about 3000 citizens, 343 fire-fighters and 23 policemen. Click [here](#) to view the impact.

Bonus Corner:

*"The **attacks of September 11th** were intended to break our spirit. Instead we have emerged stronger and more unified. We feel renewed devotion to the principles of political, economic, and religious freedom, the rule of law and respect for human life. We are more determined than ever to live our lives in freedom."*

-Rudolph Giuliani, former mayor of NYC

Share your thoughts!

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World History:

1940: Four French boys enter a cave and discovered the Lascaux cave paintings, thought to date back 15,000 to 17,000 years. You are one of those boys. What do you tell reporters?

Word of the day:

Integration: The intermixing of people who before were separated. What are the plusses of blending all types of people together? Why does it frighten some?

American History:

1974: Violence erupts in Boston when the courts have forced bussing to transport African American youth to integrate all white schools. What were probably some thoughts of the young African Americans riding that bus to their new school?



Bonus Corner:

Who am I?

- I was born on this day in 1913.
- I was quick on my feet.
- Training was tough because of my race.
- I won a four medals in 1936 but was snubbed by two world leaders.

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World History:

1993: Israeli and Palestinian leaders sign a Peace pact. It is the first time that Israel is recognized as a country by the Palestinian nations. How does that alter relationships among those countries?



Word of the day:

Pact: an agreement, usually for peace. Peace is an elusive element in our world. What can individuals do to assist in the continuation and/or the establishment of peace worldwide?



American History:

1847: The Americans defeat the last vestige of resistance from the Mexican Resistance and the Mexican-American War ends. Why are good relationships with our neighbors crucial?

Bonus Corner:

"If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner."

--Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela survived some of the harshest conditions as a young man in South Africa. What do his words mean and why are his words hard to follow?

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World History:

1368: The Ming Dynasty of China defeats the Mongols and occupy Beijing. Who were the Mongols and what was their reputation?

Word of the day:

Maritime: Maritime means of the sea. Maritime laws are the guidelines that are followed away from port. What types of law might be needed when a group is at sea that would not be needed on land?

American History:

1716: This first lighthouse in America is lit for the first time at the entrance to Boston Harbor. What role did a lighthouse play in those days? Are they more or less valuable today? Why?

Bonus Corner:

1975: Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized which means she is made a saint. She established a Catholic school for girls and spent her life in charity work. What charities do you support? What is the role of volunteers in charities?



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World History:

1940: In the Battle of Britain, The Royal Air Force downs 56 aircraft in less than an hour. What were the air battles called in World War 2, and why do you think they were called that?



American History:

1963: Four young African American girls were killed while attending church by a bomb planted by the Ku Klux Klan. This provided a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement. Why do we often need a tragedy to force us to do the right thing?

Word of the day:

Catalyst: A catalyst is an event that forces action. What have been catalysts in your life that have forced you to do something? (Remember, a catalyst can be a positive or negative statement or event)

Bonus Corner:

Who am I?

- I am full of words.
- Some of them are a mystery to me!
- I was British born in 1890.
- I am still read by many today.
- I wrote, "If one sticks too rigidly to one's principles, one would hardly ever see Anyone."