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Sacred Writing Time



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As soon as class starts, quietly make that pencil dance!

It's September 24th.

Today is Monday of 2018's *Banned Book Week*!

Trivial Fact of the Day: Judy Blume has five books on the list of the most frequently challenged books of the 1990s, including some of her most popular titles: *Forever*, *Blubber*, *Deenie*, *Are You There, God? It's Me Margaret* and *Tiger Eyes*.



A Banned Author's Quote of the Day: "Something will be offensive to someone in every book, so you've got to fight it." — Judy Blume

Vocabulary Word of the Day: *exasperated* (adjective) describes someone who is or has become upset. Have you ever read a book that made you feel *exasperated*?

Click [here](#) to access a one-page excerpt and student analysis task of Judy Blume's writing.



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It's September 25th.

Today is Tuesday of 2018's *Banned Book Week*!

Trivial Fact of the Day: The books in the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling were the most challenged ones from 2000–2009.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “I have a real issue with anyone trying to protect children from their own imaginations.” — *J.K. Rowling*



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *whimsical* (adjective) describes something that is playful or fanciful. The *Harry Potter* books are known to have *whimsical* characters that everyone enjoys.

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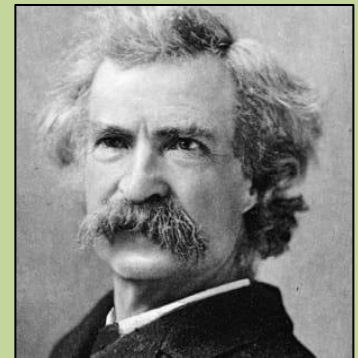
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It's September 26th.

Today is Wednesday of 2018's *Banned Book Week*!

Trivial Fact of the Day: *Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, has been on the banned book list since 1884.

Interesting Quote of the Day: "Censorship is telling a man he can't have a steak just because a baby can't chew it." — *Mark Twain*



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *anathema* (noun) something that is hated. To ban a book for reading would be an *anathema* to many. Would it be to you?

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It's September 27th.

Today is Thursday of 2018's *Banned Book Week*!

Trivial Fact of the Day: At 17 years old, Malala Yousafzai is the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize since its inception in 1901. In 2013, Pakistani officials banned her book in private schools because it promoted activism.



Interesting Quote of the Day: “The extremists are afraid of books and pens. The power of education frightens them.” —*Malala Yousafzai*

Vocabulary Word of the Day: *inception* (noun) is a term which refers to the establishment or starting point of an institution or activity. When was your school's date of *inception*? Are there any banned books in your school's library?

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It's September 28th .

Today is Friday of 2018's *Banned Book Week*!

Trivial Fact of the Day: Maya Angelou, a commonly banned author, was the first black woman to conduct a cable car in San Francisco.



Interesting Quote of the Day: "I'm always sorry that people ban my books. Many times I've been called the most banned," Angelou said, referring to *Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, one of her most commonly banned titles.

Vocabulary Word of the Day: *defunct* (adjective) describes something that is no longer in use or inactive. Why should banned books be a defunct practice...or should they?

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