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*Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.*  
-Malcolm S. Forbes

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## Web Sites

### [Allmath.com: Multiplication Table](#)

This multiplication table is a 15 x 15 grid. It can be used as a student resource online or as a printout.

<http://www.allmath.com/multtable.php>

### [Math League: Decimals, Whole Numbers and Exponents](#)

This tutorial has definitions and examples of decimals, whole numbers, and exponents. In addition, a variety of topics are covered, such as comparing, multiplying and subtracting.

[http://www.mathleague.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=68&Itemid=67](http://www.mathleague.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=68&Itemid=67)

### [The Math Page: The Meaning of Percent](#)

This excellent math resource explains and defines the meaning of percent. Multiplying and dividing by a power of 10 is incorporated as a preview to understanding scientific notation.

<http://www.themathpage.com/ARITH/multiply-by-powers-of-10.htm>

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## Hardware/Software

### [How to Open DOCX Files with Pages in Mac OS X](#)

Pages for Mac does a very good job of rendering complex formatting found within more complicated docx files, and thus if the document looks weird or doesn't show up properly in TextEdit, Pages is the solution (aside from installing Microsoft Office, of course):

Open the Pages app in Mac OS X (found in /Applications/ folder)

Pull down the "File" menu and choose "Open" (or "Import" depending on the version of Pages)

Navigate to and select the target .docx file you want to open in Pages and choose to open that from the file browser

Pages should display the docx file without any formatting issues or problems, and it should look exactly as it arrived from the Windows or Microsoft Office

world.

Another significant perk to opening a docx file in Pages is that you can save any Pages file as Word doc and docx format, making it easy to save and transmit the file to users on Windows or in a Microsoft Office environment, knowing that it will be fully compatible on their end. If you prefer the way Pages handles the files, you may wish to change the file app association for all docx types to open with Pages rather than another app on the Mac.

If you're still having trouble viewing the DOCX file correctly in Mac OS X (or opening the file at all), you can turn to the command line and convert a docx file to simple doc format with textutil, which is admittedly a more complex task than using TextEdit or Pages since it involves a terminal command. The same terminal utility also allows for batch conversion to text (TXT) format as well, just in case you have a ton of files you want to read the contents of, but don't care about the formatting attached. Those situations can be great for standard document files where the data contained within the file is important, but the formatting or rich media of a document is not.

Finally, another option for some stubborn files is to use a free tool from Microsoft called Open XML Converter. Open XML Converter allows you to convert Open XML files that were created in Office 2008 for Mac or Office 2007 for Windows so that you can open, edit, and save them in earlier versions of Office for Mac. This can be an ideal solution for users who are spanning many release versions of Office, Mac OS X, and Windows, as it allows for greater compatibility in many cases.

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## **Famous People from American History**

### ***James Madison (1751-1836)***

Born in Port Conway, Virginia, James Madison was the son of a wealthy landowner. He rode horseback from his home in Virginia to study at the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University).

As a member of the Virginia legislature, he attended the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Called the "father of the Constitution," he wrote the most complete notes about the convention and fought for a strong central government and the Bill of Rights.

He served as Thomas Jefferson's Secretary of State and followed Jefferson as the fourth President of the United States (1809-1817). During his presidency, the British took Washington and the White House burned in the War of 1812.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

**Q: A house has 4 walls. All of the walls are facing south, and a bear is circling the house. What color is the bear?**

A: The house is on the north pole, so the bear is white.

**Q: What is at the end of a rainbow?**

A: The letter W.

**Q: What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"?**

A: A teapot

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## This Day in History

### ***Birthdates which occurred on September 8:***

1157 Richard I [Richard the Lion Hearted], King of England (1189–99) \_

1897 Jimmie Rodgers Mendoza Miss, country singer/singing brakeman \_

1922 Sid Caesar Yonkers NY, comedian (Your Show of Shows) \_

1925 Peter Sellers England, actor (not now, Kato, Bobo, Pink Panther) \_

1945 Rogie Vachon Quebec, NHL goalie (Canadiens, Kings, Vezina–1968) \_

1957 Heather Thomas Greenwich Ct, actress (Jody–Fall Guy, Coed Fever) \_

### ***On this day...***

1380 Russians defeat Tatars at Kulikovo, beginning decline of Tatars \_

1522 Spanish navigator Juan de Elcano returns to Spain, completes 1st circumnavigation of globe, expedition begins under Ferdinand Magellan \_

1565 1st permanent settlement in US forms (St Augustine, Florida) \_

1664 Dutch surrender New Amsterdam (NY) to 300 English soldiers \_

1771 Mission San Gabriel Archangel forms in California \_

1858 Lincoln makes a speech about when you can fool people \_

1892 1st appearance of "The Pledge of Allegiance" (Youth's Companion) \_

1921 1st Miss America crowned (Margaret Gorman of Washington DC) \_

1939 FDR declares "limited national emergency" due to war in Europe \_

1951 Japan signs treaty of peace with 48 countries (SF) \_

1952 Ernest Hemingway's "Old Man & the Sea" published \_

1965 KC A's Bert Campaneris plays all 9 positions in a game \_

1966 "Star Trek" premieres on NBC-TV \_

1973 Hank Aaron sets record of most HRs in 1 league (709) \_

1985 Pete Rose ties Ty Cobb with 4,191 hits

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