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*The mind is not a vessel to be filled,  
but a fire to be ignited.*  
–Plutarch

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## Web Sites

### [An Outline of American Literature: Rise of Realism](#)

This resource provides a wealth of information about the period of American literature from 1860–1914. There are eight good articles discussing the movements of realism, regionalism, and naturalism, the rise of black American literature, and more. A list of authors of the period is also included with information about each.

<http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/outlines/literature-1991/the-rise-of-realism-1860-1914/>

### [Scribbling Women: American Female Authors](#)

Alluding to a famous Hawthorne quote, "Scribbling Women" is collection of dramatized stories written by American female authors. Some resources may require a free membership.

<https://scribblingwomen.chass.ncsu.edu/>

### [Washington State Univ: Literary Movements: Brief Timeline of American Literature](#)

This Washington State University site provides a decade-by-decade timeline of American literature with historical events going on at the same time. Most topics on the timeline are links to additional information about the author, work, or historical and literary event. This is a fabulous site. You must visit and see.

<http://public.wsu.edu/~campbelld/amlit/timefram.html>

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## Hardware/Software

### *Flashing alerts*

If you've ever had a hard time recognizing that your phone received a phone call or message, you're certainly not alone. For those of us who need a little extra reminder, this update allows you to use your camera's LED light for flashing alerts. Just go to Settings > General > Accessibility and enable this great feature.

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## Famous People from American History

### *Wilbur and Orville Wright (1867-1912; 1871-1948)*

Wilbur and Orville Wright launched the world into the age of flight by inventing and building the first workable airplane. They first referred to themselves as "The Wright Brothers" when they started a printing firm. They later began buying and repairing bicycles in 1893 in Dayton, Ohio.

In 1899, Orville wrote the Smithsonian Institution for information on aeronautics. In 1903 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, he won a coin toss to pilot their flying machine. Orville then made the first heavier-than-air, machine-powered flight in history on the Flyer the brothers had built in their bicycle shop. Orville's flight lasted 12 seconds and traveled 120 feet. The brothers thought that their invention would be used for mail delivery.

In 1908 they contracted with the War Department for the first military airplane. Today's supersonic jets fly around the world using the same basic principles the Wrights used at Kitty Hawk.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

***Q: Two mothers and two daughters went out to eat, everyone ate one burger, yet only three burgers were eaten in all. How is this possible?***

***A: They were a grandmother, mother and daughter.***

***Q: A man was outside taking a walk, when it started to rain. The man didn't have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes got soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?***

***A: The man was bald.***

***Q: A cowboy rides into town on Friday, stays for three days, then leaves on Friday. How did he do it?***

***A: His horse's name was Friday.***

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## This Day in History

### ***Birthdates which occurred on September 13:***

1851 Walter Reed US Army Surgeon, proved mosquitoes transmit yellow fever

1860 Gen John J (Blackjack) Pershing US commander in WW I

1913 Roy Engle Mo, actor (Police Chief-My Favorite Martian)

1925 Mel Tormé, Chic Ill, jazz singer "Velvet Fog" (Jet Set, Night Court)

1931 Barbara Bain Chic, actress (Cinnamon–Mission Impossible, Space 1999)  
1938 Judith Martin Miss Manners  
1944 (Winifred) Jacqueline Bisset England, actress (Class, Deep, Secrets)  
1944 Peter Cetera Chicago, lead singer (Chicago–25 or 6 to 4, Old Days)  
1948 Nell Carter Birmingham Ala, actress (Nell–Gimme a Break, Lobo)  
1951 David Clayton–Thomas singer (Blood Sweat & Tears–You've Made Me So Very Happy, Spinning Wheel)  
1956 Joni Sledge Phila, vocalist (Sister Sledge–We are Family)

### ***On This Day:***

122 Building begins on Hadrian's Wall  
1788 New York City becomes capital of the United States  
1789 1st loan to US Govt (from NYC banks)  
1867 Gen E R S Canby orders SC courts to impanel blacks jurors  
1882 Britain invades Egypt  
1942 German forces attack Stalingrad  
1943 Chiang Kai–shek became president of China  
1948 Margaret Chase Smith (R–Me) elected senator, 1st woman to serve in both houses of Congress  
1965 Beatles release "Yesterday"  
1965 Willie Mays hits his 500th HR  
1970 IBM announces System 370 computer 500th HR  
1973 ABC announces it obtained TV rights for the 1976 Olympics  
1973 Congress passes & sends a bill to Nixon to lift football's blackout  
1983 US mint strikes 1st gold coin in 50 years (Olympic Eagle)  
1986 Bert Blyleven gives up a record 44 HRs in a season  
1987 Paul Lynch of Great Britain does 32,573 push–ups in 24 hours  
1989 Fay Vincent named baseball commissioner

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