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*I hear, and I forget.  
I see, and I remember.  
I do, and I understand.*  
-Chinese Proverb

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## Web Sites

### [Q-files: History of piracy](#)

Illustrated encyclopedia entry on the history of piracy provides a brief overview of renowned pirates and pirate groups.

<https://www.q-files.com/history/pirates-galleons/history-of-piracy/>

### [Portugal & Spain: Quest for Monopoly in the East](#)

Essay on Spain and Portugal quest for control of trade, exploration and colonization, and their eventual displacement by Northern Europeans.

<http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/essays/general/civilizations-under-siege/portugal-&-spain---quest-for-monopoly-in-the-east.php>

### [Softschools.com: Amerigo Vespucci Timeline](#)

A timeline illustrating the significant events of Amerigo Vespucci's life and legacy. Amerigo Vespucci is credited for being the first explorer to "discover" America by stating that it was a new country, not the West Indies.

<http://www.softschools.com/timelines/amerigo-vespucci-timeline/87/>

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## Hardware/Software

### *Your iPhone doubles as a level.*

So you have a calculator, a compass, and a flashlight. Pretty cool, right? Well, if you open up the compass app and swipe left, your iPhone transitions into a level as well! iPhones: the toolbox of the future.

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## Famous People from American History

### *Sitting Bull (1831 - 1890)*

Born Tatanka Iyotake, Sitting Bull was a Hunkpapa Sioux chief opposed to the rule of white settlers. In 1868, the U.S. government guaranteed him a vast

reservation, but six years later, gold was discovered in the Black Hills, and his territory was no longer safe.

Sitting Bull led the Sioux to join with the Apache and the Cheyenne against the invaders, but was actually behind the lines for the infamous defeat of George Armstrong Custer's men at Little Big Horn. He was imprisoned for two years, then toured with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in 1885.

He became involved in a controversial religious movement called the Ghost Dance, which prompted his arrest by Native American police. He was killed while his warriors were trying to rescue him.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

**Q: A boy fell off a 30 meter ladder but did not get hurt. Why not?**

A: He fell off the bottom step.

**Q: Using only addition, how do you add eight 8's and get the number 1000?**

A:  $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000$ .

**Q: How do dog catchers get paid?**

A: By the pound.

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## This Day in History

### ***Birthdates which occurred on September 21:***

1866 H(erbert) G(eorge) Wells Bromley, England (War of the Worlds)

1912 Chuck Jones animator (Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck)

1931 Larry Hagman Fort Worth Tx, actor (I Dream of Jeannie, JR-Dallas)

Gibson Germantown Pa, comedian (Nashville, Laugh-In's poet)

1944 Fannie Flagg Birmingham Ala, actress/comediene (Candid Camera)

1947 Stephen King suspense writer (Shining, Kujo)

1950 Bill Murray Evanston Ill, comedian (SNL, What About Bob, Stripes)

1968 Ricki Lake actress (Hairspray)

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

1780 Benedict Arnold gives British Major Andr, plans to West Point

1863 Union forces retreat to Chattanooga after defeat at Chickamauga

1897 NY Sun runs famous "Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus," editorial

1937 J.R.R. Tolkien, publishes "The Hobbit"

1948 "Texaco Star Theater" with Milton Berle premieres on NBC-TV

1957 "Perry Mason" with Raymond Burr premiers on CBS-TV

1970 "Monday Night Football" on ABC premieres (Browns beat Jets 31-21)  
1970 Oakland A's Vida Blue no-hits Minn Twins, 6-0  
1981 Sandra Day O'Connor becomes 1st female Supreme Court Justice  
1985 Michael Spinks becomes 1st light heavyweight to defeat the reigning  
heavyweight champion, he defeats Larry Holmes  
1990 Oakland A's Bob Welch becomes the 1st 25 game winner in 10 years

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