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*Upon the subject of education,  
not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it,  
I can only say that I view it as the most important subject  
which we as a people may be engaged in.*  
-Abraham Lincoln

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## Web Sites

### [Teachnology: Social Studies Teacher Resources](#)

Comprehensive online resources designed for Social Studies teachers featuring lessons, worksheets, printables, and more using the latest in technology.

<http://www.teach-nology.com/subjects/social/>

### [Environmental Literacy Council: Teacher Resources](#)

Environmental Literacy Council offers teacher resources for a variety discrete subjects and grade levels in this website. Teachers looking for classroom activities, labs, and quizzes about environmental science that are reviewed by science teachers before being posted will find them here. Environmental Literacy Council is an organization that furthers environmental ethics in public education.

<https://enviroliteracy.org/teaching-resources/>

### [Teachers Support Network](#)

This online resource is for teachers everywhere and in every discipline. The Network states that it is a "Roadmap...it's the process, the techniques and the system for recruiting and retaining the highest quality teacher for every classroom." Samples of "Quick Search," tools include selection of levels, subjects, and states. A list is then generated of positions that are available. There is a section on "Teaching as a Profession", advice and Teacher Tools such as resource development and mentoring. School, districts, seasoned teachers, and new college grads will benefit from this support network.

<http://www.teachersupportnetwork.com/Home.do>

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## Hardware/Software

### *Hard reset.*

Ever wish you could give your phone a time-out when it's acting up? Just hold down the home and lock buttons for five seconds. It'll get the message.

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## Famous People from American History

### *Eli Whitney (1765 – 1825)*

A graduate of Yale College, Eli Whitney was shipwrecked on the voyage to his first teaching position in South Carolina. He is best known for inventing the cotton gin, a machine for getting seeds out of cotton. It played a large role in the Industrial Revolution and made southern cotton a profitable crop for the first time.

Whitney's greatest new ideas were about how to make things well and quickly in factories. With a contract from the U.S. government to produce 10,000 guns, he put his revolutionary ideas to work. This was the beginning of the modern assembly line. He showed that machines operated by workers without many special skills could produce parts exactly the way they were ordered. Thus, he was one of the first to use modern mass production methods.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

***Q: You draw a line. Without touching it, how do you make the line longer?***

***A: You draw a shorter line next to it, and it becomes the longer line.***

***Q: Which weighs more, a pound of feathers or a pound of bricks?***

***A: Neither, they both weigh one pound.***

***Q: How many months have 28 days?***

***A: All 12 months.***

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## This Day in History

### ***Birthdates which occurred on September 30:***

1627 Robinson Crusoe according to Daniel Defoe

1912 Kenny Baker radio singer/actor (Star Wars, Empire Strikes Back)

1915 Lester Garfield Maddox (Gov-D-Ga)/restaurant owner

1921 Deborah Kerr Helensburg Scotland, actress (King & I, Night of Iguana)

1924 Truman Capote a short short story writer (In Cold Blood)

1926 Robin Roberts Phillies pitcher, Hall of Famer (Won 28 in 1952)

1931 Angie Dickinson Kulm ND (Police Woman)

1935 Johnny Mathis singer (Chances are, 12th of Never)

1943 Marilyn McCoo Jersey City NJ, host/singer (Solid Gold, 5th Dimension)

1954 Barry Williams Santa Monica Calif, actor (Greg-Brady Bunch)

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

1452 1st book published, Johann Guttenberg's Bible  
1659 Robinson Crusoe is shipwrecked (according to Defoe)  
1777 Congress, flees to York Pa, as British forces advance  
1791 Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premieres in Vienna  
1846 Anesthetic ether used for 1st time (Dr Wm Morton extracts a tooth)  
1898 City of NY established  
1927 Babe Ruth hits record setting 60th HR (off Tom Zachary)  
1934 FDR dedicates Boulder Dam (Hoover Dam)  
1935 Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess" premieres in Boston  
1960 Flintstones premieres (1st prime time animation show)  
1960 On Howdy Doody's last show Clarabelle finally talks "Goodbye Kids"  
1962 James Meredith registers for classes at University of Mississippi  
1984 Bowie Kuhn ends career as Baseball Commissioner  
1988 IBM announces shipment of 3 millionth PS/2 personal computer  
1988 LA Dodger Orel Herschiser breaks former Dodger Don Drysdale mark by pitching 59 consecutive scoreless innings

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