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*“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”*  
– W.B. Yeats

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## Web Sites

### **[PBS: The Supreme Court: Biographies of the Robes: Sandra Day O'Connor](#)**

Biographical account of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, appointed by Ronald Reagan in 1981. She was the first woman to ever serve as a justice on the Supreme Court.

[http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/rights/robes\\_oconnor.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/rights/robes_oconnor.html)

### **[National Women's Hall of Fame: Sandra Day O'Connor](#)**

The National Women's Hall of Fame provides a brief biographical sketch of the first woman to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

<https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/sandra-day-oconnor/>

### **[International Museum of Women: Women, Power, and Politics: Political Firsts](#)**

A short history of women's struggle for political equality in the United States told in a series of firsts. Answers such questions as, who was the first woman to run for election to the U.S. House of Representatives, and who was the first woman governor?

<http://exhibitions.globalfundforwomen.org/exhibitions/women-power-and-politics/power/political-firsts>

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## Hardware/Software

### Siri on the Mac

Siri is now on the Mac, which is perhaps the most obvious new feature in Sierra, and it's pretty useful too! You can access Siri from the menu bar item by clicking the colorful icon in the corner in the top-right corner of the screen, or by clicking on the big Siri button in the Dock.

You can ask Siri on the Mac to get the weather, who directed a movie, send a message, get playtimes for sports events, find recently worked on documents, and so much more. Most of the Siri commands work the same as what's available on iPhone and iPad, so [view this giant list of Siri commands](#) to get some ideas if you're new to the virtual assistant, and many of the type of

queries you'd enter into Spotlight you can also ask of Siri.

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## Famous People from American History

### Sandra Day O'Connor

Jurist / U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Born: 26 March 1930

Birthplace: El Paso, Texas

Best known as: The first woman on the U.S Supreme Court

Name at birth: Sandra Day

Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman ever to sit on the United States Supreme Court. O'Connor earned undergraduate and law degrees from Stanford University and eventually settled in Arizona. She served the state as an assistant attorney general, state senator, and finally as a superior court judge. Governor Bruce Babbitt raised her to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 1979, and in 1981 President Ronald Reagan nominated her for the U.S. Supreme Court. She was confirmed by the Senate 99–0 and sworn in on 25 September 1981, becoming the first female justice in the court's history. Over time she earned a reputation on the bench as a moderate conservative and a key figure in court decisions related to the issue of abortion. On 1 July 2005 she announced her retirement, saying she would not return for the October session; she was succeeded by Samuel Alito in 2006.

She married John J. O'Connor III on 20 December 1952 in El Paso, Texas. They had met when both were law students at Stanford University. They had three children: Scott (born 1957), Jay (b. 1960), and Brian (b. 1962). John O'Connor developed Alzheimer's Disease late in life and was placed in a nursing home in 2007... On 19 July 2005, President George W. Bush nominated John G. Roberts, Jr. to replace O'Connor on the court, but before Roberts could be confirmed, Chief Justice William Rehnquist died; Roberts was nominated to the post of Chief Justice and President Bush nominated his confidante Harriet Miers to replace O'Connor. After resistance from the Senate, Miers withdrew her name and Judge Samuel Alito was then nominated and confirmed... O'Connor replaced Justice Potter Stewart, who retired on 3 July 1981 after 23 years on the court.. Other Reagan appointees to the Supreme Court included Antonin Scalia (1986) and Anthony Kennedy (1988)... The Supreme Court's second female justice, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, was appointed by Bill Clinton and took the oath of office on 10 August 1993.

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## Riddles You Can Tell in Class

***When did the Pilgrims first say "God bless America"?***

The first time they heard America sneeze!

***Why can't you take a turkey to church?***

Because they use such fowl language

***What does a Pilgrim call his best friend?***

A pilgrim

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## **This Day in History**

### ***Birthdates which occurred on November 17:***

1901 Lee Strasberg director/instructs actors (Somewhere in the Night)

1914 Archie Campbell Bullsgap TN, comedian (Hee Haw)

1917 Jack Lescoulie Sacramento CA, TV host (Jackie Gleason Show)

1925 Rock Hudson Winnetka IL, actor (Pillow Talk, A Farewell to Arms)

1930 Bob Mathias Tulare CA, decathlete (Olympic-gold-1948, 52)

1938 Gordon Lightfoot Ontario Canada, folksinger (Sundown)

1942 Martin Scorsese Queens, dir (Mean Streets)

1943 Lauren Hutton Charleston SC, model (American Gigolo, Lassiter)

1944 Danny De Vito Neptune NJ, actor (Taxi, Ruthless People, Twins)

1944 Tom Seaver pitcher (NY Met, 300 game winner, Cy Young '69 '73 '75)

1945 Elvin Hayes NBA star (San Diego, Houston, Baltimore)

1958 Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio Oak Park IL, actress (Color of Money)

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

1558 Elizabeth I ascends English throne upon death of Queen Mary

1800 Congress held 1st session in Washington DC

1842 Fugitive slave George Latimer, captured in Boston

1869 Suez Canal opens (Egypt)

1884 Cops arrest John L Sullivan in 2nd round for being "cruel"

1934 Lyndon B Johnson marries Claudia Alta Taylor

1940 Green Bay Packers become 1st NFL team to travel by plane

1962 President Kennedy dedicates Dulles International Airport outside Wash DC

1967 Beatles Ltd & Apple Music Ltd swap names

1968 Heidi bowl-NBC misses Oakland's rally to beat Jets, 43-32

1973 President Nixon told AP "...people have got to know whether or not their President is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook"

1993 US Congress votes for NAFTA

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