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You can observe a lot by just watching.
~Yogi Berra

Web Sites

V-E Day

Date When Observed: May 8

- _ *Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day) commemorates the end of fighting in Europe during World War II. After years of war, The Third Reich of Nazi Germany was defeated. Millions of people were killed. Adolf Hitler, Germany's Dictator, had committed suicide in his bunker in Berlin.*
- _ *The German Army ceased fighting on May 2, and formally surrendered unconditionally, on May 7th. The surrender of all German forces was arranged for May 8 at 11:01. The Allied countries planned to celebrate victory, and the cessation of hostilities.*
- _ *Did you Know? The original planned date for the celebration of V-E Day, was May 9th, 1945. But, journalists caught wind of the plans. So, the U.S. and Britain moved the date up by a day to May 8th. Russia kept to the original planned date for May 9th. Russia still celebrates V-E Day on May 9th.*

[Eyewitness to History: London Celebrates VE Day, 1945](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/londonveday.htm)

Read the description of the celebrations in London on V-E Day in May, 1945. In addition, listen to the radio broadcast of the surrender of Germany.

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/londonveday.htm>

[CMH: World War II: The War Against Italy and Germany](http://www.history.army.mil/books/AMH/AMH-22.htm)

Highlights the military strategy of the United States during World War II in fighting Germany and Italy.

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[Khan Academy: 1945 – End of World War II](https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-us-history/period-7/apush-us-wwii/v/1945-end-of-world-war-ii)

Discusses the events of 1945 as the Allies advanced in Europe, forced Germany's surrender, made preparations for what would happen at the end of the war. Meanwhile, the fight against Japan continued until the dropping of the atomic bombs there. [8 min. 4 sec.]

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Hardware/Software

Paste text without keeping its formatting

When you copy text from some applications, and especially from the web, you tend to also copy its formatting, such as the text size, font choice and so on. When you then paste this into some text fields, such as in an email, it looks out of place, and can make things hard to read.

To paste the text without its original formatting (so it just formats in the same way as the rest of what you're pasting into), instead of pressing Command+V, press Option+Shift+Command+V. Microsoft Word actually has a "Paste Special..." (or "Paste and Match Style") menu option to do the same thing.

Hints/Tips

Take control of your windows

You can be quite flexible when it comes to windows in OS X or macOS – not only can you drag from any side to resize them these days, but you can also hold Option to resize them from two sides at once (the one you're dragging and the opposite one), or hold Shift to resize it while keeping it locked to the same proportions.

And while we're talking about windows, if you want to move any that are in the background without bringing them to the fore, hold Command and then drag them around.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

What did the mommy tomato say to the baby tomato when they were crossing the street?

Ketchup!

Which baseball player makes the best pancakes?

The batter.

Why did the man keep a ruler on his newspaper?_

Because he wanted to get the story straight.

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on May 9:

1800 John Brown abolitionist; led attack on Harpers Ferry

1873 Howard Carter British archaeologist/Egyptologist (found King Tutankhamen's tomb)

1914 Hank Snow Nova Scotia Canada, country singer (I Went to Your Wedding)
1928 Richard A "Pancho" Gonzalez Los Angeles CA, tennis star (US 1948–49)
1933 Johnny Grant unofficial mayor of Hollywood
1945 Steve Katz New York NY, rock guitarist/vocalist (Blood, Sweat & Tears)
1946 Candice Bergen Beverly Hills, actress (Carnal Knowledge, Murphy Brown)\
1949 Billy Joel Hicksville Long Island NY, singer/songwriter/piano player
(Pianoman, Captain Jack, Bridge) \
1960 Tony Gwynn Los Angeles CA, outfielder (San Diego Padres)

On This Day:

1502 Columbus left Spain on his 4th & final trip to New World
1862 US Naval Academy relocated from Annapolis MD to Newport RI
1899 Lawn mower patented
1913 17th amendment provides for election of senators by popular vote
1914 President Wilson proclaims Mother's Day
1926 Richard Byrd & Floyd Bennett make 1st flight over North Pole
1941 English Army breaks German spy codes
1944 Russians recapture Crimea by taking Sevastopol
1962 Laser beam successfully bounced off Moon for 1st time
1987 Oriole Eddie Murray is 1st to switch hit homeruns in 2 consecutive games
1989 Vice President Dan Quayle says in United Negro College Fund speech:
"What a waste it is to lose one's mind" instead of "a mind is terrible thing to
waste"

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