
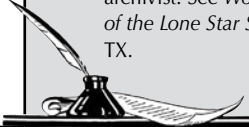


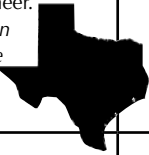







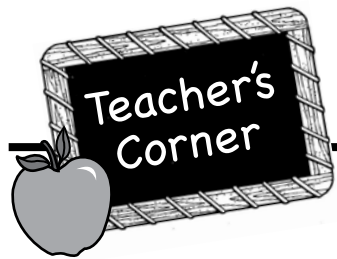




# April 2011

## Monthly Celebration: National Poetry Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> April Fool's Day 	<b>2</b> Birth date of <b>Clara Driscoll</b> in 1881, archivist. See <i>Women of the Lone Star State, TX.</i> 
<b>3</b>  Death of <b>Martha Graham</b> in 1991, dancer. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY.</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Birth Date of <b>Betty Ford</b> in 1918, First Lady. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA.</i>  U.S. enters WWI in 1917.	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Birth dates of <b>Delores Huerta</b> in 1930, activist; <b>Clare Booth Luce</b> in 1903, writer; <b>Frances Perkins</b> in 1880, politician. See <i>America's Notable Women Series.</i>	<b>11</b> Death of <b>Mary Ann Dyer Goodnight</b> in 1926, pioneer. See <i>Women of the Lone Star State, TX.</i> 	<b>12</b>  National Library Day	<b>13</b> Death of <b>Marion Koogler NcNay</b> in 1950, artist. See <i>Women of the Lone Star State, TX.</i> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> Death of <b>Mary (Molly) Brant</b> in 1796, politician. In 1912, <b>Harriet Quimby</b> is first woman to fly over English Channel. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY.</i>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  PASSOVER	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Earth Day 	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  Easter Birth Date of <b>Barbra Streisand</b> in 1942, actress. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY.</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized in 1888—the oldest women's organization in U.S.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



# National Poetry Month

National Poetry Month was first celebrated in 1996. The celebration was started by the National Academy of Poets to achieve several goals: to highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets; to introduce more Americans to the pleasures of reading poetry; and to bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways.

## Celebrate National Poetry Month with these Apprentice Shop Books:

- *America's Notable Women Series\**
- *John Greenleaf Whittier's —The Barefoot Boy (available Summer 2011)*

## Links To Explore:

- Poets.org:  
<http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41>
- Whittier's Birthplace:  
<http://www.johngreenleafwhittier.com/>

## Suggested Activity: Understanding Text Structure and Theme

### Text Structure

Each biographical selection in the *America's Notable Women Series* has an introductory paragraph to familiarize readers with each woman's profile and/or place in history. Have students read several introductory paragraphs and choose their favorite one. Have students explain what they liked about the introductory paragraph. Did it pique their interest? Paint an intriguing picture in history? Answer a question?

### Theme

Have students choose two biographical selections of women scientists, activists, or athletes. Have students write a paragraph describing each person's challenge. The final paragraph will describe a similar or different approach each woman took to overcome their challenges.

## Other Celebrations in April

### 🌸 Celebrate Diversity Month

Read about other women of diversity (such as Shirley Chisholm or Dr. Aida Luz Masonet Giachello and others) in the *America's Notable Women Series*.

#### Link to Explore:

- PBS: Diversity in the Classroom:  
[http://www.pbs.org/kcts/preciouschildren/diversity/read\\_activities.html](http://www.pbs.org/kcts/preciouschildren/diversity/read_activities.html)

### 🌸 National Library Week (April 10–16)

Read about other women writers (such as Clare Boothe Luce or Maria Shriver and others) in the *America's Notable Women Series*.

#### Link to Explore:

- American Library Association:  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek/index.cfm#>

### 🌸 National Park Week (April 18–24)

Read about other women in science (such as Maria Mitchell or Florence Bascom and others) in the *America's Notable Women Series*.

#### Link to Explore:

- National Park Week:  
<http://www.nps.gov/npweek/>

Standards Correlation: Common Core Reading Anchor Standards: 5.5; 5.9

Common Core Anchor Writing Standards: 5.2; 5.4; 5.10

See NCTE/IRA Reading Standards Correlation Chart to see matching standards.

\* *America's Notable Women Series*= *Women of the Bay State*; *Women of the Empire State*; *Women of Granite*; *Women of the Lone Star State*; *Women of Prairie State*.