






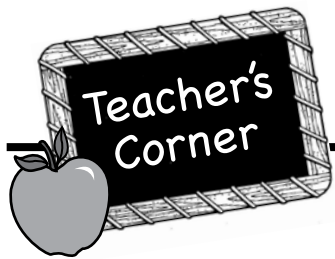




October 2011

Monthly Celebration: National Book Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Maria Mitchell discovers a comet in 1847 and wins a gold medal for the discovery. See <i>Women of the Bay State, MA.</i> 
2 Death of Mary Bradish Titcomb in 1927, artist. See <i>Women of Granite, NH.</i> 	3 Wedding date of Michelle Obama to Barack Obama in 1992, first lady. See <i>Women of the Prairie State, IL.</i> 	4 Birth of Anita DeFranitz in 1952, Olympian. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA.</i>  Blessing of the Animals Day	5	6 Death of Bette Davis in 1989, actress. See <i>Women of the Bay State, MA.</i> 	7	8 Birth of Penny Pitou in 1938, professional skier. See <i>Women of Granite, NH.</i>  Yom Kippur
9 Death of Clare Booth Luce in 1987, politician. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY.</i>	10 Death of Jennie Rodgers in 1915, civil war soldier. See <i>Women of the Prairie State, IL.</i>  Columbus Day (observed)	11 Birth date of Anna Eleanor Roosevelt in 1884, first lady. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY.</i> 	12 Death of Margaret Knight in 1914, inventor. See <i>Women of Granite, NH.</i>  Columbus Day	13 Birth date of Edith Spurlock Sampson in 1901, activist. See <i>Women of the Prairie State, IL.</i>	14 	15 Jeannette Piccard enters the stratosphere by balloon in 1934. See <i>Women of the Prairie State, IL.</i>
16 National Boss Day 	17 Black Poetry Day 	18	19	20 Birth date of Janet Jagan in 1920, leader of Guyana. See <i>Women of the Prairie State, IL.</i> 	21 	22 Death of Nancy Harkness Love in 1976, pilot. See <i>Women of the Bay State, MA.</i>
23 Birth date of Gertrude Ederle in 1905, record-breaking swimmer. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY.</i> 	24 Birth date of Belva Lockwood in 1830, activist. See <i>Women of the Empire State, NY.</i>	25 Birth date of Mariá Guadalupe Quintanilla in 1937, community activist. See <i>Women of the Lone Star State, TX.</i> 	26	27 Birth of Maxine Hong Kingston in 1940, writer. See <i>Women of the Golden State, CA.</i> 	28 Death of Abigail Adams in 1818, first lady. See <i>Women of the Bay State, MA.</i>	29 Birth date of Nancy Binford in 1921, cowgirl. See <i>Women of the Lone Star State, TX.</i>  National Cat Day
30	31 Halloween					



National Book Month

Excerpted From the National Book Foundation Website:

On March 16, 1950, publishers, editors, writers, and critics gathered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City to celebrate the first annual National Book Awards, an award given to writers by writers. The American Book Publisher's Council, The Book Manufacturers' Institute, and The American Booksellers' Association jointly sponsored the Awards, bringing together the American literary community for the first time to honor the year's best work in fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Through the years, the National Book Awards have developed to make significant impact on the general public.

Since 1996, independent panels of five writers have chosen the National Book Award Winners in four categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, and Young People's Literature.

Celebrate National Book Month with these Apprentice Shop Books:

- *Abenaki Captive*
- *America's Notable Women Series*®
- *The Black Regiment of the American Revolution*
- *John Greenleaf Whittier's The Barefoot Boy*
- *To My Countrywomen: The Life of Sarah Josepha Hale*

Link to Explore:

- National Book Month
<http://www.nationalbook.org/nbmcelebrate.html>

Suggested Activity: Analyze Multiple Accounts of Topics and Note Similarities and Differences. Speak and Write about Similar Topics

Common Core Standards Correlation: ELA Standard 5.6 and 5.9, Reading Informational Texts See the NCTE/IRA Reading Standards Correlations Chart to find matching standards.

Other Celebrations in October

📖 National Reading Group Month

Read together and enjoy any of the books from Apprentice Shop Books in after-school reading groups or community-based reading groups.

Link to Explore:

- **National Reading Group Month from the Women's National Book Association**

<http://www.nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/>

📖 National Storytelling Weekend (October 7-9, 2011)

Read about women writers (such as Edith Wharton, Louisa May Alcott, and others) in the *America's Notable Women Series*.

Link to Explore:

- National Storytelling Festival
<http://www.storytellingcenter.net/festival/>

- Many of the biographical selections can be organized into topics, such as: writers, civil war, abolitionists, or scientists. Have readers read related selected biographies and take notes about observations they make about the selected topic (such as the Civil War). Lead a discussion to talk about the similarities and differences about the topic. Additionally, have readers create graphic organizers to help them organize their notes.