

# Holidays, Required Instruction, and Observances

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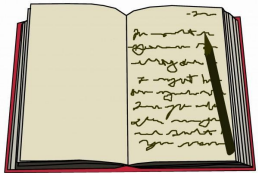


# Primary & Secondary Sources

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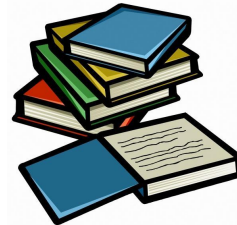
- Diaries/Letters
- Photographs/Paintings
- Official documents
- Newspapers
- Political Cartoons



## Secondary Sources:

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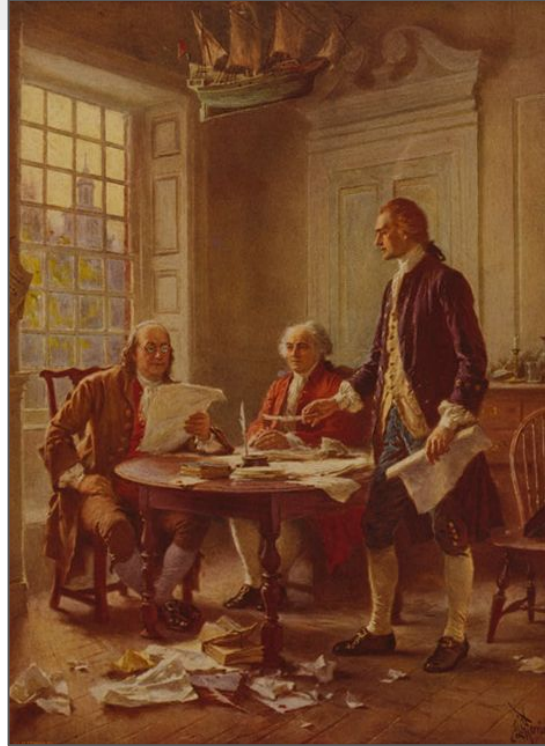
- Books (biographies, textbooks)
- Paintings
- Documentaries
- Websites



# Quarter 1

- American Founders' Month (September all month)
- Labor Day (1st Monday of September)
- Patriot Day (September 11th)
- Constitution Day (September 17th)
- Celebrate Freedom Week (Last full week of September)
- Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th-October 15th)

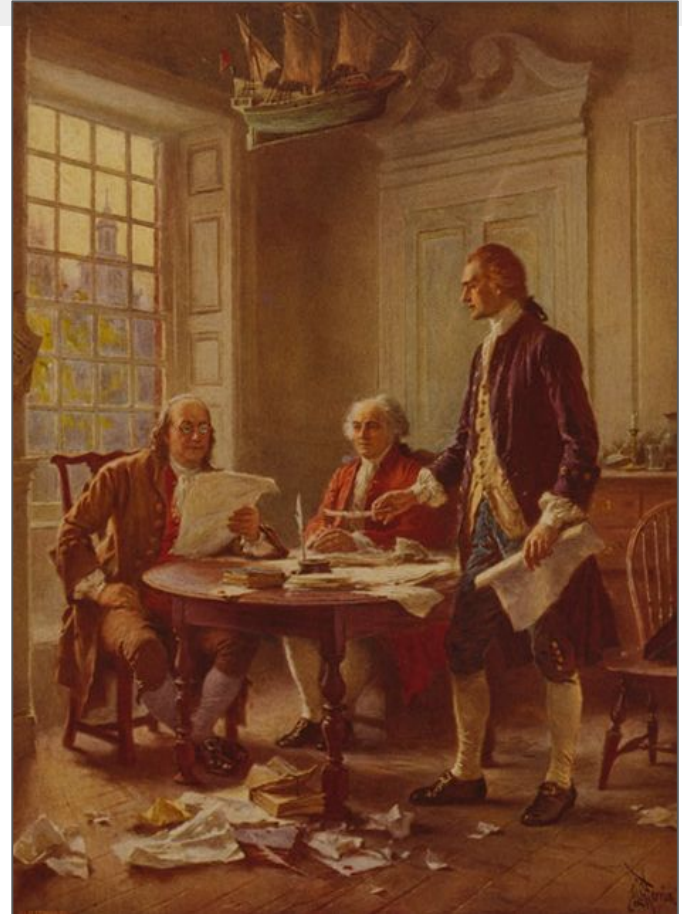
# American Founders' Month



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# American Founders' Month

- This painting shows the drafting of the Declaration of Independence in 1776
- Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, were among the group of men tasked with writing the Declaration of Independence to be sent to Great Britain
- These men, among many other men and women in the country, are known as the Founders because of their influence and impact in the fight for freedom and independence



# Labor Day



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# Labor Day



- These are known as breaker boys from the Woodward Coal Mine in Kingston, Pennsylvania
- The year was 1900
- Before labor laws were established, children were often expected to work in dangerous factories and mines to help provide for their family
- Labor Day helps us remember how far we've come and reminds us about the importance of rules and regulations for the workplace

# Patriot Day



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# Patriot Day

- The following image was taken the morning of September 11, 2001 in New York City, NY
- First responders rushed to the scene after two hijacked planes were flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center
- Nearly 3,000 people lost their lives this day during the terrorist attacks made by a group known as al Qaeda



# Constitution Day



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- The title of this image is Washington as Statesman at the Constitutional Convention
- This painting shows a scene from the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, PA
- George Washington holds a draft of the constitution in his hands, while others at the Convention debated and discussed what to include

# Celebrate Freedom Week



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- This cartoon was published by Benjamin Franklin in 1754 in his Pennsylvania Gazette newspaper
- Snake is cut into 8 pieces for the British colonies
- Represented the need for other colonists to join (unify) forces against Great Britain
- Celebrate Freedom Week honors the work and journey taken to gain independence (July 1776)

# Hispanic Heritage Month



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# Hispanic Heritage Month



- Over 500,000 Hispanics/Latinos served in the U.S. military during WWII
- These are seven Medina brothers known as the “Fighting Medinas”
- These brothers served in various branches in World War II
- After coming home from the war, many Hispanics/Latinos got involved in the Latino and Chicano Civil Rights movements to fight for justice at home
- We celebrate the impact the Hispanic/Latino community has had on our democracy by observing their fight for freedom and equality

# Quarter 2

- Ocoee Remembrance Day (November 2)
- Election Day (1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday of November)
- Victims of Communism Day (November 7)
- Holocaust Education Week (2nd Week of November)
- Veterans Day (November 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday of November)
- Bill of Rights Day (December 15)

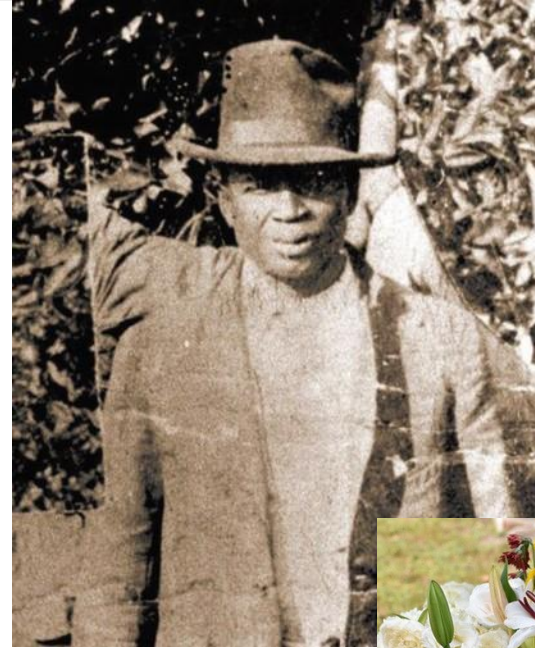
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# Ocoee Remembrance Day

- Pictured is Julius “July” Perry and his gravesite
- Perry was an African American man that was killed by a white mob after encouraging black residents of Ocoee, FL to vote in the 1920 election
- On November 2, 1920, the black residents of Ocoee were chased from the city and encouraged to not return
- Around 60 black men and women were killed by the mobs and the black neighborhood of Ocoee was burned to the ground
- Today, we remember the victims of the Ocoee Election Day Massacre
- Perry’s grave features “I Voted” stickers from current residents of the Orlando area for the memory and sacrifice of this tragedy



# Election Day



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# Election Day



- In this photo, there are multiple generations of voters
- The 26th Amendment granted 18 year olds the right to vote (1971)
- The United States is a constitutional republic, meaning we follow a written constitution and vote for representatives to serve in government and make decisions on our behalf
- It is important that citizens exercise their right to vote in all elections

# Victims of Communism Day



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# Victims of Communism Day



- This is a photo of one of the forced labor camps and prisons known as the Gulag in the Soviet Union
- The Gulag imprisoned millions of people from the 1920s to the mid-1950s
- It's estimated there were 1.2 to 1.7 million deaths in the Gulag's camps during this time
- The individuals placed in these camps were determined by one communist leader
- They were forced to work long hours, in harsh climates, with little food

# Holocaust Education Week



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- In this photo, you'll see Jews wearing yellow stars in a concentration camp in Hungary in 1944
- Nazis used these identifying badges on those with Jewish beliefs in western and eastern Europe
- These badges were used to segregate (separate), shame, and control an entire population of people based on their beliefs
- Anti-Jewish measures were taken during this time
  - Many Jewish businesses were destroyed or closed
  - Many Jewish children were banned from entering their former schools
  - Many Jews were banned from entering/shopping certain businesses
  - Many Jews were sent to concentration camps and ultimately killed



# Veterans Day



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# Veterans Day

- These allied soldiers are celebrating the end of World War I, at 11 am on November 11, 1918
- Originally this day was called Armistice Day
- In 1954, President Eisenhower changed it to Veterans Day to honor veterans of all wars



# Thanksgiving Day



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# Thanksgiving Day



- Many historians believe St. Augustine, FL was the site of the first Thanksgiving feast in America
- Spanish explorer Pedro Menéndez de Avilés and 800 settlers ate with the native Timucua people on September 8, 1565 (this was 56 years before the Plymouth Thanksgiving)

# Bill of Rights Day



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# Bill of Rights Day

- These people are exercising their right to speech, assembly, and petition guaranteed in the First Amendment
- The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments) keep people's rights and liberties protected
- Many other rights are protected in the Bill of Rights, including freedom of press & religion, and right to a jury trial



# Quarter 3

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (3rd Monday of January)
- Black History Month (February all month)
- Women's History Month (March all month)
- Medal of Honor Day (March 25)
- Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (4th Thursday of March)

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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# Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



- The man in the center of this photograph is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- He was a leader of the Civil Rights Movement from 1955-1968
- He inspired many others to join in on peaceful protests and boycotts to fight for equal rights for African Americans

# Black History Month



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# Black History Month

- This is a photo of a beach wade-in protest in St. Augustine, FL in 1964
- Beaches, restaurants, schools, public transportation, and many places were all segregated at one point
- Florida has over 825 miles of beaches but prior to 1964, less than 2 miles were open to Blacks
- Despite often facing violent resistance, these peaceful protestors helped bring attention to the need for equality



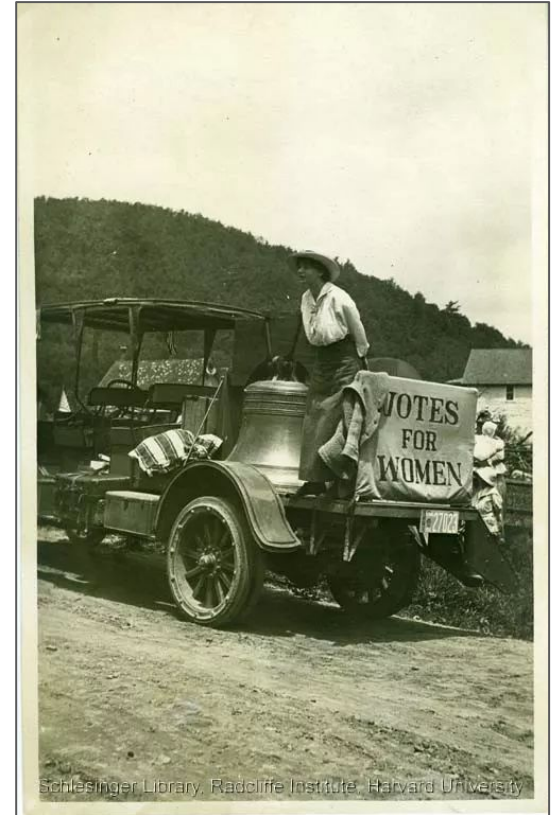
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- This is a replica of the Liberty Bell called the Justice Bell, but it is also known as the Women's Liberty Bell and the Suffrage Bell
- It was commissioned in 1915 for the Woman Suffrage Association in Pennsylvania
- The bell took a road trip to raise awareness for women's suffrage (right to vote) in support of the 19th Amendment
- During the trip, the clapper (part of the bell that makes the sound) was silent
- After the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the bell rang 48 times, one for every state (HI & AK weren't states yet)



# Medal of Honor Day



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- This is the train from the Great Locomotive Chase in 1862 during the Civil War
- Union spies and soldiers stole a train in order to cut off water and supplies to the Confederacy
- Private Jacob Wilson Parrott was among 23 others involved in the heist & called “raiders”
- Many of the raiders were killed for their involvement or held as prisoners of war
- In 1863, Jacob Wilson Parrott was the first recipient of the Medal of Honor for valor
- All but three of the remaining raiders were also presented with the award

# Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day



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# Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day



- This is a photo of the 477th Bombardment Group
- These men were America's first black military Airmen and served in WWII
- Before the Tuskegee Airmen, there had never been an African-American U.S. military pilot
- They completed over 180 combat missions with no casualties
- In 1948, President Truman enacted Executive Order No. 9981, demanding equal treatment and opportunity for all in the U.S. Armed Forces, which led to the end of racial segregation in U.S. military forces

# Quarter 4

- Pascua Florida Day (April 2)
- Financial Literacy Month (April all month)
- Florida Emancipation Day (May 25)
- Armed Forces Week (Third week of May)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday of May)
- Independence Day (July 4)

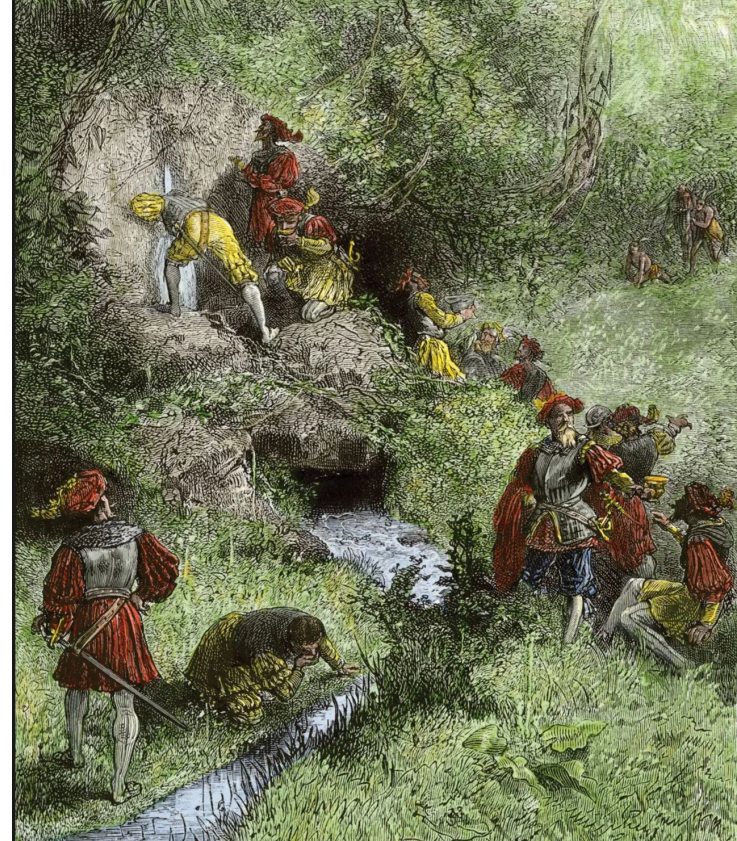
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# Pascua Florida Day

- This is a painting of Juan Ponce de Leon and his soldiers exploring Florida
- He was the first European explorer to arrive in Florida in 1513
- Florida was named because it means “place of flowers”
- He landed somewhere between present-day St. Augustine and Melbourne Beach and claimed the land for Spain
- He was also tasked with looking for gold



# Financial Literacy Month



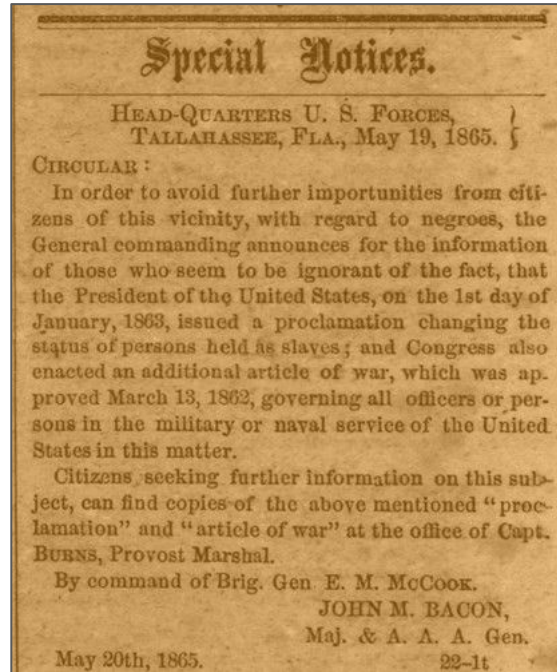
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# Financial Literacy Month



- Banks exist to help people manage their money
- If you need a loan (to buy a house or car) you can go to a bank for help
- Many people choose to keep their money in a bank because some allow you to build interest
  - Interest is an increase in an amount of money you keep in savings over time (used as a reward to save)

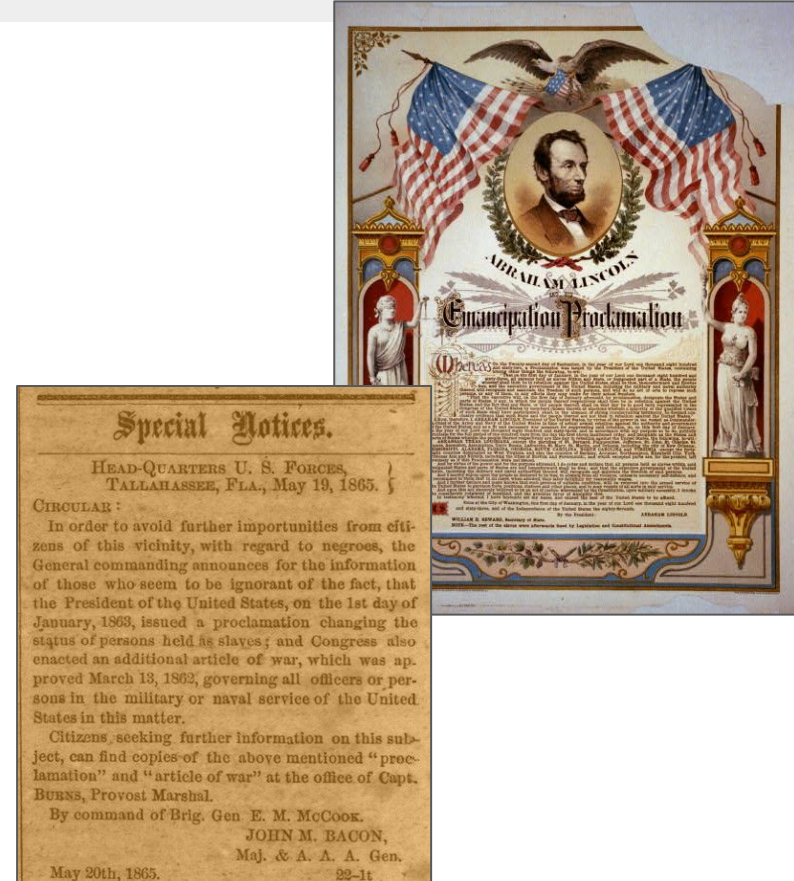
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# Florida Emancipation Day

- Emancipation is the process of being set free
- During the Civil War, President Lincoln proclaimed that if the Union won the war, enslaved Blacks would be freed throughout the entire country
- On May 10, 1865, the news came to Florida by General Edward M. McCook
- He spread the word of emancipation throughout the state which was formally announced in a ceremony on May 20th
- Ending slavery became the law with the passage and ratification of the 13th Amendment



# Armed Forces Week



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# Armed Forces Week



- These are the seals of the U.S. military branches
- There are six branches of the U.S. military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, & Space Force)
- The third week of May is observed to show unity among all the branches
- This week recognizes those who currently serve and those who have served in the past

# Memorial Day



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- This is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C.
- There is a military guard on duty twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year (no matter what kind of weather)
- October 1-March 31 they change guards every hour
- April 1-September 30 they change guards every half hour
- The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as the “Old Guard” is the oldest active-duty infantry in the Army (serving the U.S. since 1784)
- The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier serves as a symbolic gravesite for unidentified service members from American wars



# Independence Day



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- Massachusetts was the first state to make the 4th of July an official holiday in 1781
- This is a picture of current celebrations in Salem, MA
- Fireworks were common in celebrations even in the 1700s
- An estimated \$1 billion is spent on fireworks each Fourth of July
- Fireworks were initially discovered in China around 200 BC
- Originally, fireworks were only orange
- Colored fireworks were invented in the 1830s by Italian artists (made by adding metal salts in with the other chemicals)