

Guide to Themed Studies

Welcome to this Guide to Themed Studies! The purpose of this guide is to give parents and teachers a quick way to find a theme you can work into your day. While I realize that no guide short enough to be printed could ever cover every conceivable date or theme, I hope you'll find some fun ideas in this collection of 300+ dates and events. In this unit, you will find:

- Chart of United States holidays
- Chart of World or International Holidays
- Historic Dates (many key war-related dates plus a hodgepodge of birthdays and other special events)
- Birthdays of Famous Inventors
- Birthdays of Famous Artists
- Birthdays of Famous Musicians/Composers
- Monthly Listings

You can use these lists when you are in a hurry and need to find a topic for the day or for extra fill-in work as needed. You can also look ahead to upcoming months and see if there are special anniversaries coming up, such as the 150th anniversary of a special event.

You can use these lists to incorporate history, science, art, music, and more into your day. Learn about world habitats on World Habitat Day, study famous artists on Pablo Picasso's birthday, learn about the history of France on Bastille Day, and much more.

However you choose to use the unit, I'm sure you and your students will have fun discovering forgotten moments in history!

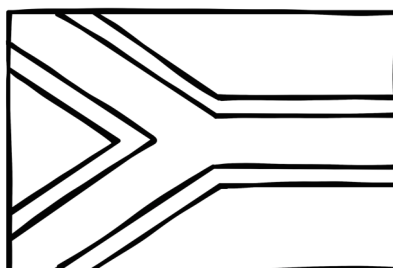
United States Holidays

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	January 1
Inauguration Day	January 20
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Third Monday in January
Black History Month	February
Groundhog Day	February 2
Valentine's Day	February 14
President's Day	Third Monday in February
Women's History Month	March
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
Palm Sunday, Passover, Good Friday, and Easter	Late March-Late April
Earth Day	April 22
Arbor Day	Last Friday in April
Cinco De Mayo	May 5
Mother's Day	Second Sunday in May
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May



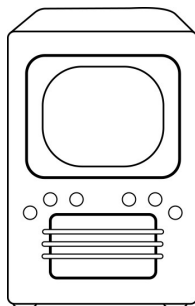
World and International Holidays

Holiday	Date
English Language Day	April 23
Spanish Language Day	April 23
World Malaria Day	April 25
ANZAC Day (Australia & New Zealand)	April 25
International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day	April 26
World Intellectual Property Day	April 26
Freedom Day (South Africa)	April 27
World Day for Safety and Health at Work	April 28
International Jazz Day	April 30
Palm Sunday, Passover, Good Friday, and Easter	Late March-Late April
Workers' Day (South Africa)	May 1
World Tuna Day	May 2
World Press Freedom Day	May 3
Cinco de Mayo (Mexico)	May 5
Natalicio de Miguel Hidalgo (Miguel Hidalgo's birthday) (Mexico)	May 8
International Nurses Day	May 12



Famous Inventors: Date of Birth

Name	Date
John Ericsson	July 31, 1803
Leo Fender	August 10, 1909
James Nasmyth	August 19, 1808
Philo Farnsworth	August 19, 1906
William Kelly	August 21, 1811
Samuel P. Langley	August 22, 1834
Lyman Reed Blake	August 24, 1835
Jeanne Villepreux-Power	September 25, 1794
David Unaipon	September 28, 1872
Alfred Nobel	October 21, 1833
Leo Hendrik Baekeland	November 14, 1863
Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre	November 18, 1787
Willis Haviland Carrier	November 26, 1876
Samuel Crompton	December 3, 1753
Richard Arkwright	December 23, 1732
Charles Babbage	December 26, 1791



Famous Artists:

Date of Birth

Name	Date
Raphael	April 6, 1483
Leonardo da Vinci	April 15, 1452
Théodore Rousseau	April 15, 1812
Thomas Hart Benton	April 15, 1889
John James Audubon	April 26, 1785
Jules Breton	May 1, 1827
Thomas Gainsborough	May 14, 1727
Henri Rousseau	May 21, 1844
Mary Cassatt	May 22, 1844
John Trumbull	June 6, 1756
Paul Gauguin	June 7, 1848
Peter Paul Rubens	June 28, 1577
Rembrandt	July 15, 1606
Sir John Gilbert	July 21, 1817



Famous Musicians/Composers: Date of Birth

Name	Date
Stephen Foster	July 4, 1826
William Schuman	August 4, 1910
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor	August 15, 1875
Claude Debussy	August 22, 1862
Anton Bruckner	September 4, 1824
Johann Christian Bach	September 5, 1735
Antonín Dvořák	September 8, 1841
Clara Schumann	September 13, 1819
Arnold Schoenberg	September 13, 1874
George Gershwin	September 26, 1898
Heinrich Schütz	October 8, 1585
Camille Saint-Saëns	October 9, 1835
Giuseppe Verdi	October 10, 1813



May

Holiday/Event/Name	Date	Type
Nikolai Tchernepnin	May 15, 1873	Date of Birth: Musicians/Composers
World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	May 17	World and International Holidays
Frederick McKinley Jones	May 17, 1893	Date of Birth: Inventors
World Bee Day	May 20	World and International Holidays
Henri Rousseau	May 21, 1844	Date of Birth: Artists
First battle of the Wars of the Roses was fought	May 22, 1455	Historic Dates
Richard Wagner	May 22, 1813	Date of Birth: Musicians/Composers
Mary Cassatt	May 22, 1844	Date of Birth: Artists
John Bardeen	May 23, 1908	Date of Birth: Inventors
Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit	May 24, 1686	Date of Birth: Inventors
Victoria Day (Canada)	Monday on or before May 24	World and International Holidays
World No-Tobacco Day	May 31	World and International Holidays
South African War (Second War of Independence) ended	May 31, 1902	Historic Dates
Mother's Day	Second Sunday in May	United States Holidays
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May	United States Holidays

