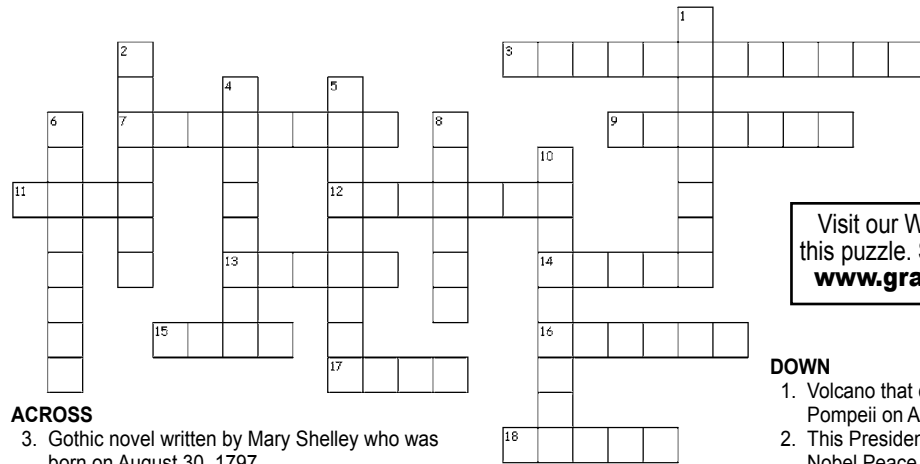


AUGUST EVENTS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



This puzzle is about people and events connected with the month of August.

Visit our Website for the solution to this puzzle. See the Highlights page at www.grayassociatesinc.com

ACROSS

- Gothic novel written by Mary Shelley who was born on August 30, 1797
- French emperor born August 15, 1769
- First black American in space on August 30, 1983, first name "Guy"
- U. S. women got this right August 26, 1920
- His famous painting, *Mona Lisa*, was stolen from the Louvre, August 21, 1911
- Name for German bombers' night attacks on London during World War II, beginning on August 30, 1940
- Black American who won four gold medals at the Berlin 1936 Olympics while Hitler watched, first name "Jesse"
- American actress and comedienne born August 17, 1893, first name "Mae"
- Became 50th state on August 21, 1959
- Led the August 28, 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington D. C.
- U.S. bandleader and jazz player born August 21, 1904, Count _____

DOWN

- Volcano that destroyed the Italian city of Pompeii on August 24, 79 A.D.
- This President of South Africa and winner of Nobel Peace Prize was arrested and jailed August 5, 1962 for 28 years—symbolized struggle against apartheid
- Famous explorer who reached the American mainland in August of 1498 on his third voyage
- Huge music festival in August 1969
- Famous frontiersman killed at the Alamo, born August 17, 1786
- Inventor who made first sound recording in August 1887.
- U.S. dropped first atomic bomb on this Japanese city on August 6, 1945, trying to end World War II

THE WORDS OF ALBERT EINSTEIN



Albert Einstein (March 14, 1879 – April 18, 1955) known as the Father of Modern Physics, won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1921. At age 14, Einstein had already come to understand deductive reasoning and Euclidean geometry—shortly after, infinitesimal calculus. At 16, he began his "thought experiments."

"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death."

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OFF THE CHARTS!

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HOW WE VIEW SCHOOL: Taking What Works from Both American and Japanese Classrooms

Education works best when it is viewed as a fulfilling and challenging way-of-life, not just for the child, but for the adult as well. Learning is not something to be gotten-over-with at 18 or 22. We should want to cultivate learning throughout our lives.

In successful Japanese schools, students are made to feel the adult value of learning. The grown-ups—parents and teachers—who touch a child's life and serve as role-models take their educational duties seriously, for the sake of the child and for the sake of society. Japanese teachers are highly respected. Their classes understand that a student's work is important business—that gaining an education is a child's adult responsibility, and that education will certainly define that child's future.

There are two major drawbacks, though, to modern Japanese teaching techniques. Firstly, students are often overworked. After a full day of classes, they typically spend the rest of the evening studying. Secondly, students are so stressed to compete for grades that they become frustrated and easily discouraged. Suicide among students in Japan is a growing concern.

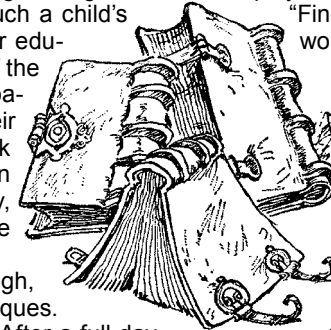
Americans, on the other hand, are lucky in many ways compared to cultures in the rest of the world. For one thing, we are a society that likes to be entertained, but education is not entertaining the way television or toys are entertaining. Yet, think about it; so much of

children's play is really an imitation of adult work. Driving toy cars, dressing dolls, Easy-Bake ovens, Erector sets, and doctor bags. School sports are called "games," but these games are taken quite seriously.

At what point in our lives does play become work? Why can't work maintain some of the charm attached to play? The Chinese philosopher, Confucius, said, "Find a job that you like, and you will never work a day in your life."

Perhaps we should use the best of both educational cultures, by emphasizing the adult work and responsibility of education (Japanese) while we deliver lessons in an entertaining and challenging way (American). We could take on the job of education with enthusiasm. A child will run fast for a finish line, strain hard to get a ball through a hoop, become excited about winning a board game. What is the difference between these play challenges and educational challenges? The dictionary defines "challenge" as "difficulty in a job or undertaking that is stimulating to one engaged in it."

In education there are contests, goals, rewards, and real opportunities for human growth. Sometimes school work is hard work, but it has to be done. Why shouldn't we throw ourselves into it with excitement? After all, the unchallenged mind is a dull mind, and there are no rewards for idleness.



School Begins August 12th!

Be on time and ready with paper, pencil, and all of your supplies. The Learning Curve hopes that you enjoyed your summer reading.

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Test Date	Saturday Classes	Weekly Classes
September 12, 2009	September 5, 2009	September 7–10, 2009
October 24, 2009	October 17, 2009	October 19–22, 2009
December 12, 2009	December 5, 2009	December 7–10, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 30, 2010	February 1–4, 2010
April 10, 2010	April 3, 2010	April 5–8, 2010
June 12, 2010	June 5, 2010	June 7–10, 2010

Weekly Classes	Subject	Time
Monday	Reading	5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Math	5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Science	5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	English	5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Off the Charts! *The Learning Curve Monthly Newsletter*

A "learning curve" is a mathematical chart that displays educational progress measured against the time it takes for students to achieve mastery in their chosen subject. "Off the charts" means to perform much better than usual. The Learning Curve would like to help all Mississippi students send their grades soaring "Off The Charts!"

The Learning Curve

The Learning Curve, founded in 1988 as a division of Gray & Associates, works closely with the local school districts in Mississippi, providing educational services to Mississippi schools based on the Mississippi Department of Education Specifications. These services and

programs include: Summer Enrichment, Private Tutoring, Proprietary Schooling, and WIN Job Center Provider.

The Learning Curve takes quite seriously the public mandate to teach our children. We are turning the No Child Left Behind initiative from a

dream into a reality each day.

We have been awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant from the Mississippi State Department of Education to work with Brinkley, Hardy, Peebles, Whitten, and Blackburn Middle Schools here in Jackson.

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The Learning Curve ADULT EDUCATION

The Learning Curve is geared toward achieving successful and happy futures for adults as well as young students. We are a Mississippi Licensed Proprietary School that

offers **free job training** through WIN. We offer Career Advantage Classes in: Medical Assisting & Office Systems Technology with a Microsoft Certified Professional.

The Learning Curve offers adult training courses in Microsoft Office Applications, Medical Assisting, and Microsoft Certified Professional. The Learning Curve works with the WIN Job Center in helping people qualify for training in the fields of their choice.

Microsoft Office Applications provides Microsoft system technology curriculum that prepares students for administrative support careers within a computerized setting. These positions might be clerical, secretarial, accounting, insurance, desktop publishing, office management, word processing, or medical administration.

Medical Assisting teaches students clerical and clinical skills that they can bring to a health care team. Medical Assisting grooms students for ad-

ministrative, laboratory, and patient care at clinics, hospitals, and surgical centers.

Microsoft Certified Professional offers performance-based certification examinations which job candidates can present to potential employers as proof of skill mastery in MS Word and Excel. Students can prepare for these examinations by attending preparatory courses at The Learning Curve.

If you are ready for a career change or you simply want to improve your marketable skills or authenticate and certify the qualifications that you already have, call Linda Williams, Career Services Specialist for The Learning Curve at 601/352-5321.



Announcement

Classes are forming now for **Adult Education** at The Learning Curve. Linda Williams, our Career Services Specialist, works with the WIN Center to help our adult education graduates compose resumes and seek employment. Career Services is a vital program at The Learning Curve. We want young students to gain knowledge, but we also want to see adults learn and gain the positions that they truly want in the workplace.

August Birthdays

Nzinga CummingsAugust 1
Lillian DozierAugust 4
Canindra HendersonAugust 4
Rekio BentonAugust 5
Latrina GrayAugust 12
Tony DavisAugust 17
Vanzosha PatrickAugust 17
Ashley MorganAugust 19
Etoia TolbertAugust 26
Wesley WardAugust 26
Tiffany MangumAugust 27
Briana ThompsonAugust 28

Did you know?

INFORMATION GLEANED FROM DISCOVER MAGAZINE

☉ The beautiful symmetry of a **total solar eclipse** happens because the sun is 400 times larger than the moon but is also 400 times farther from Earth, making the two bodies appear the exact same size in the sky.

☾ The moon's shadow zooms across Earth's surface at up to 5,000 miles per hour.

☾ In any given location, a total solar eclipse happens just once every 360 years on average.



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