




# September 2008

## ■ DID YOU KNOW...

**September 25, 1789** The first U.S. Congress ratified the Bill of Rights.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Record all of the numbers on the front page of the newspaper in numeral or word form. Then, give the range, median, and mode.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Write your own classified ads for an item that you would like to sell. Then find out how much the ad will cost to run one day, several days, and one week. Do the number of words make a difference in cost?</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Look through the newspaper and cut out some of the words that you do not know. Use a dictionary to find out the meanings of these words, then create a crossword puzzle using the new words and their definitions.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Pretend you a famous literary character like The Big Bad Wolf or Cinderella. Write a Dear Abby letter looking for advice for a problem that you may be having.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Today is International Literacy Day. Create a list of jobs that you find in the newspaper. How is reading used for each of these jobs? Try to find jobs where reading isn't required. Did you find any?</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Find the cost of dinners at a restaurant of your choice in a newspaper ad. Select a movie and find the cost of tickets. Figure how much you will spend for four people.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Read the newspaper and find science-related articles that might have been considered science fiction 50 years ago.</p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Count different objects in the paper. For example, count: the number of female reporters, the number of male reporters, the number of color photos, the number of sections, etc.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Find one adjective in the newspaper. Then find synonyms for that adjective. Now try to find antonyms for the adjective.</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Find newspaper articles written in past, present, and future tenses.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Today is the UN International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. Pretend you are living 200 years in the future. Write a news story telling about how pollution today has changed this future world.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Look in the sports section to find the scores of your favorite football teams. If you added the scores together, how many total points would there be?</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Choose an editorial from the newspaper. Underline each fact and circle each opinion. Do you agree with the editorial? Why or why not?</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Read the advice column for one week. Do you think that the problems discussed in the columns are representative of the problems that face the majority of Americans?</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Read an article in the newspaper. Draw a political cartoon that represents the article.</p> 	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Look through the comics and find all of the contractions. What words do the contractions stand for? For example, I'm = I am.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Circle in red all of the classified ad jobs that could be held by a high school dropout. Then, circle in green all of the jobs that can be held by someone with a college degree or technical training. What did you find out?</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>  <p>Rewrite a headline of the newspaper using adjectives to make the headline more interesting.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Select three headlines from the newspaper and rewrite them as complete sentences.</p>
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