Teacher’s Dictation Sheet

*Dates selected based on the SDCE Fall 2015 Academic Calendar*

On this day in the year …

**Jan 6**

1878: Carl Sandburg, an American poet and writer, was born. In addition to poetry, he wrote a 4-volume biography of Abraham Lincoln. He wrote *Fog* in 1916:

*Fog*

The fog comes
on little cat feet.

It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

**Jan 7**

1924: George Gershwin completed *Rhapsody in Blue,* a composition for an orchestra which combines [classical music](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_classical_music) with [jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz). A son of Russian Jewish immigrants, he was 26 at the time. Many of his compositions were adapted for use in film and became jazz standards.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWJ-kGuOA_Q>

**Jan 8**

1998: Scientists at the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) announced that galaxies are moving apart at increasing speeds and the universe is expanding.  The HST was built by the U.S. space agency [NASA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NASA) and the [European Space Agency](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Space_Agency). It was launched into [low Earth orbit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low_Earth_orbit) in 1990.

**Jan 11**

1878: In New York, milk was delivered in glass bottles for the first time by Alexander Campbell. Until then milk was sold in jars. The first paper bottle was patented in 1915. Today, we buy most milk in square-shaped milk cartons with a sealed top.

**Jan 12**

2006: The U.S. Mint shipped a new 5-cent coin with an image of Thomas Jefferson facing forward. Since 1909, when presidents were first depicted on circulating coins, all presidents were shown in profile.

**Jan 13**

1990: L. Douglas Wilder of [Virginia](http://www.on-this-day.com/us/va), the nation's first elected black governor, took the oath of office. So far, the U.S. has only had four black governors and five senators, including Barack Obama, who was a senator in Illinois before he became President.

**Jan 14**

1954: Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were married. Marilyn was a Hollywood actress famous for playing dumb blonde characters and one of the most popular sex symbols of all times. DiMaggio was an American Major League baseball player.  The marriage lasted nine months.

**Jan 15**

1929: Martin Luther King, Jr. was born. King was a Baptist minister, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. In 1964, he received the [Nobel Peace Prize](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nobel_Peace_Prize) for fighting racial inequality through nonviolence. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

**Jan 19**

1937: Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record. He flew from Los Angeles to New York in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds. During his lifetime, he was known as an eccentric entrepreneur and philanthropist and the wealthiest self-made man in the world.

**Jan 20**

1885: The roller coaster was patented by L. A. Thompson. The first roller coaster opened at Coney Island in Brooklyn. It traveled six miles per hour and cost a nickel to ride. It was an instant success. By the turn of the century there were hundreds of them around the country.

**Jan 21**

1908: In New York City, the Sullivan Ordinance was passed. It made smoking in public places by women illegal. Until the 19th amendment was ratified in 1920, women in the U.S. were not allowed to vote. The first female governor was elected in Wyoming in 1924.

**Jan 22**

1930: In New York, excavation began for the Empire State Building, a 102-story[skyscraper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Early_skyscrapers) in [Manhattan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midtown_Manhattan). Its name comes from the [nickname](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._state_nicknames) for [New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York), the [Empire State](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_State). It was the [world's tallest building](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_buildings_and_structures_in_the_world) for 40 years until the [World Trade Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Trade_Center_%281973%E2%80%932001%29) was completed in 1970.

**Jan 25**

1961: John F. Kennedy presented the first live presidential news conference from Washington, [**D.C**](http://www.on-this-day.com/us/dc). The event was carried on radio and television. Kennedy served as the [35th](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Presidents_of_the_United_States) [President of the United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States) from January 1961 until [his assassination](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_John_F._Kennedy) in November 1963.

**Jan 26**

1784: In a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the eagle as the symbol of America. He thought the turkey, a true native of America and a bird of courage, should be the symbol. He thought the eagle had a bad moral character.

**Jan 27**

1985: The [Coca-Cola](http://www.on-this-day.com/links/coca-cola) Company of Atlanta, G[eorgia](http://www.on-this-day.com/us/ga), announced a plan to sell its soft drinks in the Soviet Union. The drink, made of kola nuts and coca leaves, was invented in the 19th century as a patent medicine. To this day, its formula remains a secret.

**Jan 28**

1912: Jackson Pollock, an abstract painter, was born. Jackson revolutionized modern art with his drip paintings, which involved pouring paint directly onto canvases. He died after driving drunk and crashing into a tree at age 44. His painting *Number 19* sold in 2013 for $58 million.

**Jan 29**

1989: Billy Joel sang the [U.S.](http://www.on-this-day.com/us) National Anthem at Super Bowl XXIII. The Super Bowl is the NFL annual [championship](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Champion) game. It is [the most-watched American television broadcast](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_most_watched_television_broadcasts#United_States) of the year. Twenty eight million pounds of chips, 1 billion chicken wings, and 8 million pounds of guacamole are consumed during the game.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv8VEQzik4o>

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