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## infotopia Constitution Day

[http://www.infotopia.info/constitution\\_day.html](http://www.infotopia.info/constitution_day.html)

Constitution Day 2015 is Thursday, September 17, 2015. With more than 16 different resources on Infotopia, your students should be able to research Constitution Day very easily. For more ideas, be sure to check out Larry Ferlazzo's site on learning about the Constitution. You can find quizzes, lessons, games, as well as copies of the original Constitution in these resources.



### Welcome!

Welcome to the students, teachers, and librarians of **Lakeport, California!** We're happy you are using Infotopia.info, Infotrek.info and Kidtopia.info for your research needs!

### Resources for September 11<sup>th</sup>

[http://www.infotopia.info/september\\_11.html](http://www.infotopia.info/september_11.html)



Your students can read oral histories, written narratives, and poetry; look at drawings and paintings; watch videos; and listen to audio files and speeches about September 11<sup>th</sup>. There are lesson plans from the National Museum of American History and much more, in these amazing web sites that remember September 11<sup>th</sup>.

We have been working all summer and it's finally ready! Check out our brand new resources on the 50 U.S. States on Kidtopia. There are links to state symbols, history, geography, activities, puzzles, and more, for each of the U.S. states. There is also a YouTube video on each state.

[http://www.kidtopia.info/us\\_states\\_hist.html](http://www.kidtopia.info/us_states_hist.html)

Kidtopia

Browse Kidtopia U.S. State Histories								
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## Coming in October

Ideas for  
Teen Read Week (Oct 18-24, 2015) and  
Red Ribbon Week (Oct 23-31, 2015)

## September Events

### Labor Day—September 7, 2015

<http://www.dol.gov/laborday/history.htm>  
<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/labor-day>

### Library Card Sign-Up Month

<http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/card>



### International Literacy Day-Sept. 8, 2015

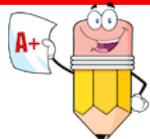
<http://internationalliteracyday.org/>

### Banned Books Week

Celebrating the Freedom to Read: Sept. 27- Oct. 3, 2015  
<http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/>  
<http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek>



## Cite Your Work...



Well, it's back-to-school time for many students and teachers across North America. Don't forget to encourage your students to cite their resources in their work. It's important to get them started at a young age to realize that they can't copy everything off the Internet (or from a book or magazine) and claim it as their own work.

Many resources on the Internet now have the correct citation included on the web page. Students just need to include that citation with their work as a footnote or as a list of citations at the end of the work. If the citation isn't included, just have your students use one of our free citation creators. They just enter the type of resource (book, encyclopedia, magazine, web site, etc.) fill in the blanks, and click "submit." The citation is now ready to be pasted into a "list of resources" page. Try it! Which of our citation creators is your favorite?

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We appreciate your feedback!

Carole and Mike Bell



## Puzzle Creator

Do you want to create an online puzzle for your students to solve? Just go to the following:

<http://www.teachertopia.info/puzzle/>



- Click on options
- Choose the level of difficulty (easy, normal, etc.)
- Decide if you want to have it timed and if you want a guide in the background
- Upload an image (rectangular is best and it must be under 300KB)
- Click on "create puzzle"
- Save the URL for this puzzle
- Post your link and have your students solve the puzzle!