

March Quiz & Calendar Highlights by Kristin Paulson, MA State Lecturer

- 1] Mardi Gras is a legal holiday in Alabama, Louisiana, and _____. a) Georgia b) Florida c) Mississippi d) Texas
- 2] In 1703, the oldest US Mardi Gras celebration was held in _____. a) Alabama b) Georgia c) Louisiana d) Mississippi
- 3] If you find the hidden _____ inside the Mardi Gras Cake, you get 1 year of good luck. a) Ring b) King c) Queen d) Baby
- 4] The 3 official Mardi Gras colors are Gold = Power, Purple = Justice, & and ____ = Faith. a) Orange b) Blue c) Green d) White
- 5] It is illegal to ride on a Mardi Gras Float without wearing _____. a) a hat or head dress b) Beads c) Mardi Gras's official colors d) Mask
- 6] In 1917, the 1st homebaked Girl Scout sugar cookies sold for _____ per dozen as a local troupe fundraiser. a) .25 b) .50 c) .75 d) 1.00
- 7] In 1934, the 1st commercially baked Girl Scout cookies were made in _____. a) New York, NY b) Boston, MA c) Philadelphia, PA d) Savannah, GA
- 8] Introduced in 1940, _____ are now the most popular Girl Scout cookies. a) Samoas b) Thin Mints c) Tagalongs d) Do-Si-Dos
- 9] What is the Girl Scout Slogan? a) Be friendly & kind b) Be prepared c) Serve God & Country d) Do a good turn daily
- 10] What is the Girl Scout Motto? a) Be friendly & kind b) Be prepared c) Serve God & Country d) Do a good turn daily



March Biography: Theodor Seuss Geisel [MA B: 3.2.1904] was born in Springfield, MA. He wrote & illustrated 60 children's books under the pen name of Dr. Seuss. He said, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book & read to a child." Over 650 million copies of his books have been sold worldwide. According to his publisher Random House, the top selling Dr. Seuss books are 1) *Green Eggs and Ham*, 2) *One Fish, Two Fish, & 3) The Cat in the Hat*. Because of racist imagery, Dr. Seuss Enterprises will no longer publish: *If I Ran the Zoo*, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, *McElligot's Pool*, *On Beyond Zebra!*, *Scrambled Eggs Super!*, & *The Cat's Quizzer*. Dr. Seuss's many honors include 2 Academy Awards, 2 Emmy Awards, & the Pulitzer Prize. The Dr. Seuss Museum & Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden are in the Springfield, MA.

March born Celebrities: Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr [MA B: 3.8.1841], James Taylor [MA B: 3.12.1948] "Shower the People you Love with Love", Leonard Limoy [MA B: 3.26.1931] "My folks came to US as immigrant aliens and became citizens. Born in Boston, a citizen, I went to Hollywood & became an alien." Spock: "Live long & prosper"

March is National Women's History Month. It's also National Nutrition, & Craft months. National Agriculture Week is March 20-26. March is named for the Roman God, Mars. "Spring Forward" Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am on March 13th by setting clocks forward 1 hour. Sunrise & sunset will be 1 hour later. March info_Birthstone: Aquamarine, Flower: Daffodil, & the Full Worm (Sap) moon is on March 18, 2022.

| Date | Name of Special Day | Description | Event Type |
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| 03/01/22 | Peace Corps Day | Peace Corps mission: Promote world peace by US helping countries in need. | Historic Day |
| 03/01/22 | World Compliment Day | https://www.worldcomplimentday.info/ Created by Hans Poortvliet of the Netherlands. | International Day |
| 03/01/22 | Mardi Gras [Fat Tuesday] | Last day of Carnival. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mardi_Gras | International Day |
| 03/02/22 | Ash Wednesday [Lent begins] | Ash Wed. begins Lent & 40 days of Christian prayers & sacrifice until Easter. | Religious Day |
| 03/02/22 | Read Across America Day | (Also, <i>DrSeussDay</i>) Created by National Education Association. www.nea.org | National Day |
| 03/03/22 | National Anthem Day | Congress declared "Star Spangled Banner" the national anthem in 3.03.1931 | National Day |
| 03/06/22 | World Day of Prayer | Mary Fairchild-James of Brooklyn, NY created World Day of Prayer in 1887 | International Day |
| 03/08/22 | International Women's Day | https://www.internationalwomensday.com/About celebrated since 1911. | International Day |
| 03/12/22 | National Girl Scout Day | Juliette Low organized 1st Girl Scout troop in 3.12.1812 www.girlscouts.org | National Day |
| 03/17/22 | St. Patrick's Day | St. Patrick's Day is celebrated globally by millions by "wearing of the green" | International Holiday |
| 03/19/22 | International Earth Day | Founder McConnell, of Iowa. Endorsed by UN Sec General Thant on 3.21.1971 | International Day |
| 03/20/22 | Spring Vernal Equinox | 1st Day of Spring. (Also Baha'i New Year "Naw-Ruz" & Pagan "Ostara" Festival) | Religious Day |
| 03/21/22 | World Poetry Day | 1999 UNESCO declaration. MA Grange Poem contest '22 Topic: "Life in a Pandemic" | International Day |
| 03/21/22 | National Quilting Day | National Quilting Association started Quilting Day in 1991 | National Day |
| 03/22/22 | National AG Day | www.agday.org Held in National AG Week. "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow." | National Day |
| 03/25/22 | Feast of the Annunciation | Announcement of the Incarnation of Jesus by the Angel Gabriel to Mary. | Religious Day |
| 03/29/22 | Vietnam War Veterans Day | Anniversary of the final withdrawal of military from South Vietnam in 1973 | National Day |