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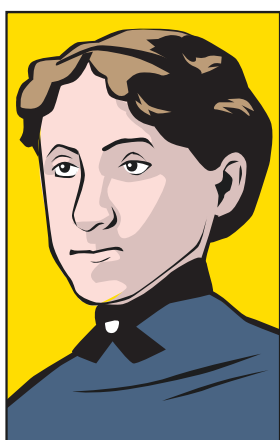
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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Louisa May Alcott

Louisa May Alcott was born on November 29, 1832. She was the second oldest of four girls. Her love of her sisters helped her to become one of America's most beloved children's book authors.

If she were alive today, how old would she be?

**2015 - 1832 =**

"I b \_ l \_ \_ ve  
sch \_ \_ ls sh \_ \_ ld  
be a pl \_ ce wh \_ r  
ch \_ ldr \_ n enj \_ y  
l \_ \_ rn \_ ng!"

### Teacher in the Family

As a child, Louisa and her family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where her father, Amos Alcott, set up a school based upon his beliefs about education.

Put the vowels back in this sentence to find out what Amos Bronson Alcott believed about education.

### Money Troubles

Louisa's family did not have much money. To help out, Louisa started taking on as many jobs as a young girl could find. She read for an elderly man and his sister. Louisa and her sister Anna taught young children and mended and washed laundry.

In 1852, Louisa's first poem was published in a magazine, and she made her first money from writing.

Use the code to find out the name of Louisa's first published poem.

+	□	△	×	○	◇	●
S = ●	R = ○	E = △	T = □	C = ×	O = ◇	D = ●
B = ●	I = ○	L = △	N = □	U = ×		
G = ●	M = ○	A = △	P = □			
H = ●	K = ○					

Two of the books below were not written by Louisa. Do the math and cross out the two with odd-numbered answers.

19 + 7 =	18 - 5 =	14 + 8 =
<b>LITTLE WOMEN</b> by Louisa May Alcott	<b>LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE</b> by Louisa May Alcott	<b>JO'S BOYS</b> by Louisa May Alcott
<b>GOOD WIVES</b> by Louisa May Alcott	<b>LITTLE MEN</b> by Louisa May Alcott	<b>HEIDI</b> by Louisa May Alcott
21 - 9 =	12 + 14 =	16 - 7 =

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

## Writing Success

In 1855, her first book, *Flower Fables* was published.

In 1862, Louisa went to Washington, D.C. to serve as a Civil War nurse. Like many other nurses, Louisa contracted typhoid fever. Although she got better, mercury in the medicine caused her suffering for the rest of her life. In Washington, Louisa continued to write and she published two more books.

Her publisher, Thomas Niles, asked that she write "a girl's story." Having spent her life with three interesting sisters, Louisa wrote *Little Women* based on her own experiences. The novel, published in 1868, was an instant success. It has now been a favorite book for generations.

Discover the names of the sisters in *Little Women* by crossing out every other letter.

~~X~~MUETGL  
~~X~~JTOK  
~~X~~ARMBYM  
~~X~~BAEGLHP

### Extra! Extra! Responsibility

Though poor themselves, Louisa's family always tried to help people who were worse off than they were. Look through the newspaper to find a person or people you could help.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how character traits help fulfill personal responsibilities.

### Rights for Women

Louisa worked hard to help women get the right to vote. She wrote articles about equality for women and went door-to-door encouraging women to register to vote. In 1879, Alcott became the first woman in Concord, Mass., to register to vote when she cast a ballot for the village school committee.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Louisa's parents encouraged her to follow her dreams and to hold on to her freedom in life. Her father Amos had very advanced ideas about childhood and education. In fact, many people believe he is the founder of this part of the school day.

Assemble these puzzle pieces to reveal the answer.



Standards Link: Historical Understanding: Understand that specific decisions impact history.

### Double Double Word Search

- LOUISA
- ELDERLY
- TYPHOID
- MERCURY
- MEDICINE
- INSTANT
- VOTE
- BALLOT
- WORSE
- VOWELS
- LAUNDRY
- POEM
- FEVER
- NOVEL
- CAST

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

B	C	E	Y	L	E	V	O	N	S
T	A	N	Y	R	D	N	U	A	L
N	S	L	A	J	U	O	Y	Y	E
A	T	L	L	S	V	C	E	L	W
T	Y	P	H	O	I	D	R	R	O
S	P	A	T	R	T	U	N	E	V
N	O	E	S	R	O	W	O	D	M
I	E	I	R	E	V	E	F	L	N
G	M	E	N	I	C	I	D	E	M

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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#### Women in the News

When Louisa May Alcott was alive, not many jobs were available to women. Look through the newspaper and make a list of all of the jobs a woman with the right experience and training could get today.

Standards Link: Career: Understand general preparation for entering the workforce.



Why did the writer put her fingers in the alphabet soup?

ANSWER: She was searching for the right words.

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