

Louisa Alcott loved poetry. She loved to read it and to write it.

Modern day poet Austin Kleon came up with an idea for creating poetry with a newspaper, a black marker and creativity.

Here is an example of a poem he made by clipping an article from the newspaper and crossing out all the words, except for the ones he wanted in his poem:

BEFORE

The home needed extensive refurbishment. Jim Meadows, a local architect, was hired to supervise the project. He designed the award-winning Laurel Street Library in 2003.

Meadows worked with local historian Yolanda Henderson, who said, "Tradition and style were essential on this project."

AFTER

The local architect designed Laurel Street with Tradition

Make a Newspaper Blackout Poem

- Grab a newspaper.
- Grab a marker.
- Find an article.
- Cross out words, leaving behind the ones you like.
- Pretty soon you'll have a poem.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word LOUISA in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

L	O	U	I	S	A
O	U				
U		A			
S			U		
A				O	
I					O

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
ENCOURAGE

The verb **encourage** means to give support or advice to a person to do something.

My teacher likes to **encourage** us to keep our backpacks organized.

Try to use the word **encourage** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On!

Woman I Admire

Write about a woman you admire. Include reasons why you chose this woman. If possible, write about someone other than your own mother.



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

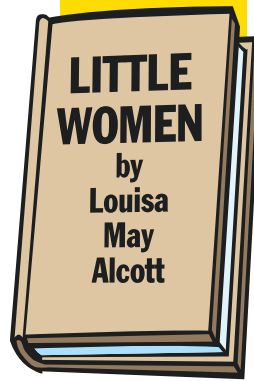
As a child, Louisa and her family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where her father, Amos Alcott, set up a school based upon his beliefs about education.

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

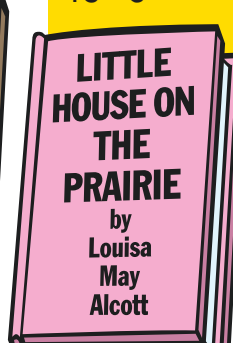
Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

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

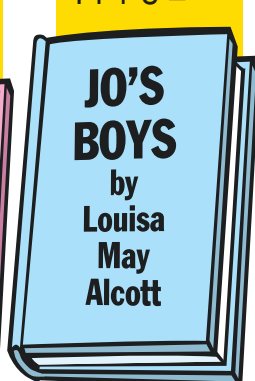
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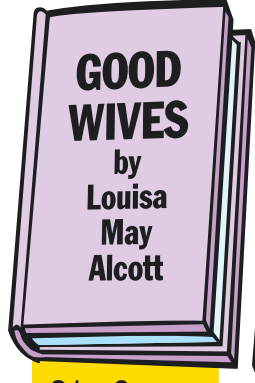
$18 - 5 =$



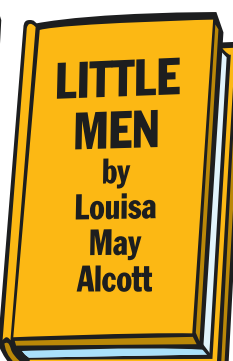
$14 + 8 =$



$21 - 9 =$



$12 + 14 =$



$16 - 7 =$



Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

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.

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.



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.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

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.