



FAN (Financial Awareness News) **Letter**
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New Financial Literacy for You (FLY) Brochures

FLY Capabilities

http://www.osfa.la.gov/FLY/Capabilities_Brochure.pdf?OpenForm

Helping Students Make Smart Financial Decisions

http://www.osfa.la.gov/FLY/FLY_Brochure.pdf

June 2011 LOSFA Loop

<http://www.osfa.state.la.us/MainSitePDFs/LOSFALoopJune2011.pdf>

Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy

<http://jumpstart.org/>

Louisiana's Jump\$tart Coalition

<http://www.jumpstart.org/states-louisiana.html>

TheMint.org – Being “Money Smart”

<http://themint.org/index.html>

The United States Mint Financial Literacy

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/teachers/financialLiteracy/>

Financial Literacy for Kids Foundation

<http://www.flkf.org/>

2010 Youth Financial Educators' Summit

<http://www.jumpstart.org/activities-events.html>

Quote of the Day

"The happy man inevitably confines himself within ancient limits." - **Nathaniel Hawthorne**

Hawthorne, author of *The Scarlet Letter*, was particularly acquainted with restrictive societal limits, having grown up in puritanical Salem in a family whose ancestor was a judge at the Salem Witch Trials. This quote, spoken by Mr. Holgrave in *The House of the Seven Gables*, continues: "The world owes all its onward impulses to men ill at ease." Vague longing and dissatisfaction with life are recurring themes in Hawthorne's work and are often presented as necessary elements of man's nature: the two themes are woven throughout the dark romances for which he is known.

Fun Fact of the Day

"Benjamin Franklin got his start writing ballads."

Young Benjamin Franklin worked as an apprentice to his brother James, who had started America's first independent newspaper, the *New England Courant*. Benjamin wrote for the paper while learning his brother's trade and some of his writing appeared under the pseudonym Silence Dogood, a fictional widow around whom Franklin constructed an entire persona. The earliest piece of published writing that may be attributable to Franklin, however, is a ballad about Blackbeard called "The Taking of Teach the Pirate" or "The Downfall of Piracy." The teenage Franklin's writing opportunities were curtailed when his brother discovered his Silence Dogood deception, whereupon Ben left the apprenticeship and fled to Philadelphia.

Cultural Literacy Tidbits

From "The Dictionary of Cultural Literacy[™]: What Every American Needs to Know", Houghton Mifflin Company, 1988.

World History – Sarajevo (sahr-uh-YAY-voh) – The city in present-day Yugoslavia where the assassination that brought on World War I took place. Archduke Francis Ferdinand, the heir to the throne of the Austrian Empire, had come to Sarajevo on a state visit; Sarajevo was then in one of the South Slavic provinces of the Austrian Empire. A young student who favored South Slavic independence shot and killed the archduke. Austria held the assassin's home province, Serbia, responsible for the incident and declared war; the complex European alliances then brought other countries into the fight.

Physical Sciences – Antiparticle – In Physics, a rare form of subatomic matter that is a mirror image of normal matter. The antiparticle corresponding to an elementary particle has the same mass as the particle, but is opposite in all other properties. The antiparticle corresponding to an electron is a positron, which has the same mass as an electron but a positive charge. Antiprotons have the same mass as protons but a negative charge. When matter and antimatter come together, the two particles annihilate each other, converting their mass into energy or into other types of particles. As far as scientists can tell, there is no naturally occurring antimatter (matter made of antiparticles) in the universe, although it is possible to make antimatter in particle accelerators.