

Memories Matter: A Look at the American Memory Web Site

In *The Giver*, all knowledge of the experiences of humanity has been given to the Receiver of Memory so that no citizen of the Community will be “burdened” with the past. In our world, we have records—oral and written, printed and digital—that document our past.

Please go to the American Memory Website, sponsored by the Library of Congress, at <http://memory.loc.gov>. Under the column “Collection Highlights,” click the link for “Today in History” to learn about important events in American history that occurred on this date. Record your learning and reflections in the column below. Do the same for your birthday or another significant date of your choice.

Today in History: (date)	Another significant day: (date)
Event:	Event:
Key facts about the event:	Key facts about the event:
Your reflections on this event (Why is the event important? Why might future generations need to know that this happened?):	Your reflections on this event (Why is the event important? Why might future generations need to know that this happened?):