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A nifty monthly calendar of historical events compiled by Diane Flynn Keith, Author of Carschooling (carschooling.com) and Founder of Homefires, The Journal of Homeschooling, Parenting and Family Activities Online (www.homefires.com)

Historical Events for September!

September is the 9th month of the Gregorian calendar with 30 days. The Romans named September from the Latin word for "seven" which is "septem," because September was the 7th month of the Roman Calendar. September spans the zodiac signs of Virgo, the Virgin (August 23-September 22), and Libra, the Scales (September 23-October 22). The birthstone for September is the Sapphire. The flowers associated with September are the Morning Glory and the Aster.

Idea:

Print out portions of the Carschool Calendar and keep it in the car.

Make a habit of referring to the Calendar on your daily car trips, or look ahead and plan to borrow an audio-tape from the library that ties in with a particular event or person that will provide more information and enhance learning for the entire family.

September

- 1 - German troops invaded Poland starting World War II in 1939.
- 2 - Japan formally surrendered to Allies on V-J (Victory-Japan) Day, 1945.
- 3 - England signed Treaty of Paris, marking the end of the American Revolution, 1783.
- 4 - U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz became first person to win 7 gold medals in single Olympics, 1972.

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- 5 - Jesse James, notorious outlaw of the American West, born 1847.
- 6 - President McKinley, 25th President of the U.S., shot by assassin, 1901.
- 7 - Grandma Moses, celebrated American Folk artist who didn't begin to paint until she was 70 years old, born 1860.
- 8 - U.S. President Gerald Ford pardons his predecessor Richard Nixon for any crimes committed during Nixon's presidency.
- 9 - California became the 31st state of the Union in 1850, a direct result of Gold Rush.
- 10 - Elias Howe patented the sewing machine, 1846.
- 11 - O. Henry, American short story writer, born 1913.
- 12 - Jesse Owens, 1936 African-American Olympic Champion, born in 1913.
- 13 - Walter Reed, the physician responsible for determining the cause of Yellow Fever (a virus carried by a mosquito) born 1851.
- 14 - Ivan Pavlov, Russian biologist and physicist whose work with dogs in "conditioned response" won him the Nobel prize in 1904, was born this day in 1849.
- 15 - James Fenimore Cooper, author of The Last of the Mohicans, born 1789.
- 16 - Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, England, 1620.
- 17 - Constitution of the U.S. signed at Constitutional Convention, 1787.
- 18 - Samuel Johnson, English writer and lexicographer who created the first dictionary of the English language, born 1709.
- 19 - U.S. President James Garfield assassinated 1881.
- 20 - U.S. Congress passed into law the Compromise of 1850, abolishing slave trade.
- 21 - H.G. Wells, science fiction author of The Time Machine, born 1866.
- 22 - Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all Confederate slaves, issued by President Lincoln in 1862.
- 23 - John Paul Jones defeated British in naval battle during American Revolution in 1779.
- 24 - The birthday of John Chapman, a.k.a. Johnny Appleseed in 1774.
- 25 - Vasco Nunez de Balboa credited with discovering the Pacific Ocean in 1513.

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- 26** - George Gershwin, American Composer, born 1898. At 15 he left school to pursue a musician's career on Broadway and wrote his first big hit, *Swanee* at age 20. His best known work was *Rhapsody In Blue*.
- 27** - Samuel Adams, American Patriot and signer of the Declaration of Independence, born 1722.
- 28** - Republic of China celebrates the birth of the philosopher, Confucius on this day.
- 29** - Enrico Fermi, Nobel prize-winning physicist who headed up the Manhattan Project and development of the atomic bomb, born 1901.
- 30** - U.S. Marshals escorted student, James Meredith, to formerly all-white classes at the University of Mississippi in 1962.

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