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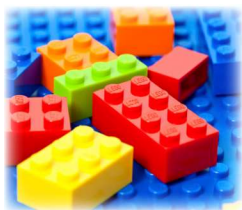
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On This Date

1754 – Horace Walpole, 4th Earl of Oxford, wrote a letter to American educator Horace Mann, in which he invented the word *serendipity*, meaning a happy accident. The word was inspired by the fairy tale *The Three Princes of Serendip*.

1866 – Scottish explorer David Livingstone began his search for the source of the Nile. No one heard from him until 1871, when reporter Henry Morton Stanley finally located him. Stanley greeted him with the famous remark, “Dr. Livingstone, I presume?”

1958 – Godtfred Kirk Christiansen, son of the LEGO inventor, patented the plastic toy bricks in Denmark. The original bricks are still compatible with those made today.



Did You Know?

The word *LEGO* is the fusion of two Danish words: *leg* for “play” and *godt* for “good.”

Quote of the Day

“I want men who will come if there is no road at all.”

~ *David Livingstone*

Happy Birthday!

Jackson Pollock (1912–1956) was one of the leading forces behind the abstract expressionist movement in art. Pollock was an artist who enjoyed considerable fame during his lifetime, but his childhood was turbulent. Pollock was expelled from two high schools. He developed a fierce independence—and an addiction to alcohol, which became a lifelong struggle. In 1943, he got his break when he was exhibited by art collector Peggy Guggenheim. Pollock was famous for his unique



painting technique, where he would place his canvas on the floor and use his body to splatter, pour, and drip paint in chaotic patterns.