

# Enrichment Activity Guide

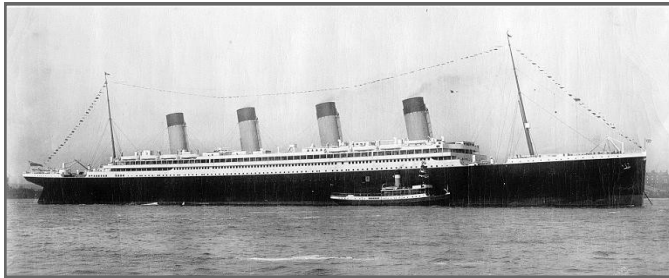
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**April 2** The three races of the Triple Crown are the Kentucky Derby in Louisville, KY; the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore, MD; and the Belmont Stakes in Elmont, NY. Only 11 horses have won all three races in the history of the Triple Crown, which began in the late 1800s.

**April 5** To calculate the Celsius temperature, subtract 32 from the temperature in Fahrenheit degrees, ( $806 - 32 = 774$ ). Then divide that number by 1.8 ( $774 \div 1.8 = 430$ ). The result is the degrees Celsius, or 430°C.

**April 10** While an ordinary ship might be a steamship (SS) or a motor vessel (MV), an RMS is a royal mail ship. Although the RMS Titanic was primarily a passenger liner, the ship also carried a substantial amount of cargo. The RMS in the title indicates that the Titanic carried mail under contract with the Royal Mail in England and for the United States Postal Service.



**April 15** Leonardo da Vinci's most famous painting is the *Mona Lisa*, created by the Italian artist in the early 1500s. It is believed to be a portrait of Lisa Gherardini, the wife of a wealthy Italian silk merchant. Lisa would have been in her early to mid-20s at the time of the painting. Today the painting hangs in Paris in its own room at the Louvre, perhaps the most renowned art museum in the world.



Mona Lisa



Abraham Lincoln

**April 26** John Wilkes Booth shot and killed President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. Booth was born in Bel Air, MD in 1838. He started his acting career in Baltimore and later joined a theater company in Virginia. He supported slavery and spoke out against Lincoln. In 1864, the year Lincoln won his second term, Booth and a group of radicals began plotting against the President. On April 14, 1865, Lincoln and his wife Mary were watching a performance of *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theatre in Washington, DC.

Booth entered the theater box where the First Couple sat and shot Lincoln. Booth then jumped down to the stage and escaped from the theater. Lincoln died the next day. Booth was found 11 days later, hiding in a barn in Virginia. He refused to

**April 29** Velocipede is a term for any human-powered vehicle with wheels. The most common one is a bicycle.

