

March

American Heritage Curriculum – Year B

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Hero of the Month: Gouverneur Morris



Gouverneur Morris (1752-1816) was an American politician, public official and diplomat. Born into a prominent New York family, he earned election to the state's provincial congress, and signed the Articles of Confederation as a New York delegate to the Continental Congress. Among the most vocal participants of the 1787 Constitutional Convention, Morris argued for granting Congress veto powers over state laws, direct election of the president and proportional representation in Congress based on taxation. Morris served as American minister to France from 1792-94, and as a New York senator from 1800-03. He later helped form the New-York Historical Society and was the founding chairman of the Erie Canal Commission.

<http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/gouverneur-morris>

Quote of the Month

"Americans need never fear their government because of the advantage of being armed." – Gouverneur Morris

Life Principle of the Month

- Forgiveness: the attitude of someone who is willing to forgive other people



Words of the Month

- **Repentant:** expressive of repentance; remorseful
- **Upright:** always behaving in an honest way; having high moral standards
- **Steadfast:** firm in belief, determination, or adherence
- **Exonerate:** to prove that someone is not guilty of a crime or responsible for a problem, bad situation, etc.

Essential 55: 37-42

37: If someone bumps into you, even if it was not your fault, say, "Excuse me."

38: When we are on a field trip, there will be no talking as we enter a building. We will enter the building so quietly that no one will even notice that we are there. This rule applies to entering any place where people are gathered, whether it be the movies, a church, a theater, or any other venue.

Essential 55: 37-42

39: If we are on a field trip, it is a good idea to compliment something about the place where we are visiting. For example, if we visit someone's home, it would be a nice gesture to tell them that you think they have nice curtains. People are always self-conscious when they have guests visit their home, so you want to make them feel at ease. Also, if we are visiting other places, such as a museum or theater, it would be nice to comment on how beautiful the architecture is or to tell the guide that you think the facility is very nice.

40: During an assembly, do not speak and do not look around and try to get the attention of your friends in other classes. We must uphold an image that shows we have our act together!

Essential 55: 37-42

41: When you answer the phone at your house, you must do so in an appropriate manner.

42: When you return from a trip, you will shake my hand as well as the hands of every chaperone. You will thank us for taking the time to take you on the trip, and you will let us know that you appreciate having the opportunity to go. I am not concerned with being thanked; I am concerned with teaching you that it is appropriate to show appreciation when someone has gone out of his or her way to help you.

Constitution Topic

8th Amendment to the Constitution

Excessive bail, cruel punishment

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Song of the Month

Battle Hymn of the Republic

By [Julia Ward Howe](#)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on.

Chorus:

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps
His day is marching on.

Chorus

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnish'd rows of steel,
"As ye deal with my contemnors, so with you my grace shall deal;"
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel
Since God is marching on.

Chorus

He has sounded from the trumpet that shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Chorus

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Chorus

Cowboy Ethics

#5 Be Tough, But Fair



- 1 LIVE EACH DAY WITH COURAGE
- 2 TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK
- 3 ALWAYS FINISH WHAT YOU START
- 4 DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE
- 5 BE TOUGH, BUT FAIR
- 6 WHEN YOU MAKE A PROMISE, KEEP IT
- 7 RIDE FOR THE BRAND
- 8 TALK LESS AND SAY MORE
- 9 REMEMBER THAT SOME THINGS AREN'T FOR SALE
- 10 KNOW WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE

Verse of the Month

Influence

By Joseph Norris

Drop a pebble in the water,
and its ripples reach out far;
and the sunbeams dancing on them
may reflect them to a star.

Give a smile to someone passing,
thereby making his morning glad;
it may greet you in the evening
when your own heart may be sad.

Do a deed of simple kindness;
though its end you may not see,
it may reach, like widening ripples
down a long eternity.

Supplemental Hero: Winston Churchill

Synopsis

- Winston Churchill's life was a trajectory of events leading to his stand against Adolph Hitler's threat to control Europe. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Churchill helped lead a successful Allied strategy with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and General Secretary Joseph Stalin during WWII to defeat the Axis powers and craft post-war peace. After the breakdown of the alliance, he alerted the West to the expansionist threat of Soviet Communism.



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Washington's Rules of Civility: #46-48

46th Take all Admonitions thankfully in what Time or Place Soever given but afterwards not being culpable take a Time & Place convenient to let him know it that gave them.

47th Mock not nor Jest at any thing of Importance break [n]o Jest that are Sharp Biting and if you Deliver any thing witty and Pleasant abstain from Laughing thereat yourself.

48th Wherein you reprove Another be unblameable yourself; for example is more prevalent than Precepts.