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Pi Day-March 14

so Pi isn't your thing- try one of these



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[Game of Life](#)

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Life of Pi by Yann Martel



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Not into celebrating Pi Day or tired of St. Patricks Day? Try one of these holidays in March:

March 4 Casimir Pulaski Day

March 5 Cinco De Marcho

March 9 National Panic Day

March 12 National Alfred Hitchcock Day

March 13 232nd Anniversary of the discovery of Uranus

March 15 Ides of March

March 16 everything you do is right day

March 20 Extraterrestrial Abductions Day

March 22 50th Anniversary of the Beatles' first album

March 25th 150th Anniversary of the U.S. Medal of Honor

March 25th National Waffle Day

March 31 Tater Day

National

American Red Cross Month

National Nutrition Month

National Noodle Month

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www.city-data.com

This site features informational data about all cities in the U.S., including over 74,000 photos. FREE!

<http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/>

This site features lesson plans, video resources and more! Made possible through the Educational Broadcasting Corporation. FREE!

<http://www.msichicago.org/whats-here/exhibits/you/the-exhibit/your-appetite/would-you-eat-that/>

Presents a food and a list of ten ingredients that you might not expect to find in that food. Play the game see if you can identify which four ingredients are in your foods

<http://www.litcharts.com/>

Great for High School! List of classic literature charts, including an app for Apple devices! FREE!

<http://www.uwstout.edu/soe/profdev/rubrics.cfm>

Looking for a ready-made rubric to assess technology projects in your classroom? This is a great collection of how to assess wikis, web 2.0 tools, and more and allows for editing. FREE!

15 Ways the Internet is Changing Our Brain

Article Source:

<http://www.onlinecollege.org/15-big-ways-the-internet-is-changing-our-brain>

This list, taken from the link above, shares the ways our technology is changing the way our brain works and processes information. To read the entire article in detail, please click the link above.

1. The Internet is our external hard drive. *We automatically rely on outside resources to get information.
2. Children are learning differently. "Rote memorization is no longer a necessary part of education" according to *Read Write Web*.
3. We hardly ever give tasks our full attention.
4. We don't bother to remember. *Why?- when everything can be stored somewhere and then found easily.

5. We're getting better at finding information (or at least trying).
6. Difficult questions make us think about computers (we Google it).
7. IQ is increasing over time.
8. Our concentration is suffering.
9. We're getting better at determining relevance.
10. We're becoming physically addicted to technology.
11. The more you use the Internet, the more it lights up your brain,
12. Our brains constantly seek out incoming information.
13. We've become power browsers.
14. Online thinking persists even offline. We think "I will look it up online later."
15. Creative thinking may suffer.

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<http://www.myschoolnotebook.com/> (now free for Androids and Apple phones)

<http://evernote.com/> (free app for Androids and Apple)

