



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
*Written in AD 123, Chariton's "Chaereas & Callirhoë" is the oldest existing novel in the world.*

# DECEMBER

**46.5 HOURS** OF READING *if you read 90 minutes a day*



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## ... THE FIRST EDITION OF *ARGOSY PULP MAGAZINE*, 1882

Inexpensive pulp magazines and books were one of the primary forms of entertainment.

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## ... THE NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE CEREMONY NIGHT

The Nobel Prize award ceremony is held on the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death.

## ... EMILY DICKINSON IS BORN, 1830

A prolific writer regarded as one of the most important figures in American poetry. During her lifetime, she wrote nearly 1,800 poems.

## ... THE FIRST *ENCYCLOPÆDIA BRITANNICA* IS PUBLISHED, 1768

With the first part of the first edition being published in 1768, it's the longest running English-language encyclopaedia.

## ... MELVIL DEWEY'S BIRTHDAY, 1851

An influential American educator and librarian. The inventor of the modern system of library classification.

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## ... JANE AUSTEN IS BORN, 1775

One of the world's most beloved writers. The author of *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*, and *Emma*.

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## ... THE JOURNEY ENDS IN *AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS*, 1872

In Jules Verne's famous adventure novel, the main character accepted a wager to circumnavigate the world in 80 days.

### READING CHALLENGE

**Week 1:** A book by a Nobel Prize winner

**Week 2:** A book about a long journey

**Week 3:** A collection of short stories

**Week 4:** A romance novel

**AN HOUR SPENT READING IS ONE STOLEN FROM PARADISE.**

— THOMAS WHARTON