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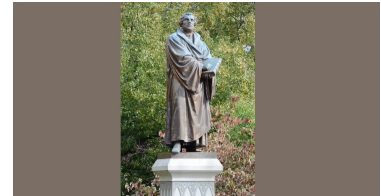
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For Participants in LEA's Middle School Educators Network

Christopher Nolan's film adaptation of "The Odyssey" has reignited interest in the epic, prompting educators to explore its storytelling and historical significance. The movie's success can provide an inroad for students to understand how people have used myth to explain the world around them. Learn [How 'The Odyssey' Opens Doors to Storytelling and Historical Perspectives](#). (Ed Finkel in *K-12 Dive*)

Holiday Ideas for October 2026

October 11th—Clergy Appreciation Day: As your school celebrates Pastor Appreciation Day, you can help kids create opportunities to honor him. Find some ideas at [Pastor Appreciation Day Ideas for Kids and Teens](#). (Diana Davis in *Biblical Recorder*)



October 31st—Reformation: Looking for a different way to learn about and celebrate the Reformation with your students? Kristin Highley provides information on how to teach it in a different way. Read [Let's Have a Marty Party—Youth Night Reformation Celebration](#) in *Youth E Source*.

Steve Baule says, "As schools place greater emphasis on creativity, problem-solving, collaboration, innovation, and AI literacy, educators may want to reconsider how much structure they provide upfront. Sometimes, the most valuable assignment is the one in which students are not entirely sure what the finished product should look like." Read his article [10 Reasons To Stop Giving Students A Rubric \(And Foster New Learning\)](#) for more information. (*Tech and Learning*)

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