



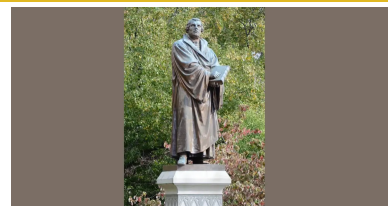
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For Participants in LEA's Secondary Education Network.

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 ways to honor him. Find some ideas at [Pastor Appreciation Day Ideas for Kids and Teens](#). (Diana Davis in *Biblical Recorder*)



October 31st—Reformation: As educators, you know about the Reformation. However, it's always good to review information, and the LCMS Synodical offices have great resources. Using pieces from "Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation", the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, teaches interesting and important facts about the Reformation through videos. The resources provide an excellent opportunity to recall and learn the importance of Luther's teachings on the truth of God's love for people by grace alone, by faith alone, by Scripture alone, through Christ alone. Find the videos at [Treasure of the Reformation](#). (*Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*)

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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