







Our identity, our 'sense of self' gives meaning to our lives. As human beings, change in any form impacts our identity in multitudinous ways. From reflecting on our deepest beliefs to doubting the very nature of existence, human identity is a dynamic construct. Today more than ever, multiple realms of awareness frame our identity, a few being the people we interact with, the art we admire, the technology that blurs the line between thought and algorithm, and the history we reflect upon in hopes of a brighter future.

Evolution is the process of change; slow and gradual. Individualism today plays a much greater role in society as ones thoughts/perspectives are the only differentiating factor as technology improves. The representation of these perspectives is dialogue. Plato presented his philosophical arguments as a dialogue between Socrates and his interlocutors. Dialogue between teachers, students and most importantly between equals is the most impactful contributor to human development.

For change to come about in society at large, we have seen movements and protests, and these too evolve. Feminism whose first wave comprised of mostly white women and their issues, gradually encompassed women of colour and their concerns, and has today come a long way to be an umbrella term talking about the rights of trans people, encompassing the ever-evolving race question, the anti-caste movement and its struggles, as well as the disability rights movement. Meanwhile, all these movements have also shaped our identity. This deconstruction and clash of ideals and identity inevitably result in disharmony. As the doomsday clock (representation of the time left until catastrophe) ticks to its lowest, reflection on our ever evolving identities is imminent

Global Citizenship Education

Global Citizenship Education is an integral part of the curriculum at GIS. It is a form of civic learning that involves students' active participation in projects that address global issues of a social, political, economic, or environmental nature. GCE aims to empower learners to engage and assume active roles, both locally and globally, as proactive contributors to a more just, peaceful, tolerant, inclusive, secure and sustainable world.

OUR VISION Provide an exceptional quality education to meet the needs of an international community.

OUR MISSION

To develop lifelong learners who engage in meaningful learning experiences that build compassion, resilience and understanding of their role in the community.







Yoko Ono's sculpture 'The Skylanding', in Chicago's Jackson Park, comprising a dozen lotus flower petals symbolizes the 'place where the sky and earth meet and create a seed to learn about the past and come together to create a future of peace and harmony, with nature and each other.'

GEOPOLITICAL DYNAMICS

Politics, geography and economics, synergise together to define human experience and evolution. From Caesar's and Ashoka's relentless expansion of their empires to the world wars and the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine; geopolitics has clearly left an indelible mark on human thought. As an example, even after over 75 years of independence from the British rule, as Indians our identity is often still in the shackles of a post-colonial dynamic.

As is in the nature of humans, some will sway popular public opinion for their own personal / political gain, resulting in suffering for multitudes. As Indians, freedom from the British empire itself came with the darkest of 'trysts with destiny,' the partition of our motherland that left us devastated beyond measure. Through such churning, a new social dynamics emerge.

Geography influences the way people interact with each other. Not only does one have a sense of belonging associated with spaces, but it also influences everything an individual does, consumes, and participates in. From the essentials—how clean is the water we drink, how green are our veggies to our job choices, our places of study, our social circle, so on and so forth. If we continue to apply the same approach and think macro, we are looking at the choices available to nations, the influences upon them, but also the restrictions faced by them. Today this is further complicated by the internet and social media, resulting in polarised opinions. We are then talking currency values, global warming, Brexit, wars, treaties and agreements as well as opportunities such as the G20.

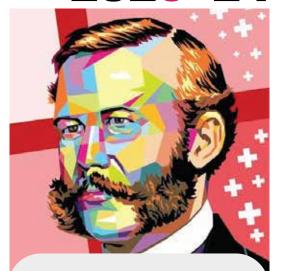
Movement Studies - Modernism and Imperialism



2025-24 APRIL / 04

Global Citizenship Education Theme: Geopolitical Dynamics

Global Confluence: Pondicherry and France

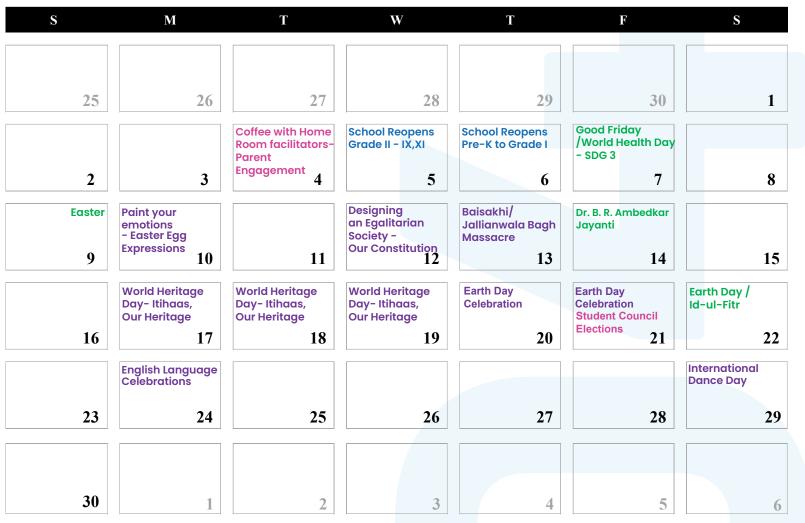


Prophet of Gentleness

Henry Dunant was a Swiss businessman and social activist who is best known for founding the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and initiating the Geneva Conventions.

His book titled "A Memory of Solferino", described the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino in Italy and called for the creation of national relief societies and the establishment of international agreements to protect the sick and wounded during wartime.

His efforts led to the formation of the ICRC in 1863. He was awarded the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901.



Author Study - Alan Gratz, Dr. Seus, Oliver Jeffers

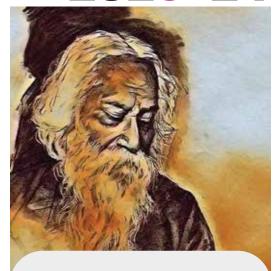
Artist Study - Andy Warhol, Piet Mondrian

Movement Studies - Modernism and Imperialism



2025-24 MAY / 05

Global Citizenship Education Theme: Geopolitical Dynamics Global Confluence: Goa and Portugal



Prophet of Gentleness

Rabindranath Tagore was a multifaceted Indian polymath, poet, novelist, philosopher, and musician. He was the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913.

Tagore's work reflects his deep love for humanity and nature, and his writings often explore themes of spirituality, freedom, and social justice.

He was also a prolific songwriter, and his composition "Jana Gana Mana" was later adopted as India's national anthem.

Some of his most famous works: Gitanjali, The Home and the World. The Post Office. Gora and Chokher Bali.



Author Study - Ramachandra Guha, Rudyard Kipling Artist Study - Keith Haring, Pablo Picasso **Movement Studies - Modernism and Imperialism**



2025-24 JUNE / 06

Global Citizenship Education Theme: Geopolitical Dynamics Global Confluence: Goa and Portugal



Prophet of Gentleness

Mari Copeny, also known as Little Miss Flint, is an American activist and advocate for clean water in Flint, Michigan. Born in 2007, Copeny gained national attention in 2016 when she wrote a letter to President Barack Obama, urging him to visit Flint and see the effects of the water crisis first-hand.

Copeny's letter to President Obama helped raise awareness about high levels of lead and other contaminants in the drinking water supplied to her city. Along with being an advocate for clean water in Flint she has also been involved in other social and political causes, including gun control and immigration reform.

She has been recognized for her activism with numerous awards and honours, including being named one of Time magazine's 30 Most Influential Teens in 2018.

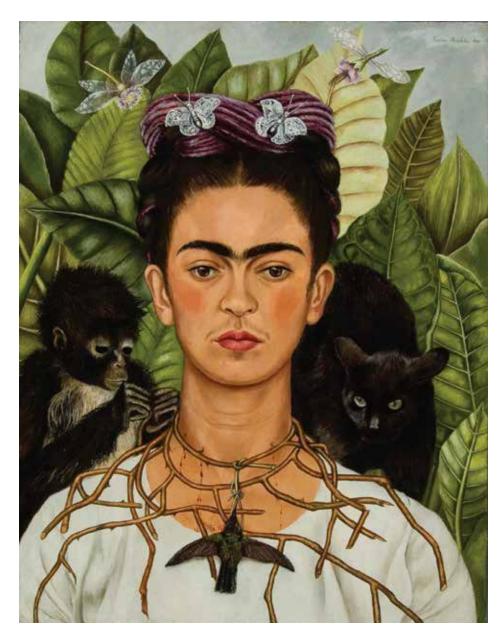


Author Study - Linda Sue Park, Aravind Adiga, Ruskin Bond

Artist Study - Sonaly Gandhi, Marc Chagall

Movement Studies - Modernism and Imperialism





The painting titled, 'Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird' by Frida Kahlo uses powerful iconography to symbolize rebellion, freedom, and life.

EMANCIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT

Conflict and oppression are inevitable within human societies, as evidenced by the struggles of the people of colour, women, LGBTQIA+, specially abled; just to name a few. Their struggles against caste, class, gender and race seem endless as each individual fights a lifelong battle to liberate themselves against the shackles that society puts upon their identity: their sense of being. Perhaps winning this battle may be impossible, but strides towards empowerment can and have been made using great leadership, clarity of objective, inclusion, and persistence. Where there is light, there are shadows. As long as society exists, oppression and dissent will co-exist.

We have seen great leadership in figures such as Martin Luther King Jr, B.R Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, Germaine Greer, Naomi Wolf, Sarojini Naidu, Rajni Tilak, Toni Morrison, and many more. One common factor we see across all such movements is that they do not achieve their objectives overnight, in fact they keep encountering obstacles, that required ingenuity and perseverance.

Arguably, each generation is presented with a completely different world. The political, economic, geographical, environmental and most importantly social ideals of people completely transform, adapting to the lived experience of that time. To combat the ongoing issues of this new world, individuals look towards the past and the skills and resources available to them in the present, to be able to encounter and emerge victorious in the face of oppression. Identity and the emancipation struggle is forced to evolve.

Movement Studies - Surrealism and Feminism



202<mark>3</mark>-24 JULY / 07

Global Citizenship Education Theme: Emancipation and Empowerment Global Confluence: Andra Pradesh and South Africa



Prophet of Gentleness

Simone de Beauvoir was a French writer, philosopher, and feminist theorist. De Beauvoir wrote numerous works of philosophy, literature, and memoir. She was a prominent figure in the existentialist movement, and her writing explored themes of freedom, authenticity, and personal responsibility.

De Beauvoir's work challenged traditional gender roles and argued that women's oppression was not just a personal issue but a political one, and that women needed to be liberated from patriarchal systems in order to achieve true equality. Her work continues to be widely studied and debated in feminist and philosophical circles. She remains an important figure in the history of feminist thought and her ideas continue to inspire and influence generations of women and men.



Author Study - Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara, Jane Austen, Louisa May Alcott **Artist Study -** Salvador Dali, Jackson Pollock

Movement Studies - Surrealism and Feminism



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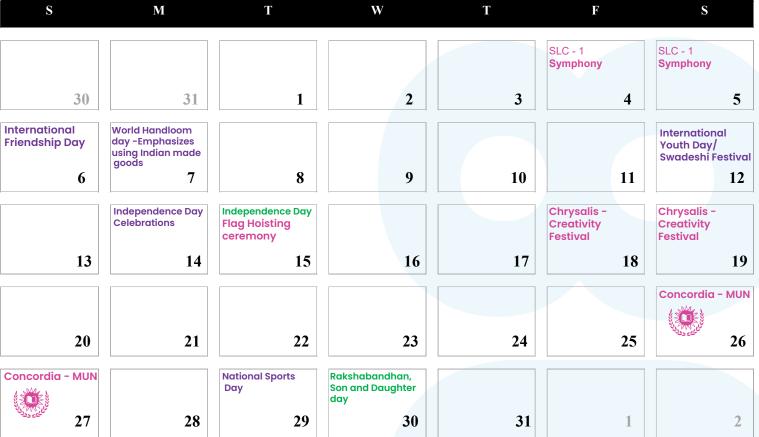
Global Citizenship Education Theme: Emancipation and Empowerment Global Confluence: Indian Culture



Prophet of Gentleness

Sarojini Naidu was an Indian poet, writer, and political activist who played a key role in the Indian independence movement. Born in 1879 in Hyderabad, she was a gifted writer and went on to become one of the most prominent female poets of her time. Naidu was a strong advocate for women's rights and worked to promote education and empowerment for women in India.

As a writer, Naidu was known for her poetry, and her contributions to Indian literature and politics have had a lasting impact on Indian society. Her most famous works include "The Golden Threshold," a collection of poems that explore themes of love, loss, and identity, and "The Bird of Time," a collection of essays that reflect on her experiences as a woman and a political activist.



Author Study - Mahatma Gandhi, Deborah Ellis, Eric Carle, Ruby Bridges Artist Study - Jagdish Swaminathan, Leonora Carrington

Movement Studies - Surrealism and Feminism



Prophet of Gentleness

Savitribai Phule was an Indian social reformer, poet, and educator who played a significant role in the women's rights movement and the fight against caste discrimination in 19th-century India. Born in 1831 in Maharashtra, she was the first female teacher of India's first women's school.

As a writer and poet, Phule used her platform to advocate for social justice and to give voice to the experiences of oppressed groups. Her poems, which were written in Marathi, focused on themes of equality and justice and helped to inspire and mobilise the Dalit and women's rights movements in India.

Phule's contributions to the fields of education and social justice have had a lasting impact on Indian society. She remains an important figure in the history of women's rights and social reform in India, and her legacy continues to inspire generations of activists and educators.

2021-24 SEPTEMBER / 09

Global Citizenship Education Theme: Emancipation and Empowerment Global Confluence: Sunderban Delta, West Bengal and Amazon Basin, Brazil



Author Study - Anant Pai, Harper Lee, Giles Andreae Artist Study - Joan Miro, Frida Kahlo **Movement Studies - Surrealism and Feminism**





Zoe Van Dijk's 'The Myth of Inevitable Technological Progress'.

DIGITAL DILEMMA

Technology and the fear of technology seem to co-exist. While it presents and offers great potential and utilitarian value, its deep intrusion into our lives has led to more fear. We saw its greatest potential at full display during the Covid-19 pandemic, where we used technology as a crutch to try and continue our normal lives. However, sometimes, technology tends to bring out the worst in people as is evidenced by the numerous cybercrimes, piracy, cyberbullying and even addiction.

One of the key buzzwords in technology today is Al(artificial intelligence), which brings along with it a plethora of concerns. The Harvard Gazette lists these concerns as: "privacy and surveillance, bias and discrimination, and perhaps the deepest, most difficult philosophical question of the era, the role of human judgement." For instance, ChatGPT has been banned in Italy over privacy concerns. It has also been noted that it gives answers which are biased and discriminatory. The idea of who takes the blame for these concerns also comes up. The Al often acts as a scapegoat for the blame, however as bitter of a truth it is, Al only acts a mirror for humans. It tries to replicate all that we do and this raises fundamental questions about the identity of humanity as a whole.

Technology is perhaps the greatest enabler of all. Now suddenly every person has a voice, more importantly, that voice can be heard by billions and yet remain anonymous. This creates the perfect environment for heard behaviour and a lack of individual thought to form. Suddenly, the necessity to think for oneself about anything is lost as an infinite number of other perspectives are available. Ironically, an infinite amount of information, equates to no information at all. So maybe, technology is the greatest disabler of all. Mathematically speaking, this is a paradox and naturally, its impact on identity is equally paradoxical



2021-24 october / 10

Global Citizenship Education Theme: The Digital Dilemma

Global Confluence: Karnataka and Japan



Prophet of Gentleness

Shoshana Zuboff is an American social scientist and writer who is known for her work on the social and economic implications of digital technology. Born in 1951, Zuboff is best known for her book 'The Age of Surveillance Capitalism' which explores the ways in which digital technology and the internet have led to the emergence of a new form of capitalism that is based on the commodification of personal data.

She is also a frequent commentator on issues related to digital technology and its impact on society, and her work has been widely influential in shaping debates around privacy and online surveillance. Zuboff's contributions to the fields of

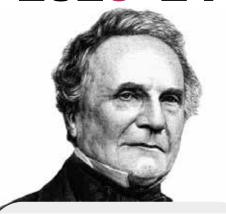
social psychology and digital technology have had a lasting impact on our understanding of the ways in which technology shapes our lives and society



Author Study - Sandy Horslie, Jerry John, Ernest Cline Artist Study - Sonia Delaunay, Wassily Kandinsky



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Prophet of Gentleness

Charles Babbage was an English mathematician and inventor who is best known for his work on the design of the first mechanical computer. Born in 1791, Babbage was a brilliant mathematician and inventor who made significant contributions to the fields of mathematics, engineering, and computing.

Babbage's most famous invention was the Difference Engine, which laid the foundation for modern computers. Babbage's design of a more complex machine called the Analytical Engine, is widely regarded as the first design for a general-purpose computer.

He is remembered as a pioneer of computing and as one of the most important figures in the history of science and technology.

NOVEMBER / 11

Global Citizenship Education Theme:The Digital Dilemma

Global Confluence: Germany and Telangana



Author Study - Melinda Humphrey, Sherry Turkle, J. Meade Faulkner

Artist Study - Akkhitham Narayan, Emily Carr, Clara Berta



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Global Citizenship Education Theme: Digital Dilema

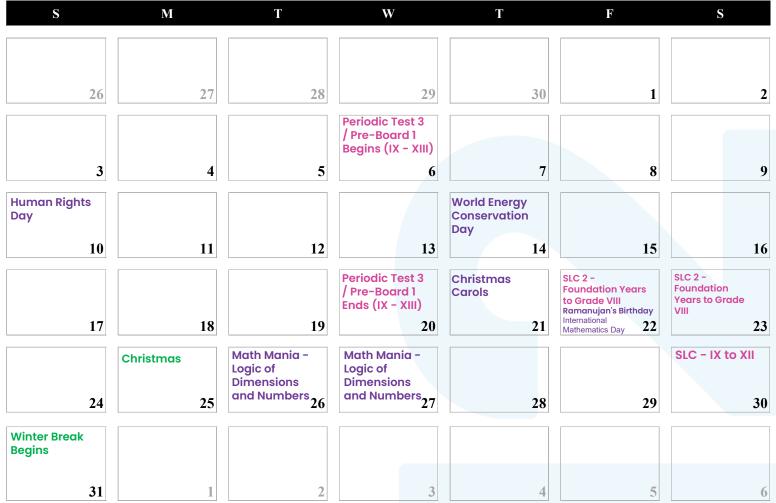
Global Confluence: Maharastra & USA



Prophet of Gentleness

Jan Koum, born in Ukraine in 1976, is a Ukrainian-American entrepreneur who co-founded WhatsApp, a popular messaging application, in 2009. WhatsApp quickly became popular, particularly in countries where text messaging was expensive.

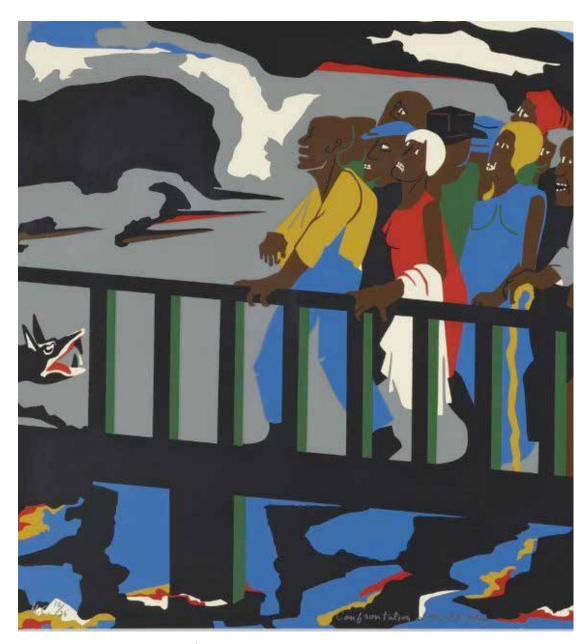
Koum is known for his philanthropic work, particularly in the areas of healthcare and education. He has donated millions of dollars to various charitable causes and established the Koum Family Foundation in 2014 to support initiatives that promote access to healthcare and education around the world.



Author Study - Lois Lowry, Dave Eggers, Randi Zuckerberg, Suzzane Collins

Artist Study - S. H. Raza, Madhvi Parekh, Anirban Mishra





Artist Jacob Lawrence's powerful 'Confrontation at the Bridge' depicts the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches for voting rights that would enable African Americans to register and vote without harassment.

SUBALTERN REALITIES

Antonio Gramsci, an Italian intellectual and founder of the Italian Communist Party, gave birth to the word "Subaltern". He used it as codeword while he wrote from prison as his writings were subject to censorship. The word was used for any class of people (but especially peasants and workers) who were subject to the hegemony (dominance) of another more powerful class and hence denied their basic human rights.

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak popularised the term in academia when she wrote "Can the subaltern speak?".

When we speak of subaltern realities today, we wish to know of the life and opinions of the marginalised, people on the edge of society. The popular depiction of society, be it in literature, the visual arts, or media is dominated by the upper castes and classes. The marginalised are not heard and seen. This is made even worse by the fact that to a large extent, these are what shape our identity. Voices from the marginalised are critical for the proper development of the identity of a person in modern society today. The attempt, hence, must be to unearth the truths of marginalised communities because without their stories, we are acquainted only with the reality and truth of certain castes and classes. As we attempt to build an egalitarian world, working towards achieving all the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, let us give up stage for voices from the margins.

Movement Studies - Cubism, Social Realism, and Capitalism



2023-24 JANUARY / 01

Global Citizenship Education Theme: Subaltern Realities

Global Confluence: Rajasthan and Morocco



Prophet of Gentleness

Bhim Rao Ambedkar, also known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, was an Indian jurist, economist, social reformer and politician who is widely regarded as the architect of the Indian Constitution. Born in 1891 in a socially disadvantaged community, he faced discrimination and social exclusion throughout his life.

Despite these challenges, Ambedkar was a brilliant student and earned multiple degrees. He was a strong advocate for the rights of Dalits, and worked tirelessly to eradicate caste discrimination and promote social equality in India.

Ambedkar's legacy continues to inspire people across India and around the world, particularly those who are marginalised and oppressed. He is remembered as a visionary leader who dedicated his life to fighting for social justice and equality.



Author Study - George Eliot, Charles Dickens, Marjane Satrapi Artist Study - Jacob Lawrence, Diego Rivera

Movement Studies - Cubism and Social Realism and Capitalism



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Global Citizenship Education Theme: Subaltern Realities Global Confluence: Gujarat and Spain

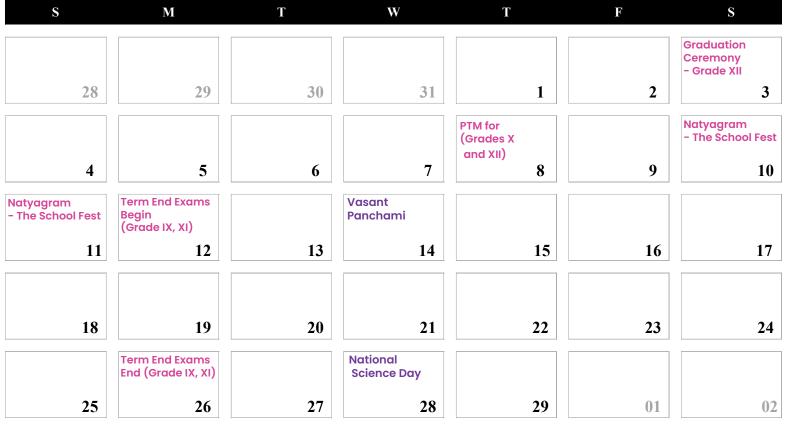


Prophet of Gentleness

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak is an Indian scholar, literary critic, and feminist philosopher who is best known for her work in postcolonial studies.

Spivak's work is focused on issues of power, representation, and identity in the context of colonialism and postcolonialism. One of Spivak's most influential works is the essay 'Can the Subaltern Speak?' in which she examines the ways in which the voices of subaltern groups, such as women, indigenous people, and the poor, are silenced and excluded from dominant discourse.

She has received numerous awards and honours for her contributions to scholarship, including the Kyoto Prize in Arts and Philosophy in 2012.



Author Study - Sudha Murthy, Sowmya Rajendran, Maya Angelou **Artist Study -** Judy Chicago, Paula Rego

Movement Studies - Cubism and Social Realism and Capitalism



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Global Citizenship Education Theme: Subaltern Realities

Global Confluence: Gujarat and Spain

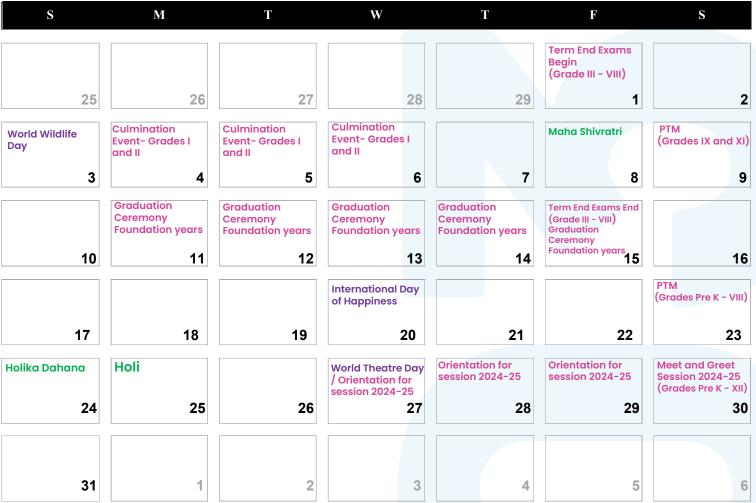


Prophet of Gentleness

Swami Vivekananda was an Indian Spiritual leader who played a key role in the introduction of Indian philosophies and spirituality to the Western world. Born in 1863 in Calcutta, India, he travelled extensively in India and the United States, giving lectures and talks on Hinduism and its relevance to modern life.

Vivekananda's most famous speech was delivered at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1893, where he introduced Hinduism to the Western audience and advocated for a universal philosophy of harmony and compassion.

Vivekananda founded the Ramakrishna Mission in 1897, which is a philanthropic and spiritual organisation that seeks to promote the spiritual, social, and economic welfare of society.



Author Study - Pam Muñoz Ryan, Rudyard Kipling **Artist Study -** Prafulla Dilip Dahanukanr, Paul Klee

Movement Studies - Cubism and Social Realism and Capitalism





"Whatever be the question, Education is the answer"

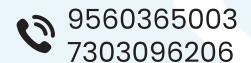
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