

Favorite Authors

Lew Wallace

We remember him as the author behind *Ben-Hur*, the novel that became the basis for an epic movie. But did you know that Lew Wallace also fought in the Civil War and the Mexican-American War, served as a state senator, and as a foreign minister? Try the following puzzles to see what else you can discover about this cherished author!

First, fill in the blanks in the fill-in from the word bank below the puzzle. Next, create a timeline of Lew Wallace's life by writing the letter that corresponds to the correct year beside each event. Finally, take a look at Life in Lew Wallace's Time. For each date, choose the correct event from U.S. history and the correct event from world history and write their corresponding letters in the blanks beside the facts. An answer key is in the back if you get stumped. Have fun!



Lew Wallace

Fill-In

Lew Wallace was born in _____, Indiana, the second child of _____ and _____ Wallace. His older brother was named _____, and he had two younger brothers, John and _____. They moved to _____, Indiana, where his mother died. A few years later, his father remarried and had six more children, _____ girls and _____ boys. His father became the sixth _____ of Indiana the next year and moved the family to Indianapolis. Lew worked as a copyist for the Marion County Clerk and studied law at night. He began practicing law after serving as a _____ in the _____ War. He married _____ Elton, and a year later they had a son, Henry Lane Wallace. Lew was elected to and served one year in the _____ State Senate. During the _____ War, he achieved the rank of _____, the highest rank in the _____ Army at that time. He led troops at the Battle of Shiloh and the Battle of Monocacy. He returned home, but President _____ later appointed him Governor of the New Mexico Territory. It was during his time there that his wife Susan discovered a room of historic documents in the Palace of the Governors. He hired an archivist to safely store the documents. He also served as the U.S. _____ to Turkey. He became most well known as the author of *Ben-Hur*, but he wrote two other novels and a _____ of President Benjamin _____ as well. He also began an _____ that was finished by his wife, also a published author, after his death.

2nd Lieutenant

Edward

Major General

autobiography

Esther

Mexican-American

biography

four

Minister

Brookville

governor

Susan

Civil

Harrison

two

Covington

Hayes

Union

David

Indiana

William

Lew's Life

- _____ 1. *The Prince of India* is published
- _____ 2. Appointed as Major General in the Union Army and commands troops at the Battle of Shiloh, the Battle of Fort Donelson, and the Battle of Fort Henry
- _____ 3. Lew Wallace returns to Crawfordsville and builds a home on land his father-in-law owned
- _____ 4. Lew Wallace is born
- _____ 5. Writes *The Life of Gen. Ben Harrison*, a biography of President Benjamin Harrison
- _____ 6. Appointed U.S. Minister to Turkey
- _____ 7. Leads troops at the Battle of Monocacy during the Civil War, helping to save Washington, D.C. from being captured by the Confederates
- _____ 8. Elected to the Indiana State Senate
- _____ 9. *Ben-Hur* is published
- _____ 10. Lew Wallace dies in Crawfordsville
- _____ 11. His mother, Esther, dies
- _____ 12. Marries Susan Elton
- _____ 13. *The Fair God* is published
- _____ 14. *Ben-Hur* is adapted into a stage play and opens in New York City
- _____ 15. Begins practicing law in Covington, Indiana
- _____ 16. Son, Henry Lane Wallace, is born
- _____ 17. Appointed as Governor of the New Mexico Territory

a. 1827

b. 1833

c. 1850

d. 1852

e. 1853

f. 1856

g. 1862

h. 1864

i. 1868

j. 1873

k. 1878

l. 1880

m. 1881

n. 1888

o. 1893

p. 1899

q. 1905

Life in Lew Wallace's Time

U.S. World

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| _____ | _____ | 2. 1850—Begins practicing law in Covington, Indiana |
| _____ | _____ | 3. 1852—Marries Susan Elton |
| _____ | _____ | 4. 1853—Son, Henry Lane Wallace is born |
| _____ | _____ | 5. 1864—Leads troops at the Battle of Monocacy during the Civil War |
| _____ | _____ | 6. 1873— <i>The Fair God</i> is published |
| _____ | _____ | 7. 1880— <i>Ben-Hur</i> is published |
| _____ | _____ | 8. 1893— <i>The Prince of India</i> is published |
| _____ | _____ | 9. 1899— <i>Ben-Hur</i> is adapted into a stage play and opens in New York City |
| _____ | _____ | 10. 1905—Lew Wallace dies |

United States

- a. Olympia becomes the capital of Washington Territory
- b. The newspaper, *The New York Sun*, is published for the first time
- c. Nevada becomes a state
- d. The first ship-to-shore wireless message in the U.S.
- e. George Ligowsky is granted a patent for his device that throws clay pigeons for trap shooters
- f. California becomes the 31st state to join the Union
- g. The meeting that led to the founding of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is held
- h. Charles Dillon Perrine discovers Jupiter's seventh moon, Elara
- i. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* is first published as a book
- j. Lee DeForest, "Father of Radio" is born

World

- k. Women in New Zealand are given the right to vote
- l. The first Canterbury Pilgrims arrive in Lyttelton, New Zealand
- m. Norway declares independence from Sweden
- n. The first successful dirigible is created by French engineer Henri Giffard
- o. Austrian Archduke Maximilian becomes Maximilian I, Emperor of Mexico
- p. The archipelago of Franz Josef Land in the Arctic Sea is discovered by Austrian explorers
- q. Ludwig van Beethoven dies
- r. The Boer War begins with the Battle of Kraaipan
- s. First performance of "O Canada," the song that would later become Canada's national anthem
- t. Ottoman Empire declares war on Russia

Lew Wallace Fill-In

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Lew's Life

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| 4. a | 9. l | 14. p | |
| 5. n | 10. q | 15. c | |

Life in Lew Wallace's Time

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