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Weekly Task

November: Week 2



National Education Day – Celebrating the Power of Education



Objective

To help students understand the importance of education in personal growth, social development, and nation-building, while introducing them to the life and contribution of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, India's first Minister of Education. Students will develop research, inquiry, reading, critical-thinking, and reflection skills through guided use of the Britannica Library.

Expected Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Understand the meaning and importance of education
- Learn about the life and contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- Explore how education can empower individuals and communities
- Recognise the importance of curiosity, knowledge, and lifelong learning
- Reflect on how education contributes to the development of India

Introduce the Theme

Begin with a class discussion:

- What does education mean to you?
- What would the world be like without schools, books, or teachers?
- How can education change a person's life?

Explain that **National Education Day is observed in India on 11 November**, the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, who served as independent India's first Minister of Education.

Skills & Values

Skills:

- Research
- Inquiry
- Reading
- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Organisation
- Problem-Solving
- Reflection

Values:

- Education
- Equality
- Curiosity
- Inclusion
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Lifelong Learning
- Nation-Building

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Suggested Activities by Grade Band

Grades 3–5: Meet Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

Students begin by exploring age-appropriate biographical information from the Britannica Library to learn about **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, his early life, interests, work, and contribution to education in India. Read the Britannica article

Students explore topics such as:

- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's early life
- His role in India's freedom movement
- His contribution as India's first Minister of Education

You may guide them using prompts like:

- What was Maulana Abul Kalam Azad interested in from a young age?
- What role did he play in independent India?
- Why do we remember him on National Education Day?

Students will express their understanding through **completing the biography**, using the Before Reading, During Reading, and After Reading stages. Encourage students to use **key words, short notes, and information from the Britannica Library** to complete their organiser.



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Name: Date:

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Biography

Person

Early Life

Major Challenges

Major Achievements

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