

In honor of back-to-school month, we ask:

# Why are apples associated with learning?

**ANSWER:** In the United States, an apple is a traditional gift for a teacher. Teachers during the 16th to 18th centuries were poorly paid, so parents would compensate the teacher by providing food. As apples were a very common crop, teachers would often be given baskets of apples by students. As wages increased, the quantity was toned down to a single fruit.

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