"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

- Helen Keller



**Explanation:** Scheduled to illuminate the landscape <u>throughout</u> the night tomorrow, October's <u>bright Full Moon</u> will also be called the Harvest Moon. Traditionally, the Harvest Moon is the Full Moon closest to the autumnal <u>equinox</u>. But in this vacation snapshot, the Full Moon could be called the "Old Faith-Full Moon". Taken on September 4, the picture combines the regularly occurring lunar phase with <u>Old Faithful</u> Geyser in <u>Yellowstone National Park</u>, named for its dependable erruptions. Shining on the well-known geyser's <u>towering pillar</u> from behind, the moonlight creates an eerie halo surrounding convoluted shapes. Faithfully, the Full Moon itself is bright enough to be seen through the dense swirling steam near the top.

# stanch



### Meaning

1 : to check or stop the flowing of; *also* : to stop the flow of blood from (a wound) 2 \*a : to stop or check in its course b : to make watertight : stop up

### **Example Sentence**

The company's CEO gave the keynote address at the convention, stanching rumors that he was not recovering well from his surgery.

### Did you know?

The verb "stanch" has a lot in common with the adjective "staunch," meaning "steadfast." Not only do both words derive from the Anglo-French word "estancher" (which has the same meaning as "stanch"), but the spelling "s-t-a-n-c-h" is sometimes used for the adjective, and the spelling "s-t-a-u-n-c-h" is sometimes used for the verb. Although both spelling variants have been in reputable use for centuries and both are perfectly standard for either the verb or adjective, "stanch" is the form used most often for the verb and "staunch" is the most common variant for the adjective.

\*Indicates the sense illustrated in the example sentence.

Best Regards,

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