

The "Great American Award" Program



Heckethorn Elementary School fifth grade classes will be participating in the Great American Awards again this year. A teacher in Boulder City, NV established the program several years ago. Any fifth grader who successfully completes the following requirements by the due date can earn this award:

1. Recite from memory, in alphabetical order, the 50 states and their respective capitals. (2 helps)
2. Recite from memory, the Gettysburg Address. (3 helps)
3. Recite from memory, in order of office, the first and last names of the Presidents of the United States of America. (3 helps-initials only)
4. Write the "Pledge of Allegiance" with no spelling errors and no punctuation errors. Cursive handwriting is required. (No helps)
5. Sing or recite from memory, the first verse of the "Star-Spangled Banner". (No helps)
6. Recite from memory, the "Preamble" to the "Constitution of the United States of America". (No helps)

Students who earn an award, will be recognized at an awards assembly near the end of the school year. Fourth grade students are encouraged to begin memorizing these important documents for next year.



The Star-Spangled Banner

Words by Francis Scott Key

Oh, say! Can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last
gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous
fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly
streaming?

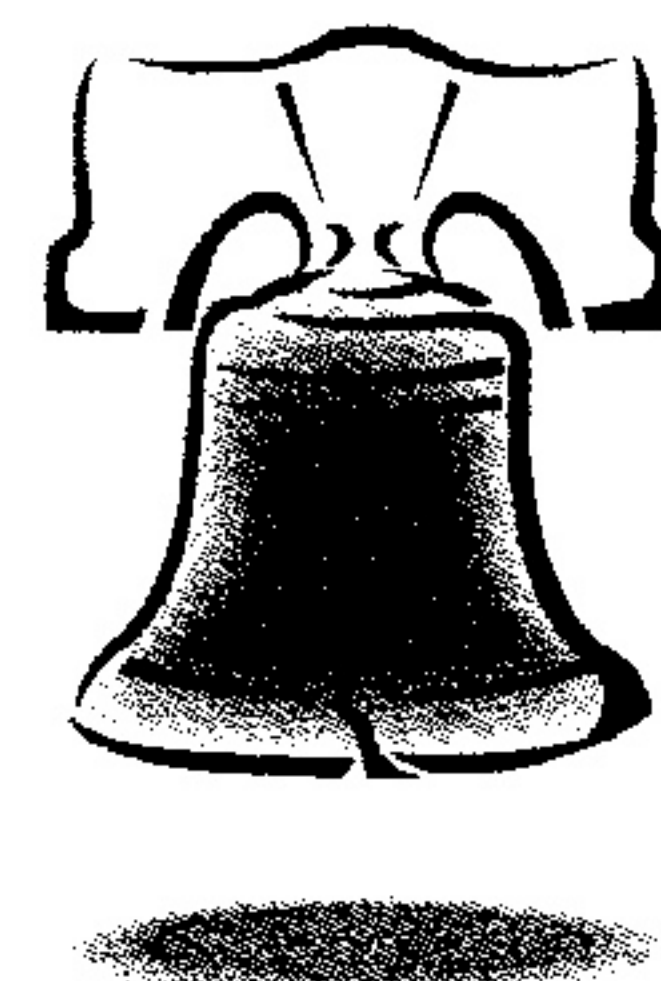
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

O, say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United
States of America and to the Republic for
which it stands, one Nation under God,
indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.



The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States

We the People of the United States, in Order to
form a more perfect Union, establish Justice,
insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the
common Defense, promote the general Welfare,
and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this
Constitution for the United States of America.

The Gettysburg Address

By Abraham Lincoln



Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Presidents of the United States of America

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| 1. George Washington | 37. Richard Nixon |
| 2. John Adams | 38. Gerald Ford |
| 3. Thomas Jefferson | 39. Jimmy Carter |
| 4. James Madison | 40. Ronald Reagan |
| 5. James Monroe | 41. George Bush |
| 6. John Quincy Adams | 42. William Clinton |
| 7. Andrew Jackson | 43. George W. Bush |
| 8. Martin Van Buren | 44. Barack Obama |
| 9. William Henry Harrison | |
| 10. John Tyler | |
| 11. James K. Polk | |
| 12. Zachary Taylor | |
| 13. Millard Fillmore | |
| 14. Franklin Pierce | |
| 15. James Buchanan | |
| 16. Abraham Lincoln | |
| 17. Andrew Johnson | |
| 18. Ulysses S. Grant | |
| 19. Rutherford B. Hayes | |
| 20. James A. Garfield | |
| 21. Chester A. Arthur | |
| 22. Grover Cleveland | |
| 23. Benjamin Harrison | |
| 24. Grover Cleveland | |
| 25. William McKinley | |
| 26. Theodore Roosevelt | |
| 27. William Howard Taft | |
| 28. Woodrow Wilson | |
| 29. Warren G. Harding | |
| 30. Calvin Coolidge | |
| 31. Herbert Hoover | |
| 32. Franklin D. Roosevelt | |
| 33. Harry S. Truman | |
| 34. Dwight D. Eisenhower | |
| 35. John F. Kennedy | |
| 36. Lyndon B. Johnson | |

U.S.A. States and Capitals

1. Alabama—Montgomery
2. Alaska—Juneau
3. Arizona—Phoenix
4. Arkansas—Little Rock
5. California—Sacramento
6. Colorado—Denver
7. Connecticut—Hartford
8. Delaware—Dover
9. Florida—Tallahassee
10. Georgia—Atlanta
11. Hawaii—Honolulu
12. Idaho—Boise
13. Illinois—Springfield
14. Indiana—Indianapolis
15. Iowa—Des Moines
16. Kansas—Topeka
17. Kentucky—Frankfort
18. Louisiana—Baton Rouge
19. Maine—Augusta
20. Maryland—Annapolis
21. Massachusetts—Boston
22. Michigan—Lansing
23. Minnesota—St. Paul
24. Mississippi—Jackson
25. Missouri—Jefferson City
26. Montana—Helena
27. Nebraska—Lincoln
28. Nevada—Carson City
29. New Hampshire—Concord
30. New Jersey—Trenton
31. New Mexico—Santa Fe
32. New York—Albany
33. North Carolina—Raleigh
34. North Dakota—Bismarck
35. Ohio—Columbus
36. Oklahoma—Oklahoma City
37. Oregon—Salem
38. Pennsylvania—Harrisburg
39. Rhode Island—Providence
40. South Carolina—Columbia
41. South Dakota—Pierre
42. Tennessee—Nashville
43. Texas—Austin
44. Utah—Salt Lake City
45. Vermont—Montpelier
46. Virginia—Richmond
47. Washington—Olympia
48. West Virginia—Charleston
49. Wisconsin—Madison
50. Wyoming—Cheyenne

