

I Am A Great American



“I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.”
~Abraham Lincoln

Name:

Teacher:

What is a “Great American”?

A **Great** American is someone who knows:

What the Statue of Liberty’s Creed is
The Pledge of Allegiance
How to sing the *Star-Spangled Banner*
The Preamble to the Constitution
All the states and capitals locations
All the presidents of the United States in order
How to fold the flag and care for it

How can I become a Great American?

- Starting with the bronze level, work on learning the different tasks above!

Why do I want to be a “Great American?”

- You are a proud American!
- You get to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Prairie Trail Pledge during the morning announcements
- Attend a special Great American graduation
- Take a field trip just for Great American graduates

I want to do this! How do I start?

- As soon as you finish learning a task, take the quiz with a tester on Great American days.
- Get help! Ask what words mean or look up additional information.
- Use the study strategies to help you learn the tasks!
- Practice, practice, practice! Make sure that you know your task very well before you take your quiz.

Start date for program: **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

End date for program: **Friday, April 12, 2019**

You have to be done with your tasks by April 12th!

Level	Tasks	Recommended Tasks	Award
<u>Bronze</u>	Choose any 3 of the 8 tasks to memorize	Pledge of Allegiance, Flag Folding, and Flag Facts	Bronze Sticker and pencil
<u>Silver</u>	Choose any 5 of the 8 tasks to memorize	Pledge of Allegiance, Flag Folding, Flag Facts, Statue of Liberty Creed, and Preamble	You get to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the Prairie Trail Pledge during the morning announcements and attend a Great American breakfast. You also get a silver sticker.
<u>Gold</u>	Memorize all 8 tasks	All 8: Pledge of Allegiance, Flag Folding, Flag Facts, Statue of Liberty Creed, Preamble, States and Capital, Presidents, and Star Spangled Banner	You get to participate in the Great American assembly, get a free Great American t-shirt, and a free field trip. You also get a gold sticker.

- Every time you finish a level, you will move to the next level. You will receive the prize for that level after you complete that level.
- If you memorize *The Gettysburg Address* by Abraham Lincoln, you will get a special recognition and award at graduation. You can also substitute *The Gettysburg Address* as one of the tasks, but you will not receive the special award unless you do all 9 tasks.
- Once you have completed the gold level, you will have opportunities to be a volunteer in and outside of school!

1. The Statue of Liberty Creed

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me
I lift my lamp beside the golden door



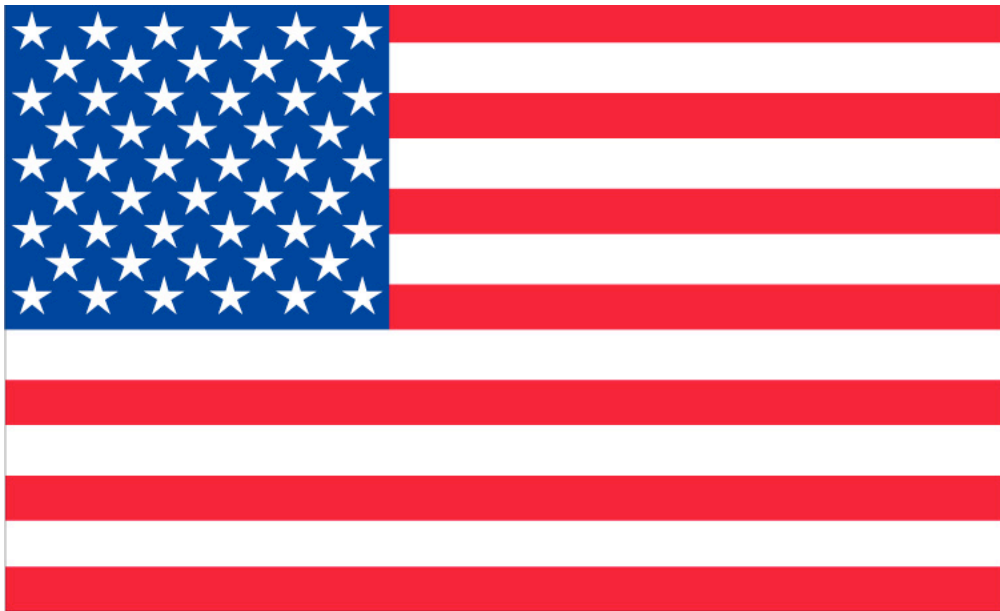
Did You Know?

Standing at the entrance to New York Harbor, the statue was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the United States to celebrate the 100th anniversary of American Independence. It was made in Paris by the French sculptor Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi, with the help on the metalwork from Gustave Eiffel (he made the Eiffel Tower). It has welcomed millions of immigrants to the United States of America since it was inaugurated in 1886. The creed is on the base of the statue written Emma Lazarus in 1883.

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2. 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



Did you know?

The pledge was first written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy and became our national pledge in 1942. This is an oath taken to promise to be faithful to the United States. It has been changed four times since it was first written. Here is the original pledge:

1892: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

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3. The Preamble of the United States Constitution

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



Did you know?

On September 17, 1787 the constitution became the law of the land. The beginning of the constitution is called the preamble and tells that as a country, we will work together to make sure everyone is free, live peacefully, and have rights. James Madison, our fourth President, wrote most of the constitution. In addition, the preamble is the only part of the constitution that can never be changed or amended!

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4. The Star Spangled Banner

Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd 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.
Oh say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



Did you know?

Francis Scott Key wrote the song as a poem in 1814 after he watched a battle during the War of 1812. The poem was added to the music of a British song called "The Anacreontic Song". The song soon became popular in America and became our national song in 1931.

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5. States and Capitals

The next two pages contain a map with all the states and their capitals. One map is left blank so you can practice.

Please learn that you say the city (the capital) first and then the state! For example, Springfield, Illinois not Illinois, Springfield!



Did you know?

- Arizona has the most telescopes in the world
- A 3,500 year old tree named General Sherman is located in California
- The largest city is New York City in New York
- Chicago, Illinois has one of the largest skyscrapers in the U.S.
- The first state was Delaware in 1787 and the last states were Alaska and Hawaii in 1959.

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5. States and Capitals (continued)

State	Capital
Alabama	Montgomery
Alaska	Juneau
Arizona	Phoenix
Arkansas	Little Rock
California	Sacramento
Colorado	Denver
Connecticut	Hartford
Delaware	Dover
Florida	Tallahassee
Georgia	Atlanta
Hawaii	Honolulu
Idaho	Boise
Illinois	Springfield
Indiana	Indianapolis
Iowa	Des Moines
Kansas	Topeka
Kentucky	Frankfort
Louisiana	Baton Rouge
Maine	Augusta
Maryland	Annapolis
Massachusetts	Boston
Michigan	Lansing
Minnesota	St. Paul
Mississippi	Jackson
Missouri	Jefferson City
Montana	Helena
Nebraska	Lincoln
Nevada	Carson City
New Hampshire	Concord
New Jersey	Trenton
New Mexico	Santa Fe

New York	Albany
North Carolina	Raleigh
North Dakota	Bismarck
Ohio	Columbus
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City
Oregon	Salem
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg
Rhode Island	Providence
South Carolina	Columbia
South Dakota	Pierre
Tennessee	Nashville
Texas	Austin
Utah	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Montpelier
Virginia	Richmond
Washington	Olympia
West Virginia	Charleston
Wisconsin	Madison

Wyoming	Cheyenne
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6. Presidents of the United States

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

Did you know?

To become president of the US, you need to be an American citizen born here in the United States. You also need to be at least 35 years old and have lived in the country for 14 years. That is it!

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7. The Gettysburg Address (*optional*)

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.

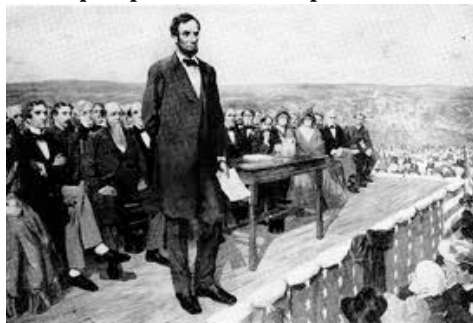
We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should 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 have 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.



Did you know?

The Gettysburg Address was given on November 19, 1863 by Abraham Lincoln to honor the soldiers who died in a battle in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was only a two minute long speech. The actual wording may be different from what actually said!

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8./9. Flags Facts and Folding

1. The American flag is displayed from sunrise to sunset unless there is a light shining on it.
2. The flag can be found in/near every school and where people vote.
3. The flag is burned when it has “served it’s purpose” or no longer useful.
4. The original flag had stars in a circle to show every colony was equal.
5. There are 13 stripes on the flag to represent the 13 colonies.
6. There are 50 stars to represent the 50 states- one star per state.
7. Red represents bravery.
8. White represents liberty.
9. Blue represents justice.
10. If the American flag is with other flags, it has to be the highest and the furthest out.
11. If you are not in uniform, you place your right hand over your heart.
12. If you are in uniform, you salute the flag.
13. If a president dies, the flag may be held at half-mast for 30 days.



Did you know?

The first flag was made in 1777. Our current flag was made in 1960 because we added two more states into the country. Nicknames for the flag include “Union Jack”, “Star Spangled Banner”, “Old Glory”, and “Stars and Stripes”.

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