

Fifth Grade
Great American Scholar Requirements
2015-16

September

On January 1, 1863 Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. In a one page report explain its significance. (SS.A.4.2)

October

On February 1, 1790 the Supreme Court of the United States convened for the first time in New York City. Research information about five of the **current** nine Justices of the Supreme Court. Write the following information about the five justices you choose. (SS.C.1.2)

- 1 Name
 - 1 Birthplace
 - 1 Occupations before becoming a Supreme Court Justice
 - 1 President who appointed the associate justice
 - 1 Year which he/she was appointed
- **Who is the Chief Justice?

November

On March 1, 1790 the United State Congress authorized the first census. Find the (a) population of the U.S. for the following years and (b) the number of states that were included in the census. (SS.B.2.2)

- 1800
- 1900
- 2000

**Why might the government need to know about population changes?

December

Study and memorize the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. Be prepared to recite the Preamble at the American Scholar Assembly (SS.5.A.5.10) Rewrite the Preamble in your own words. Substitute fifth grade friendly vocabulary for the following terms:

- “perfect Union”
- “establish Justice”
- “insure domestic Tranquility”
- “Common defense”
- “Promote the general Welfare”
- “secure the Blessings of Liberty
- “our Posterity”
- “ordain and establish”

Each assignment is due on the last day of the month.