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September Facts Internet Activity

Go to: <http://www.mrsoshouse.com/ext/sept.html>

Directions: Use the colored links provided to find the answers to the questions. Use the Back button of your browser to return to the web page. Or use the Go menu to jump back past several pages just viewed to return to the hunt's web page.

1. We think of Labor Day as a signal that summer is over. But what was it really meant to be?

Use your online search skills to learn the date summer is over. _____

2. Everyone is worried about energy costs these days. Check out the U.S. Dept. of Energy's Energy Savers web site to answer the following questions. <http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/>

Landscaping can make a big difference in energy costs. Where should we plant trees to save on the air conditioning costs of a building?

Look at the pie chart on the Home Energy Use page.

Which energy use consumes the most power in a home? _____

What uses the least? _____

Calculation Power: Your home has electric heat. The January electric bill was \$500.00. Your mom installs an energy saving thermostat that lowers the house temp when everyone is asleep. How much money do you expect your family will save using the new thermostat?

TAI (Think about it) How can you help reduce energy use in your home and school?

3. On September 2, 1789 the U. S. Treasury Department was established.
What do they do? List three jobs or departments.

4. Did you ever notice that there are states' names on the back of the US \$5 bill? Is your state's name there?
Why or why not? _____

5. In 2005, David Berry won an award for his innovations. How did his play prepare him to be an inventor?

6. What does "innovations" mean? Use an Online Dictionary (This is a long word to type with lots of chances to make a mistake. Try highlighting just the word innovations with your cursor. Go Edit... Copy. Click on the dictionary link. Click in the search box and go Edit.. Paste. The word innovations should appear. Click OK.)

Enumerate 2 innovations at your school this school year. _____

7. On September 22 1776, Revolutionary War hero, Nathan Hale was hanged by the British as a spy.
What is he famous for saying just before he died?

How did the British identify Nathan Hale as a spy? _____

8. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a great place to visit in the fall. Name: a mammal, a bird, a tree, and a reptile you might see during a visit.

mammal- _____

bird- _____

tree - _____

reptile- _____

9. Stop at Look Rock to see for 100 miles on a clear day. What is air pollution doing to the view?

10. In September, monarch butterflies are on the move. Why?

Based on the map, where do the autumn Monarch Butterflies from your community go?

11. What is one of the best ways to keep from getting sick? _____

When should you do this at school? _____

12. On September 14, 1814 Francis Scott Key wrote the lyrics to a song. I am confident you have heard it and even sung it. Name the song.

Calculated to Challenge

[How many decades](#) has the song, in the question 12, been the USA's official national anthem?

13. Select your favorite quote about bravery. Write it here, include the author!

Use a search engine like Google or Yahoo or harness the Internet Public Library to find some facts about the person you quoted, that qualifies them to speak about bravery.

Done already? Good for you!

Explore Mrs. O's Milkweed Mania web site <http://www.mrsoshouse.com/nat/mon.html>

Poetic humor - September means back to school for many kids in the USA.

Read these [lunch poems](#). (Don't groan! They are lots of fun!) Write the title of the one you liked best

Read the poem "September" by Helen Hunt Jackson. Does it describe what the month is like where you live?

Why or why not? _____

Practice a set of homonyms – Write which homonyms you selected.
