

TRIVIA TIME

TEST WHAT YOU KNOW

1. WHAT HISTORICAL EVENT DO AMERICANS CELEBRATE ON THE FOURTH OF JULY?

- (A.) Official signing of the Declaration of Independence
- (B.) George Washington's birthday
- (C.) The first shots of the American Revolution
- (D.) Formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence

2.) WHEN WERE FIREWORKS FIRST USED IN AN OFFICIAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION?

- (A.) 1777
- (B.) 1876
- (C.) 1812
- (D.) 1901

3.) WHICH PRESIDENT FIRST HELD A FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT THE WHITE HOUSE?

- (A.) George Washington
- (B.) John Adams
- (C.) Thomas Jefferson
- (D.) James Madison

4.) WHICH NEWSPAPER FIRST PRINTED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?

- (A.) The Philadelphia Eagle
- (B.) The New York Times
- (C.) The Pennsylvania Evening Post
- (D.) The National Enquirer

5.) WHICH TWO US PRESIDENTS DIED ON JULY 4 IN THE SAME YEAR?

- (A.) James Monroe and Martin Van Buren
- (B.) Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
- (C.) Millard Fillmore and Andrew Johnson
- (D.) William Howard Taft and Warren G. Harding

6.) WHICH US PRESIDENT WAS BORN ON INDEPENDENCE DAY?

- (A.) Calvin Coolidge
- (B.) James Buchanan
- (C.) Lyndon B. Johnson
- (D.) Ronald Regan

7.) WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE 13 COLONIES ON JULY 4, 1776?

- (A.) 9 Million
- (B.) 15 Million
- (C.) 30 Million
- (D.) 2.5 Million

8.) WHEN DID THE FOURTH OF JULY BECOME A FEDERAL HOLIDAY?

- (A.) 1777
- (B.) 1870
- (C.) 1876
- (D.) It's a state holiday, not a federal holiday

9.) WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WAS NOT ONE OF THE ORIGINAL 13 AMERICAN COLONIES?

- (A.) Vermont
- (B.) Georgia
- (C.) Massachusetts
- (D.) North Carolina

10.) WHAT BASEBALL PLAYER THREW A 4-0 NO-HITTER AGAINST THE BOSTON RED SOX ON JULY 4, 1983?

- (A.) Jim Palmer of the Baltimore Orioles
- (B.) Orel Hershiser of the Los Angeles Dodgers
- (C.) Jack Morris of the Detroit Tigers
- (D.) Dave Righetti of the New York Yankees

11.) HOW MANY PEOPLE SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?

- (A.) 23
- (B.) 56
- (C.) 37
- (D.) 42

12.) WHO WROTE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?

- (A.) Francis Bellamy
- (B.) Thomas Jefferson
- (C.) Francis Scott Key
- (D.) Benjamin Franklin

13.) WHAT YEAR DID THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR END?

- (A.) 1781
- (B.) 1788
- (C.) 1783
- (D.) 1785

14.) WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES' NATIONAL BIRD?

- (A.) Blue Jay
- (B.) Falcon
- (C.) Bald Eagle
- (D.) Wren

15.) WHAT COUNTRY GAVE US THE STATUE OF LIBERTY?

- (A.) France
- (B.) England
- (C.) Spain
- (D.) Portugal

16.) WHERE WAS THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SIGNED?

- (A.) Boston
- (B.) Philadelphia
- (C.) Newark
- (D.) Washington DC

17.) WHAT UNUSUAL WAY DID REVELERS CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF INDEPENDENCE DURING THE SUMMER OF 1776?

- (A.) Burning British flags
- (B.) Dumping tea in Boston Harbor
- (C.) Holding mock funerals for King George III
- (D.) Caring baby dolls around town

18.) WHAT IS THE SECTION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE THAT MENTIONS "LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" CALLED?

- (A.) Preamble
- (B.) Conclusion
- (C.) Introduction
- (D.) Article 12

TRIVIA ANSWERS

HOW DID YOU DO?

1. WHAT HISTORICAL EVENT DO AMERICANS CELEBRATE ON THE FOURTH OF JULY?

(A) On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted to approve a motion by Virginia to separate from Great Britain. Two days later, the Declaration proclaiming the independence of the United States of America from Great Britain and its king was formally adopted by 12 colonies.

2.) WHEN WERE FIREWORKS FIRST USED IN A FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION?

(A) Congress authorized using fireworks to help mark the first anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The celebration, which took place in Philadelphia, also included bonfires and bells.

3.) WHICH PRESIDENT FIRST HELD A FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT THE WHITE HOUSE?

(C) Though John Adams was the first president to occupy the White House, it was Thomas Jefferson who, on July 4, 1801, opened the executive mansion to diplomats, civil and military officers and Cherokee chiefs. The marine band performed "The President's March" (later retitled "Hail, Columbia") and other patriotic airs.

4.) WHICH NEWSPAPER FIRST PRINTED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?

(C) After John Dunlap of Philadelphia printed copies of the Declaration for the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, printers throughout the colonies produced their own versions. The one from the Pennsylvania Evening Post came out on July 6, 1776.

5.) WHICH TWO PRESIDENTS DIED ON JULY 4 THE SAME YEAR?

(B) The two former presidents, once fellow patriots and later political rivals, died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826. Jefferson was 83; Adams, 90.

6.) WHICH US PRESIDENT WAS BORN ON INDEPENDENCE DAY?

(A) The 30th president was born on July 4, 1872, in Plymouth Notch, VT. He's the only president born on Independence Day.

7.) WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE 13 COLONIES ON JULY 4, 1776?

(D) The estimate comes from the U.S. Census Bureau.

8.) WHEN DID THE FOURTH OF JULY BECOME A FEDERAL HOLIDAY?

(B) Congress reaffirmed the holiday in 1938 and mandated full pay for federal employees.

9.) WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WAS NOT ONE OF THE ORIGINAL 13 AMERICAN COLONIES?

(A) The other 10 were: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia. The colonies became the first 13 states. Vermont became the 14th on March 4, 1791.

10.) WHAT BASEBALL PLAYER THREW A 4-0 NO-HITTER AGAINST THE BOSTON RED SOX ON JULY 4, 1983?

(D) It was the Yankees' first no-hitter in 27 years. Former President Richard Nixon was there and sent Righetti a congratulatory letter.

11.) HOW MANY PEOPLE SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?

(B) The 56 delegates to the second Continental Congress represented the 13 former colonies which had declared themselves the "United States of America."

12.) WHO WROTE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?

(A) The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the Socialist Minister Francis Bellamy

13.) WHAT YEAR DID THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR END?

(C) Almost a miracle: the American victory in the War of Independence. On September 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed and the American War for Independence officially ended.

14.) WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES' NATIONAL BIRD?

(C) The Bald Eagle has been the national bird of the United States since 1782, when it was placed with outspread wings on the great seal of our country.

15.) WHAT COUNTRY GAVE US THE STATUE OF LIBERTY?

(A) Sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi was commissioned to design a sculpture with 1876 in mind for completion, to commemorate the centennial of the American Declaration of Independence.

16.) WHERE WAS THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SIGNED?

(B) The signing of the United States Declaration of Independence occurred primarily on August 2, 1776 at the Pennsylvania State House, Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

17.) WHAT UNUSUAL WAY DID REVELERS CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF INDEPENDENCE DURING THE SUMMER OF 1776?

(C) The very first independence day celebrations often included a fake funeral for King George III to signify the end of the British Monarchy's hold on the United States.

18.) WHAT IS THE SECTION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE THAT MENTIONS "LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" CALLED?

(A) If you remember your elementary school days, you will recall having to memorize the declaration of independence preamble. The word preamble is just a fancy way of saying introduction, but this preamble is worth learning again so you can impress your pals at your Fourth of July party. Don't forget to wear a powdered wig.

