

American History Essentials

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1. Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?

- A) Benjamin Franklin
- B) John Adams
- C) Thomas Jefferson**
- D) James Madison

2. During which war was the United States President Abraham Lincoln in office?

- A) The Revolutionary War
- B) The American Civil War**
- C) World War I
- D) The War of 1812

3. From which country did the United States purchase the Louisiana Territory in 1803?

- A) France**
- B) Spain
- C) Great Britain
- D) Russia

4. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed women the right to vote?

- A) The 1st Amendment
- B) The 13th Amendment
- C) The 15th Amendment
- D) The 19th Amendment**

5. Who is known for refusing to give up her bus seat in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955?

- A) Harriet Tubman
- B) Rosa Parks**
- C) Susan B. Anthony
- D) Eleanor Roosevelt

6. What event directly led to the United States entering World War II?

- A) The attack on Pearl Harbor**
- B) The sinking of the Lusitania
- C) The invasion of Poland
- D) The Battle of Midway

7. Who was the first President of the United States?

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) Alexander Hamilton
- C) George Washington**
- D) John Hancock

8. In what year did the United States first land astronauts on the moon?

- A) 1955
- B) 1963
- C) 1975
- D) 1969**

9. What document is considered the supreme law of the land in the United States?

- A) The Constitution**
- B) The Bill of Rights
- C) The Articles of Confederation
- D) The Emancipation Proclamation

10. In which city was the Declaration of Independence signed?

- A) New York City
- B) Washington, D.C.
- C) Philadelphia**
- D) Boston

11. What physical barrier was a major symbol of the Cold War division in Europe?

- A) The Great Wall
- B) The Berlin Wall**
- C) The Iron Fence
- D) The Maginot Line

12. Which brothers are credited with inventing and flying the first successful motor-operated airplane?

- A) The Wright Brothers**
- B) The Warner Brothers
- C) The Kellogg Brothers
- D) The Smith Brothers