

Easy American History Facts for Kids

American History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Who is often credited with arriving in the Americas in 1492?

A) Marco Polo

B) Christopher Columbus

C) Ferdinand Magellan

D) Vasco da Gama

2. What was the name of the first permanent English settlement in North America, founded in 1607?

A) Plymouth

B) Williamsburg

C) Jamestown

D) Boston

3. What ship famously carried the Pilgrims to North America in 1620?

A) The Santa Maria

B) The Susan Constant

C) The Mayflower

D) The Endeavour

4. In what year did the American colonies declare independence from Great Britain?

A) 1770

B) 1776

C) 1783

D) 1787

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

A) Thomas Jefferson

B) Abraham Lincoln

C) George Washington

D) John Adams

6. Which president was responsible for the Louisiana Purchase, significantly expanding the size of the U.S.?

A) Andrew Jackson

B) James Monroe

C) Thomas Jefferson

D) John Quincy Adams

7. What major war was fought between the Union (North) and the Confederacy (South) in the United States?

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

8. Which president issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring most enslaved people free during the Civil War?

- A) Ulysses S. Grant
- B) Andrew Johnson
- C) Abraham Lincoln**
- D) James Buchanan

9. The Statue of Liberty was a gift to the United States from which country?

- A) England
- B) Spain
- C) France**
- D) Germany

10. Who is famous for inventing the practical incandescent light bulb?

- A) Alexander Graham Bell
- B) Wright Brothers
- C) Henry Ford
- D) Thomas Edison**