

America's Past: Easy Facts

American History · Answer Key · 14 Questions

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

A) George Washington

- B) Abraham Lincoln
- C) Thomas Jefferson
- D) John Adams

2. In what year was the Declaration of Independence signed?

A) 1776

- B) 1789
- C) 1750
- D) 1800

3. Which country gifted the Statue of Liberty to the United States?

A) France

- B) England
- C) Spain
- D) Germany

4. What was a major cause of the American Civil War?

A) Slavery

- B) Tariffs on tea
- C) Western expansion
- D) Religious freedom

5. Who is often credited with 'discovering' America in 1492?

A) Christopher Columbus

- B) Ferdinand Magellan
- C) Vasco da Gama
- D) Amerigo Vespucci

6. Who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?

A) Thomas Jefferson

- B) Benjamin Franklin
- C) John Adams
- D) George Washington

7. Against which country did the American colonies fight for independence?

A) Great Britain

- B) France
- C) Spain
- D) Germany

8. What is the capital city of the United States?

A) Washington D.C.

- B) New York City
- C) Los Angeles
- D) Chicago

9. How many states are currently in the United States of America?

A) 50

- B) 13
- C) 48
- D) 52

10. Who was President of the United States during the American Civil War?

A) Abraham Lincoln

- B) George Washington
- C) Thomas Jefferson
- D) Andrew Jackson

11. What event led the United States to officially enter World War II?

A) Attack on Pearl Harbor

- B) Invasion of Poland
- C) Sinking of the Lusitania
- D) Battle of Britain

12. What famous bell is a symbol of American independence, located in Philadelphia?

A) Liberty Bell

- B) Freedom Bell
- C) Independence Bell
- D) National Bell

13. What are the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution collectively known as?

A) The Bill of Rights

- B) The Articles of Confederation
- C) The Federalist Papers
- D) The Emancipation Proclamation

14. What term is used to describe the leaders who signed the Declaration of Independence and drafted the Constitution?

A) Founding Fathers

B) Pioneer Settlers

C) Colonial Governors

D) Revolutionary Leaders