

Foundations of American History

American History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

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

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) George Washington**
- C) John Adams
- D) Benjamin Franklin

2. Which document was signed in 1776, declaring the colonies' independence from Great Britain?

- A) The Constitution
- B) The Bill of Rights
- C) The Declaration of Independence**
- D) The Articles of Confederation

3. Who was the president during the American Civil War?

- A) Andrew Jackson
- B) Ulysses S. Grant
- C) Abraham Lincoln**
- D) James Madison

4. Which holiday celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence?

- A) Memorial Day
- B) Thanksgiving
- C) Independence Day**
- D) Veterans Day

5. In which city was the Constitutional Convention held in 1787?

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

6. Which famous inventor is credited with creating the light bulb and phonograph?

- A) Nikola Tesla
- B) Alexander Graham Bell
- C) Thomas Edison**
- D) Henry Ford

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

A) Thomas Jefferson

B) John Hancock

C) George Washington

D) James Monroe

8. What was the primary goal of the Lewis and Clark Expedition?

A) To map the Louisiana Territory

B) To find gold in California

C) To conquer Canada

D) To establish trade with Mexico

9. Which war was fought between the Northern and Southern states from 1861 to 1865?

A) World War I

B) The Revolutionary War

C) The Civil War

D) The War of 1812

10. Which ocean did Christopher Columbus cross to reach the Americas?

A) Pacific Ocean

B) Indian Ocean

C) Atlantic Ocean

D) Arctic Ocean