

Little Historians: American Facts

American History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What is the name of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America in 1620?

- A) The Santa Maria
- B) The Mayflower**
- C) The Nina
- D) The Beagle

2. Which bird did Benjamin Franklin once suggest as a symbol for the United States?

- A) The Bald Eagle
- B) The Blue Jay
- C) The Wild Turkey**
- D) The Cardinal

3. What is the name of the document that officially started the United States in 1776?

- A) The Constitution
- B) The Bill of Rights
- C) The Declaration of Independence**
- D) The Emancipation Proclamation

4. Who was the first person to serve as the President of the United States?

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) Abraham Lincoln
- C) Benjamin Franklin
- D) George Washington**

5. Which city served as the very first capital city of the United States?

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

6. What monument in South Dakota features the faces of four famous American presidents?

- A) The Gateway Arch
- B) Mount Rushmore**
- C) The Statue of Liberty
- D) The Washington Monument

7. What is the name of the lady who refused to give up her seat on a bus, helping start the Civil Rights Movement?

- A) Harriet Tubman
- B) Rosa Parks**
- C) Susan B. Anthony
- D) Amelia Earhart

8. In which state can you find the Liberty Bell?

- A) Virginia
- B) Massachusetts
- C) Pennsylvania**
- D) New York

9. Which famous American inventor is credited with creating the lightbulb?

- A) Alexander Graham Bell
- B) Thomas Edison**
- C) Nikola Tesla
- D) Benjamin Franklin

10. What was the primary mode of travel for many pioneers moving West in the 1800s?

- A) Train
- B) Horseback
- C) Covered Wagon**
- D) Steamboat

11. Which major territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?

- A) Alaska
- B) California
- C) Louisiana**
- D) Texas

12. Who was the brave woman who led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom on the Underground Railroad?

- A) Sojourner Truth
- B) Harriet Tubman**
- C) Clara Barton
- D) Rosa Parks

13. What is the color of the stripes on the American flag?

- A) Blue and White
- B) Red and White**
- C) Red and Blue
- D) Black and White

14. Which famous statue was a gift to the United States from the people of France?

- A) The Lincoln Memorial
- B) The Statue of Liberty**
- C) The Washington Monument
- D) The Gateway Arch

15. What tool did George Washington Carver use to study many different kinds of crops?

- A) A microscope
- B) A telescope
- C) Science experiments**
- D) A compass

16. Which American state was the last one to become part of the United States?

- A) Alaska
- B) Hawaii**
- C) Arizona
- D) New Mexico

17. What invention by Eli Whitney helped farmers clean cotton much faster?

- A) The Steam Engine
- B) The Cotton Gin**
- C) The Spinning Jenny
- D) The Plow

18. What ocean did the Pilgrims cross to reach North America?

- A) Pacific Ocean
- B) Indian Ocean
- C) Atlantic Ocean**
- D) Arctic Ocean