

Fourth of July Trivia

History · Answer Key · 30 Questions

1. In what year did the United States of America declare independence?

- A) 1876
- B) 1776**
- C) 1476
- D) 1676

2. Who is credited as the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?

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

3. Which city was the first to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th with events like bonfires, bells, and fireworks?

- A) Norfolk, VA
- B) Washington, DC
- C) New York, NY
- D) Philadelphia, PA**

4. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?

- A) 32
- B) 25
- C) 18
- D) 56**

5. Fourth of July celebrations increased heavily in the U.S. after what war?

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

6. In what year did Independence Day become a legal federal holiday?

- A) 1776
- B) 1876
- C) 1941**
- D) 1951

7. Where is the original Declaration of Independence kept?

- A) Philadelphia, PA
- B) Jamestown, VA
- C) Washington, D.C.**
- D) Plymouth, MA

8. Approximately how many fireworks displays take place across America on July 4th?

- A) 1 million
- B) 100,000
- C) 43,000
- D) 14,000**

9. In 1778, George Washington celebrated Independence Day by giving what to his soldiers?

- A) Rum**
- B) New uniforms
- C) Whiskey
- D) New weapons

10. Approximately how many people travel at least 50 miles for Independence Day celebrations?

- A) 500,000
- B) 1 million
- C) 27 million
- D) 42 million**

11. How many cases of beer are sold on 4th of July weekend each year?

- A) Nearly 70 million**
- B) About 1 million
- C) Nearly 1 billion
- D) About 10 million

12. What is the most popular way Americans celebrate the 4th of July?

- A) Fireworks
- B) Parade
- C) Barbecue picnic**
- D) Vacation

13. Approximately what percentage of people watch a fireworks display on the 4th of July?

- A) 32%
- B) 90%
- C) 47%
- D) 63%**

14. Why did John Hancock have the largest signature on the Declaration of Independence?

- A) He wanted to send a message to King George III
- B) To indicate his role as President of the Continental Congress
- C) That's just how he signed his name**
- D) He wanted to show dominance over the other signers

15. Approximately how many hot dogs do Americans eat on the 4th of July?

- A) 150 million**
- B) 1.5 billion
- C) 50 million
- D) 800,000

16. True or False: The oldest man to sign the Declaration of Independence was Benjamin Franklin.

- A) True**
- B) False

17. True or False: The motion in the Continental Congress to declare independence was first made by John Adams.

- A) True
- B) False**

18. True or False: John Hancock was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.

- A) True**
- B) False

19. True or False: All 13 colonies voted to approve the Declaration of Independence.

- A) True
- B) False**

20. True or False: Americans eat more red meat and pork on the 4th of July than chicken.

A) True

B) False

21. True or False: New York was the first state to make Independence Day a state holiday.

A) True

B) False

22. True or False: The number of people who display American flags on the holiday is lower than the number of people who get together with family.

A) True

B) False

23. True or False: The Average American spends about \$75 on 4th of July food.

A) True

B) False

24. True or False: Around 20% of Americans don't celebrate Independence Day.

A) True

B) False

25. True or False: Approximately 80% of Americans attend a barbecue on the 4th of July.

A) True

B) False

26. True or False: Half of Americans currently own patriotic clothing and apparel.

A) True

B) False

27. True or False: The largest 4th of July fireworks display takes place in Philadelphia, PA.

A) True

B) False

28. True or False: It takes about 6 barges to hold all the fireworks launched during the Macy's fireworks display in New York City.

A) True

B) False

29. True or False: The Liberty Bell got its famous crack on the day the Declaration of Independence was signed.

A) True

B) False

30. True or False: Three U.S. Presidents have died on July 4th.

A) True

B) False