

American History Essentials

American History · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In what year did the United States adopt the Declaration of Independence?

A) 1776

B) 1789

C) 1812

D) 1765

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

A) Thomas Jefferson

B) Benjamin Franklin

C) George Washington

D) John Adams

3. How many original colonies were there in America?

A) 10

B) 13

C) 50

D) 15

4. Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution officially abolished slavery?

A) 10th Amendment

B) 13th Amendment

C) 15th Amendment

D) 19th Amendment

5. In what year did the American Civil War begin?

A) 1861

B) 1865

C) 1776

D) 1900

6. How many states are currently in the United States?

A) 48

B) 52

C) 50

D) 45

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

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

8. Which document is known as the supreme law of the United States?

- A) The Bill of Rights
- B) The Articles of Confederation
- C) The U.S. Constitution**
- D) The Gettysburg Address

9. What year did the Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock?

- A) 1492
- B) 1607
- C) 1620**
- D) 1776

10. How many branches of government does the U.S. Constitution establish?

- A) 2
- B) 3**
- C) 4
- D) 5

11. Who is the only U.S. President to serve more than two terms?

- A) George Washington
- B) Franklin D. Roosevelt**
- C) John F. Kennedy
- D) Dwight Eisenhower

12. Which U.S. President is credited with the Louisiana Purchase in 1803?

- A) Thomas Jefferson**
- B) James Madison
- C) John Adams
- D) James Monroe

13. In what month is the U.S. Independence Day celebrated?

- A) June
- B) July**
- C) August
- D) September

14. How many years is one term for a U.S. President?

A) 2 years

B) 4 years

C) 6 years

D) 8 years

15. What is the name of the war fought between the U.S. and Great Britain that began in 1812?

A) The Revolutionary War

B) The Civil War

C) The War of 1812

D) The Mexican-American War