

American History for Young Explorers

American History · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which bird did the United States choose as its national symbol in 1782?

- A) Bald Eagle**
- B) Blue Jay
- C) Wild Turkey
- D) Red-tailed Hawk

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

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) Abraham Lincoln
- C) George Washington**
- D) John Adams

3. The Statue of Liberty was a gift to the United States from which country?

- A) England
- B) France**
- C) Spain
- D) Italy

4. What document was signed in 1776 to declare that the thirteen colonies were free?

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

5. Which famous explorer led the expedition to map the western part of the United States?

- A) Lewis and Clark**
- B) Neil Armstrong
- C) Christopher Columbus
- D) Hernán Cortés

6. What is the name of the house where the President of the United States lives?

- A) The State House
- B) The White House**
- C) The Capitol
- D) The Mansion

7. How many stars are on the current United States flag?

- A) 13
- B) 48
- C) 50**
- D) 52

8. Which holiday celebrates the birthday of the United States?

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

9. Who was the leader who helped end slavery during the Civil War?

- A) George Washington
- B) Benjamin Franklin
- C) Abraham Lincoln**
- D) Theodore Roosevelt

10. What famous bell in Philadelphia is a symbol of American freedom?

- A) The Silver Bell
- B) The Liberty Bell**
- C) The Freedom Chime
- D) The Independence Gong

11. Which mountain range has the faces of four presidents carved into it?

- A) The Rocky Mountains
- B) The Appalachian Mountains
- C) The Sierra Nevada
- D) Mount Rushmore**

12. What was the name of the ship that the Pilgrims sailed on to America in 1620?

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

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

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

14. What object did Benjamin Franklin use in his famous experiment about lightning?

- A) A metal rod
- B) A glass jar
- C) A kite**
- D) A battery

15. What is the name of the poem that became the United States national anthem?

- A) America the Beautiful
- B) The Star-Spangled Banner**
- C) Yankee Doodle
- D) God Bless America

16. Which state was the very first one to join the United States?

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

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

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

18. Who was the woman 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) Eleanor Roosevelt

19. What was the name of the territory bought from France in 1803 that doubled the size of the U.S.?

- A) The Alaska Purchase
- B) The Oregon Territory
- C) The Louisiana Purchase**
- D) The Florida Purchase

20. Which famous bridge in San Francisco is painted a bright 'International Orange'?

A) Brooklyn Bridge

B) Golden Gate Bridge

C) Mackinac Bridge

D) Tower Bridge