

American History Essentials

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1. Which document, adopted on July 4, 1776, announced that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as independent sovereign states?

- A) The U.S. Constitution
- B) The Declaration of Independence
- C) The Bill of Rights
- D) The Articles of Confederation

2. Who served as the first President of the United States?

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

3. The Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the United States in 1803, was acquired from which country?

- A) Great Britain
- B) Spain
- C) France
- D) Mexico

4. Which 1863 executive order by Abraham Lincoln declared that all persons held as slaves within the rebellious states are, and henceforward shall be, free?

- A) The Gettysburg Address
- B) The Emancipation Proclamation
- C) The Thirteenth Amendment
- D) The Reconstruction Act

5. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was commissioned by which U.S. President to explore the newly acquired western territory?

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) James Madison
- C) Andrew Jackson
- D) James Monroe

6. What was the primary goal of the Constitutional Convention held in Philadelphia in 1787?

- A) To declare war on Britain
- B) To abolish slavery
- C) To revise the Articles of Confederation
- D) To draft the Bill of Rights

7. The 'Trail of Tears' refers to the forced relocation of Native Americans following the passage of which 1830 legislation?

- A) The Dawes Act
- B) The Homestead Act
- C) The Indian Removal Act
- D) The Northwest Ordinance

8. Which U.S. amendment, ratified in 1920, granted women the right to vote?

- A) 15th Amendment
- B) 18th Amendment
- C) 19th Amendment
- D) 21st Amendment