

How Much Do You Know About the Fourth of July?

Take our America's birthday quiz and find out

1. What historical event do Americans celebrate on the Fourth of July?

- Official signing of the Declaration of Independence
- George Washington's birthday
- The first shots of the American Revolution
- Formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence

2. When were fireworks first used in an official Fourth of July celebration?

- 1777
- 1812
- 1876
- 1901

3. Which president first held a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?

- George Washington
- John Adams
- Thomas Jefferson
- James Madison

4. Which newspaper first printed the Declaration of Independence?

- The Philadelphia Eagle

- The New York Times
- The Pennsylvania Evening Post
- The National Enquirer

5. Which two U.S. presidents died on July 4 in the same year?

- Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
- James Monroe and Martin Van Buren
- Millard Fillmore and Andrew Johnson
- William Howard Taft and Warren G. Harding

6. Which U.S. president was born on Independence Day?

- Calvin Coolidge
- James Buchanan
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Ronald Reagan

7. What is the estimated number of people living in the 13 colonies on July 4, 1776?

- 2.5 million
- 9 million
- 15 million
- 30 million

8. When did the Fourth of July become a federal holiday?

- 1777
- 1870
- 1876
- It's a state holiday, not a federal holiday.

9. Which of the following was not one of the original 13 American Colonies?

- Vermont

- Georgia
- Massachusetts
- North Carolina

10. What baseball player threw a 4-0 no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox on July 4, 1983?

- Jim Palmer of the Baltimore Orioles
- Orel Hershiser of the Los Angeles Dodgers
- Jack Morris of the Detroit Tigers
- Dave Righetti of the New York Yankees

Now are you ready to see the answers? 😊

Scroll on down to see how you faired.....good luck!!

ANSWERS:

1A. Formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted to approve a motion by Virginia to separate from Great Britain. Two days later, the declaration proclaiming the independence of the United States of America from Great Britain and its king was formally adopted by 12 Colonies.

2A. 1777

Congress authorized using fireworks to help mark the first anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The celebration, which took place in Philadelphia, also included bonfires and bells

3A. Thomas Jefferson

Though John Adams was the first president to occupy the White House, it was Thomas Jefferson who, on July 4, 1801, opened the Executive Mansion to diplomats, civil and military officers and Cherokee chiefs. The Marine Band performed "The President's March" (later retitled "Hail, Columbia") and other patriotic airs.

4A. The Pennsylvania Evening Post

After John Dunlap of Philadelphia printed copies of the declaration for the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, printers throughout the Colonies produced their own versions. The one from the Pennsylvania Evening Post came out on July 6, 1776.

5A. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams

The two former presidents, once fellow patriots and later political rivals, died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826. Jefferson was 83; Adams, 90.

6A. Calvin Coolidge

The 30th president was born on July 4, 1872, in Plymouth Notch, Vt. He's the only president born on Independence Day.

7A. 2.5 million

The estimate comes from the U.S. Census Bureau.

8A. 1870

Congress reaffirmed the holiday in 1938 and mandated full pay for federal employees.

9A. Vermont

The other 10 were: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia. The Colonies became the first 13 states. Vermont became the 14th on March 4, 1791.

10A. Dave Righetti of the New York Yankees

It was the Yankees' first no-hitter in 27 years. Former President Richard Nixon was there and sent Righetti a congratulatory letter.