

# Independence Day Trivia!

1. Who wrote the words to the *Star Spangled Banner*?

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) Benjamin Franklin
- c) **Francis Scott Key**
- d) Thomas Paine

2. Where was the nation's first Capitol?

- a) **Philadelphia, PA**
- b) Washington, DC
- c) New York, NY
- d) Boston, MA

3. Which US President was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

- a) George Washington
- b) **Calvin Coolidge**
- c) Theodore Roosevelt
- d) Harry Truman

4. Who is credited with sewing the 1<sup>st</sup> American Flag?

- a) Harriet Tubman
- b) Florence Nightingale
- c) **Betsy Ross**
- d) Elizabeth Cady Stanton

5. Historically, where did immigrants gain entry to the US?

- a) **Ellis Island** – this is an amazing place to visit when you have a chance!
- b) Boston Harbor
- c) Williamsport
- d) Yorktown

6. When did the Liberty Bell crack? **Both "A" and "D" are correct...the bell we know today was cracked several times including in 1846 with the large crack you now see...the 1753 crack was on the 1<sup>st</sup> rendition of what later became known as the Liberty Bell.**

- a) **in 1846 while ringing for Washington's Birthday**
- b) in 1776 while ringing for Independence Day
- c) in 1976 while celebrating the Bi-Centennial
- d) **in 1753 while being rung for the first time**

7. Three US Presidents have died on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Which 2 Presidents both died on July 4, 1826?

- a) George Washington & James Monroe
- b) Abraham Lincoln & James Madison
- c) **Thomas Jefferson & John Adams** – James Monroe died on July 4, 1831
- d) Grover Cleveland & Franklin Pierce

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8. Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> person to sign the Declaration of Independence?  
a) Thomas Jefferson  
**b) John Hancock**  
c) Samuel Adams  
d) John Penn
9. Where is the most famous July 4<sup>th</sup> Hot Dog Eating Contest held every year?  
**a) Coney Island, NY**  
b) Los Angeles, CA  
c) Chicago, IL  
d) Baltimore, MD
10. What are the 1<sup>st</sup> words of the Declaration of Independence?  
a) "We hold these truths to be self-evident..." (2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the Declaration)  
**b) "When in the course of human events..."**  
c) "These are the times that try men's souls." (*The Crisis* – Thomas Paine)  
d) "Four score and seven years ago..." (*Gettysburg Address* – Abraham Lincoln)
11. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?  
a) 13  
b) 75  
**c) 56**  
d) 48
12. Who was the oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence?  
**a) Benjamin Franklin – 70 years old**  
b) Thomas Jefferson  
c) Edward Rutledge was the youngest signer at age 26!  
d) Richard Stockton
13. Whose heads are carved into Mount Rushmore?  
a) George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln & John Adams  
b) Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, James Madison & Thomas Paine  
**c) George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt & Abraham Lincoln**  
d) George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John F Kennedy & Abraham Lincoln
14. Which of these famous structures is the tallest?  
a) the Statue of Liberty in New York – 305 feet tall  
**b) the San Jacinto Monument in Texas – 570 feet tall**  
c) the Capitol Building in Washington, DC – 288 feet tall  
d) the Washington Monument in DC – 555 feet tall

**Thanks for Playing! Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!**